

DT: Inspirational Designers / Careers



- Laura Ashley was a Welsh fashion designer.
- She became famous for her Victorian inspired designs.
- The company became very popular and launched a series of home furnishings collections: curtains, bed linen, cushions, tableware and chairs.

DT: Product testing / sensory evaluation

- When testing the bag you should use it as intended by carrying items inside. Also check the seams and knots and tightness
- When evaluating using the senses, look at the bag's appearance and feel the fabric.
- Asking others for feedback and opinions is important to give an honest evaluation



Key vocabulary and meanings

- ***mood board:** a visual collection of images, colours and textures that help show the look and feel (or "mood") you want for a project or idea
- **functionality:** how well something works or its usefulness
- ***repurposing:** using old things in new, creative ways instead of throwing them out
- **back stitch:** a strong sewing stitch where you take the thread backward to fill in gaps and create a solid continuous line
- **specifications:** a detailed list that explains exactly how something should look and be made
- **fastening:** to securely join or close things together, like buttons or a zip
- **embellishing:** adding decoration to make your product look more colourful, special or fun
- **evaluating:** to study or look at something carefully and then decide how good it is
- **feedback:** when someone tells you what they like, what works well and how you can improve it

DT: Proto-type / Design & Processes and Materials

- When you develop a product, you need to go through a process that includes the idea, testing it, designing it, branding it and making it.
- Repurposing an item has lots of benefits: it helps the environment; saves time and money; encourages creativity and innovation; and reaches new customers.
- When designing a product, drawing lots of sketches can help develop the idea.



DT: Accurate measurement / Health & Safety

- When measuring, add extra length for tying knots or seams.
- Mark cutting lines clearly with chalk or pencil. It is good practise is to check measurements twice before cutting
- When using the sewing machine, you should never sew over pins. Make sure the fabric is flat and straight before sewing and use the foot pedal carefully—do not rush.

