

## SUMMER TASKS – GCSE TO A-LEVEL TRANSITION

**Subject:** A Level - Textiles

**Title:** Man-Made vs. Nature

For your Textiles coursework, you will be looking at the theme ***Man-Made vs. Nature*** as an initial starting point.

**Nature** is the phenomena of the physical world including plants, animals, landscapes, and other features and products of the earth, as opposed human creations.

**Man-made** is something that is created or caused by human beings  
This is a very open theme that with a bit of creativity, could lead off in all kinds of exciting directions.

Below are a few ideas of how you could approach this theme.

Fruit & veg

Mould & decay

Flowers & Seeds

Trees/Bark

Birds

Animals

Insects

Wings/Feathers

Scales

Architecture

Machines & gears

Technology

Vehicles

Maps

Watches

Tools

Graffiti, Signs/Billboards

Feel free to add any others that you can think of...

### Task 1

Using the theme of ***Man-Made vs. Nature*** as a starting point, create an Inspiration Box:

Fill an old shoe box with items you may want to use in your projects. These could be used to draw from, collage with or as inspiration for printing and embroidery.

#### Ideas:

Interesting papers, magazine pictures, receipts and tickets, fabric scraps, string, buttons, dried flowers, feathers, bark, maps, screws & bolts, watches, etc.

This is **your** box and you will be using what's in it – so be **creative!**



## Task 2

Thinking about the theme of *Man-Made vs. Nature*, take a minimum of 20 photos

10 for *Man-made*

10 for *Nature*

Ideally you will have them printed out for the first lesson in September.



It's best to keep your options open at this stage and collect a wide range of photos that could be used for your projects, e.g., flowers, gardens, architecture, patterns, technology, machinery, etc.

When taking your photos, really think about the composition of the picture: what is the focal point, can you get real close ups, try taking multiple photos of the same object from different angles.

### How long should I spend on this?

This should take you approximately 2.5 hours

### How will I get feedback?

You will need to bring your work with you to first lesson where you will be using it for your individual projects and sharing with others in the room.

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