

# THEALE GREEN SCHOOL TRANSITION

## Textiles ACTIVITY

A massive welcome to TGS

Textiles is part of the Technology Department, we work on a rotation and everyone by the end of Year 7 would have joined me in the Textiles room to learn how to sew! In Year 7 you will learn how to use a sewing machine and different hand stitches along with exploring designing skills

**I look forward to teaching you Textiles soon!**

### Creative Challenge 1



We hope you enjoy one or more of these textiles activities

**Creative challenge 1 - "Cut out design" - This challenge involves creating ideas for a dress or coat using the world around you for the colour/pattern.**

**Step 1:** draw the outline of a person wearing a dress or coat (tip you can use a google search for a template like the one in the example print it or draw from the screen)

**Step 2:** Cut away the sections that are clothing to make a negative space on the page

**Step 3:** photograph the design in different locations to try out different ideas for the clothing

**Creative challenge 2 - "Recycle and reuse" -make your own bag to hold your football boots, books or snacks for a walk.- this is a Tote Bag and you do not need to Sew anything to make it.**

Materials needed: an old T-shirt, Scissors and a Pencil

**Step 1:** Lay your t-shirt out flat cut off the neckline/ collar and sleeves as you see in the photo.

**Step 2:** Next you will cut off the bottom of the t-shirt. First decide how deep you want your t-shirt tote bag to be, then add 3 more inches, draw a line and cut the bottom of the t-shirt off.

**Step 3:** Keep the bottom of the t-shirt lined up and cut loads of 2 inch long slits all the way along the bottom edge, try for  $\frac{3}{4}$  or 1 inch gap between each cut, what you have done is called a "fringe." Be sure to cut the front and back at the same time, so they are even. On the very first and last fringe piece you will need to cut the side seam to make them into 2 pieces of fringe.

**Step 4:** turn the t-shirt inside side out and start tying all the front and back fringe pieces together. Once all the fringe strips are tied together, you will notice the bag has small holes where you tied the fringe together, this is fine. If you want to try and close all the small holes, take two tied fringe strips on each side of a hole and tie them together again. Keep doing this until every strip is double tied.

**Step 5:** Flip the bag right side out. Congratulations and you are done!

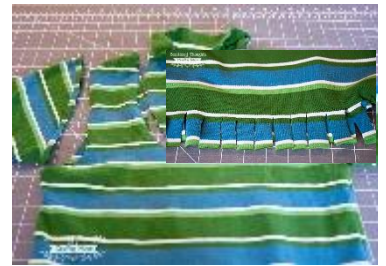
**Creative challenge 3 - Sew an image**

This task involves sewing skills so is more challenging and you may not have access to the equipment. Using needles will need adult supervision. Create a landscape of your choice out of thread, wool, bits of old fabric, buttons, beads. Choose a theme - Space, Deserts or Beaches.

You could showcase cross stitch, long stitch, back stitch, blanket stitch, running stitch or any other stitch you know how to use.

We would love to see your art work, feel free to email us pictures to [transition@thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:transition@thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk). If you are happy for them to be shared on social media, please let us know. We would really like to show the rest of the year group what you are all achieving. We will also reward house points for all work shared with us - start collecting them now!

### Creative Challenge 2



### Creative Challenge 3



**Good luck!**