

Design Technology Skills Ladder

Pathfinders 1

Pathfinders 2

Dt1 Explore the sensory qualities of materials

Dt2 Explore ways to construct models

Dt3 Identify a target group for what they intend to design and make

Dt4 Recognise how structures can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable

Dt5 Generate and talk about their own ideas

Dt6 Follow safe procedures

Dt7 Take account of simple properties of materials when deciding how to cut, shape, combine and join them

Dt8 Use tools and materials with help

Dt9 Explore a range of existing products

Dt10 Discover where foods come from in choosing, preparing and tasting different dishes

Dt11 Identify a purpose for what they intend to design and make

Dt12 Identify simple design criteria then plan what to do next, using a variety of methods

Dt13 Observe and take account of properties of materials when deciding how to cut, shape, combine and join them

Dt14 Identify what they could have done differently or how they could improve their work in the future

Dt15 Evaluate a range of existing products

Dt16 Communicate their ideas using a variety of methods e.g. drawing, making mock-ups, ICT

Dt17 Measure, mark, cut out and shape a range of materials

Dt18 Use mechanisms in their products e.g. wheels, sliders

Dt19 Use simple finishing techniques

Dt20 Talk about their ideas, saying what they like and dislike, and evaluate against their design criteria





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Adventurers 1

Adventurers 2

Dt21 Generate, develop and explain ideas for products to meet a range of needs

Dt22 Explore ways of meeting design challenges with a food focus using a range of cooking techniques

Dt23 Identify a purpose and establish criteria for a successful product

Dt24 Evaluate work, adapting and improving where appropriate

Dt25 Communicate design ideas in different ways e.g. discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional diagrams and prototypes

Dt26 Selecting appropriate tools and techniques, name and describe them

Dt27 Measure, mark, cut out and shape a range of materials and assemble, join and combine components and materials with some accuracy

Dt28 Use research to inform their design

Dt29 Explore ways of meeting design challenges with a textile focus

Dt30 Evaluate work, adapting and improving through the views of others to improve their work

Dt31 Communicate design ideas in different ways e.g.discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional diagrams and prototypes

Dt32 Select from and use a range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities

Dt33 Join and combine materials and components accurately in temporary and permanent ways

Dt34 Measure, mark, cut out and shape a range of materials and assemble, join and combine components and materials with increasing accuracy





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Navigators 1

Navigators 2

Dt35 Investigate ways of meeting design challenges with a construction focus

Dt36 Investigate how the work of individuals in design and technology has helped to shape the world

Dt37 Identify users' views and take these into account

Dt38 Analyse a range of existing products

Dt39 Estimate and measure using appropriate instruments and units

Dt40 Plan what they have to do, including how to use materials, equipment and processes

Dt41 Communicate design ideas in different ways e.g.discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design

Dt42 Apply knowledge of mechanical and electrical control when designing and making functional products

Dt43 Refine sequences of instructions to control events or make things happen

Dt44 Explore alternative ways of making their product, if first attempts fail

Dt45 Check work as it develops and modify as necessary

Dt46 Evaluate their products, identifying strengths and areas for development, and make appropriate changes

Dt47 Draw on and use various sources of information, including ICT sources

Dt48 Generate and clarify ideas for products, considering intended purpose

Dt49 Plan what they have to do, suggesting a sequence of actions and alternatives if needed

Dt50 Choose how to communicate design ideas as they develop, considering use and purpose

Dt51 Select from a wide range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks accurately

