

10 Ways to achieve your target grade in GCSE Textiles

Before the exam

1. Revise different types of Fibres and fabrics e.g. Natural, Synthetic, Regenerated & Smart. Make sure you can name specific fabrics in each group, understand their properties and can explain how they are constructed so you can give details and examples when answering a question.
2. Revise all decorative techniques and construction processes so that you understand how products are made and embellished.
3. Ensure you are familiar with the Manufacturing Industry e.g. Industrial processes such as CAD/CAM, Methods of Production, Quality Control & Health and Safety procedures.
4. Revise Social, Moral and environmental issues related to textiles
5. The night before the exam prepare all the equipment that is required e.g. pencil, rubber, ruler, colouring pencils and a minimum of two pens.
6. Familiarise yourself with these words and meanings to help you understand what type of response the question requires.

Define	Give the meaning of
List	Make a list
State	Write clearly but briefly
Explain	Make clear, give reasons
Describe	Give an account of
Discuss	Give important aspects of Give advantages and disadvantages of Give your own opinion of
Evaluate	Give important aspects of Give your own opinion of
Annotate	Write clear annotation on your designs, explaining why you have made specific choices - making sure information is detailed and relevant.

During the exam

7. Read questions carefully - Look for key words in the question and take note of the amount of marks allocated. E.g. 1 mark requires 1 answer, 2 marks may require either 2 answers or 1 Fact combined with a justification for your answer (FACT & JUSTIFY).
8. Be clear and concise when giving written answers, using technical terms when necessary
9. Before starting your design work check the examining criteria. What are you being asked to do? What are the marks being awarded for?
10. Presentation of your design work is crucial. Make sure you draw clearly in pencil, add colour labelling and annotation. Your writing also needs to be readable and well presented.