

Subject: Art Year Group: <mark>Yea</mark>		kente cloth using various materials Kente cloth is a hand woven cloth originally made by the Ashanti people in the west African country of Ghana. Originally reserved for royalty, today it is worn by all. It is characterised by patterns and specific colours, all of which have special meaning.
Links to previous work/Remember when	 Materials and Textiles experiences in EYFS Sorting, matching and naming different materials. Select tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using. Explore materials to see how they are made. Handles tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control. Uses weaving movements using string and or wool on card templates in order to develop fine motor skills. Explore how media and materials can be combined and changed. Use of transient art to create patterns and pictures. 	
Term	Year	Key Skills to be taught
Spring 2025 What the children should know at the end of this series of lessons	Y1/2	 Materials and Textiles skills for Y1/2 Sorting, matching and naming different materials. Exploring materials to see how they are made. Using joining processes such as tying and glueing. Weaving on simple frames for different effects. Using paints, dyes, crayons and other media to make individual or group designs on textiles. Joining, positioning and manipulating materials with some independence.

Vocabulary

Materials, wood, metal, plastic, string, wool, colour, pattern, shape, texture, glue, scissors, weave, weft, loom, warp, fabric, felt, hessian, scraps, wool, yarn, fur, tweed, silk, satin, colour, pattern, shape, texture, net, glue, stick, scissors, sew, needle, thread, weave, mixed, media, combine, opinion



Sequence	Learning objectives /	Suggested lesson outline
of learning	outcomes	
1	Learning Objective:	WATCH:
	'To explore what weaving is	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bq58F
ADULT	and practise the skill of	AhuhxM - A Brief History of Weaving - from
PREP	weaving'	this highlight the key vocabulary words for
BEFORE		this unit: LOOM, WEFT and WARP
LESSON	Key Knowledge:	
NEEDED	What is weaving? Weaving is	Children to practise the basic weaving
	joining two or more threads or	technique using two coloured pieces of
	pieces of material together in	paper. Chn can work in pairs. See Twinkl
	order to create a joined	video below from 4m30 for this. Adult to
	structure. While it is most often	demonstrate and highlight where the loom,
	used to make cloth, the	weft and warp are. There is a Google
	technique is also common in	slide with an image of this in the resources
	other crafts such as basket-	folder.
	making. Simple weaving	
	follows the over-under-over	https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/ks1-dt-
	method.	weaving-video-lesson-t-d-103 How to do a
	method.	simple weave using two different
	*DIFFERENTIATION /	coloured paper.
	ADAPTATIONS - Those who	OR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-
	need more support / SEND to	wJbzJV_Q5c Simple Paper Weaving
	practise weaving technique	
	using paper or wool / ribbon	There are some A2 sized foam/sponge looms
	weaved onto different objects	in the art room that may be more suitable for
	e.g. wire cooling racks, plastic	some children – they could always work in
	<u> </u>	small groups to complete this practise weave
	baskets with large spaces, the	and to get the hang of the over/under
	fence / gates in the playground	technique.
	etc.	
2	'To learn about the history	Now that the children know what weaving
ADULT	and origins of kente cloth'	is, introduce that the plan is for them to
PREP	and origins of kente cloth	create a woven piece inspired by kente
BEFORE		cloth by the end of this art unit.
LESSON	Key Knowledge:	cloth by the end of this art dhit.
NEEDED	USEFUL WEBSITES:	To gain a brief history of what kente cloth
	https://people.howstuffworks.c	is, WATCH:
	om/culture-traditions/cultural-	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toWybh
	traditions/kente-cloth.htm	X5ZV8&t=12s - Ghana Kente cloth - one of
	Weaving the Story of Kente	Ghana's best known products is Kente
	Cloth, a Historic West African	Cloth, a woven cloth most often
	Fabric	
		associated with wealth and cultural
	http://mrskendell.weebly.com/b	sophistication.
	log/texture-paper-weaving-	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqQw_h
	inspired-by-kente-cloth - Paper	pm3-8 - Quick 2 min video of people
	weaving inspired by Kente	
	cloth	making kente cloth



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		Also, the chn could watch the Spider Weaver story to show where the inspiration for kente cloth design and weaving technique came from. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91yap</u> OM7BzI - The Spider Weaver story : A Legend of Kente Cloth ************************************
3 ADULT PREP	Learning Objective: 'To create a woven piece inspired by kente cloth	they begin making the real thing in the next lesson. Follow the steps in the video above. Highlight the vocabulary - warp, weft ,
BEFORE LESSON	using coloured card/paper'	loom
NEEDED	Key Knowledge: *The colours of kente cloth designs are special and all carry very different meanings - see document in the resources folder.	Children go as far as sticking and weaving their strips together and stop before they add their geometric patterns.
4	Learning Objective:	Explore geometric patterns and experiment
		with different designs and doodles (end of



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	'To use geometric patterns	video from lesson 2) - also use the Kente
	to add authenticity to their	cloth patterns slides in the resources folder
	kente cloth inspired piece'	for inspiration.
		Once the children are happy with their
		geometric patterns, they can add them to
		their final piece in pencil first and then
		carefully go over them with a fine black felt
		tip. Fringe the bottom with scissors as
		shown in the video.
5	'To use the over-under-over	The children can now weave strips of
	weaving technique to add	materials of their choice onto their looms.
	materials to their kente cloth	E.g. wool, plastic bags, ribbon, foil,
	final piece'	string, pipe cleaners, fabric. (see end of
		the video from lesson 2)
		Children could add a piece of string or
		wool or ribbon to the top of their piece
		using a hole punch to enable them to be
		hung up.
		Can the children add labels to show where
		the warp and weft are?
6	To share, reflect and	E.g. What is the difference between the
	discuss.	warp and the weft?
		Which materials were easy to weave and which were more difficult?

Learning Outcome/product To create a woven piece inspired by the colours and patterns of traditional kente cloth.







