

DT Knowledge Organiser

Textiles - Slippers

Did you know?



Jimmy Choo is a famous shoe designer. He was born in Malaysia and is of Chinese descent. He now lives in the UK. His father was a shoemaker and made all his shoes by hand, he taught Jimmy the craft. Jimmy made his first pair of shoes when he was just 11 years old - a pair of slippers. Now his shoes sell for up to £3,500 a pair!



Key Vocabulary

- Fasten:** join
- Pattern pieces:** template to pin to fabric
- Reinforce:** make stronger
- Seam allowance:** extra fabric to stitch
- Stiffen:** make more sturdy
- Wadding:** padding

Designing



Fabrics - Some materials are good insulators (wool/fleece), others are waterproof, or eco-friendly (organic cotton, linen). Consider which fabric properties will help you to meet the purpose of slippers.



Pattern pieces - Create these to help prepare for making.

Joining - Use a range of stitches to join and decorate your slippers.

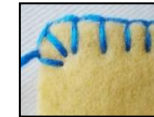
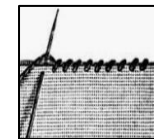
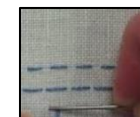
Making

Running Stitch - This creates a dotted line effect.

Back Stitch - Like running stitch, except that the thread doubles back so that there is no visible spacing, it is a strong and secure stitch.

Over Sew Stitch - A good way to neaten the edge of fabrics by sewing over the edge.

Blanket Stitch - Good to reinforce the edges of thick materials and aesthetically pleasing.



Evaluating

- * How do your slippers look? Would your user like them? Why or why not? How could you improve the way they look?
- * Are your attached fabrics secure? How did you achieve this? Which type of stitch did you use? How could fabrics be joined more securely?
- * Which materials did you choose and why? Would you change anything about the materials?



Character	Critical thinking	Creativity	Communication	Citizenship	Collaboration
What strengths does a fashion designer need?	What makes a pair of shoes worth £3,500 to someone?	Can you design some ridiculously expensive footwear?	How could you advertise your slippers?	What clothing rules do people have to follow?	Can you help others by teaching them new stitches?

