

Fashion and Textiles

Learning Objective:

To design an item made using textiles, and draw pattern pieces.



Once a fashion designer has done research and drawn sketches, they need to create a design which can be referred to when making the actual product.



How do designers turn a sketch into a real product made using textiles?



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Most products made using textiles consist of several flat pieces joined together.

Firstly, a fashion designer needs to take measurements, often using a dressmaker's dummy or measuring another existing product.



The measurements are used to help with drawing each piece on large sheets of paper. These are called pattern pieces.



Important information such as seams and hem lines are added to each pattern piece before they are cut out.



The pattern pieces can be pinned to sheets of fabric and used as a guide when measuring, marking and cutting.



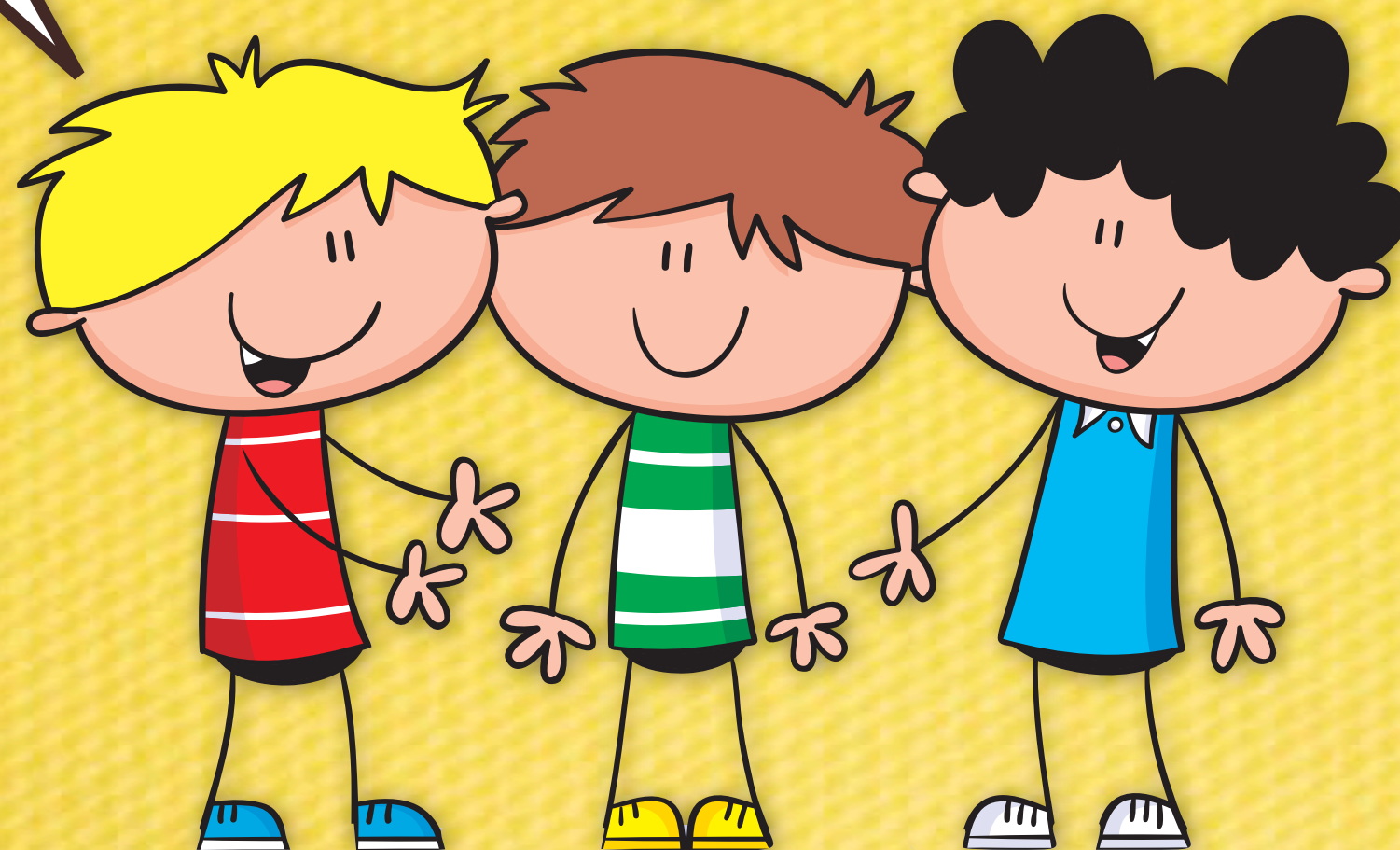
Why don't they just draw the measurements straight on to the fabric? Wouldn't that save time?



Fabric is expensive. It isn't as costly if they make a mistake on paper pattern pieces!

Pattern pieces are a design for a product. They can be used over and over again.

Pattern pieces can be sent to textile factories, where other people can use them, or their measurements can be programmed into machines which cut cloth.



Today we will be designing items made using textiles and drawing pattern pieces for them.

