



Year 1- Textiles

Design and Technology

How can we make the picnic more comfortable for Teddy and his friends?

Design Brief

To design and make a picnic blanket for teddy.

Key Skills

- To be able to tie a knot.
- To begin to thread a needle.
- Different joins are used for different effects and reasons.
- Pieces of fabric are usually joined together by sewing.
- Different types of fabric have different properties.
- A product must be appealing to the person it is being made for. You can do this by carefully decorating the product. Decorations can be sewn or glued to fabric.

What I Should Already Know

- How to use and carry scissors safely.
- Materials can be joined in different ways using glue and tape.
- To cut around a template with increased accuracy.
- To fold and join different materials.

Key Vocabulary

binca	A fabric with holes to stitch through.
felt	A fabric made from a tangle of fibres.
needle	A thin pointed tool for sewing.
running stitch	A simple line of small, even hand stitches that repeats the pattern of 'one stitch on top of the fabric then one stitch below the fabric'.
textiles	Materials made from long thin threads.
picnic	A packed meal outdoors.



Key Information

- A picnic blanket is a must-have for lunch outdoors e.g. in your garden or at a park.
- Size is important - a larger blanket has room for more people and more food.
- Consider portability too and the ease of folding out and packing away. Some picnic blankets come with carry handles to make transporting them easy.
- There are many designs to choose from, as many blankets feature decorative patterns.

Links to other Learning

- Maths - measures
- Art and Design
- History - Toys
- Music
- D & T - textiles all year groups

Key Questions

- Appearance/aesthetics - how will it look? Can you say what you are making?
- Cost - how much will it cost to make?
- Customer - who is your blanket for?
- Environment - can it be recycled?
- Size - how big or small is it?
- Safety - how will you make it safe to use?
- Function/purpose - how will it be comfortable for the picnic?
- Materials - what will you make it from? Have you planned your design and how you will create it?
- Manufacture - how will you make it? Do I like what I have made? Why or why not?

