



# Y5 Design Technology – Mayan Hair Sash

## Textiles and The Mayans

Textiles are flexible materials woven from different fibres. The Mayans created patterned textile sashes to tie back and decorate long hair.



## Designing

Designers of textile products need to think about the purpose and who will use it.

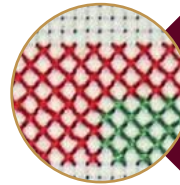
**Fabrics** – different fabrics have different characteristics which make them good for different purposes.

**Joining** - Using a range of different stitch types you can sew, shape and edge your products.

As part of the design process, you should sketch and annotate different ideas. You will also need to plan the main stages of the making, using a checklist, storyboard or flowchart.

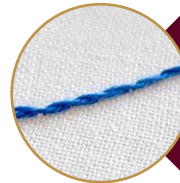
## Making

You will need to use a wide range of stitches and decorations.



### Cross Stitch

Two diagonal lines are stitched to create an 'X' shape. This can be used to easily create patterns and pictures.



### Stem Stitch

This creates a thin outline which can be curved. It uses diagonal stitches running closely together.



### Chain Stitch

Creates a thick textured line. It uses looped stitches to form a chain-like pattern.

## Evaluating

How does your textile look?

Would your user like it? Why, why not?

Does it fulfil its purpose?

Are your fabrics securely attached?

How could you improve your product?