

Textile Exploration

Nancy Friedemann-Sánchez uses culturally relevant fabrics, or textiles, to inform her art. Let's explore the textiles in your world.

<https://www.u-ca.org/exhibition/chapter-5-river>

Handmade quilts
Bedding
Flannel shirts
Jackets and coats
Table setting
textiles
Decorative towels
Altar cloths
Embroidery
Tapestries
Cloth toys
Cloth bags
Curtains, drapes
Upholstered
furniture
Special occasion
clothing
Cultural, traditional
clothing
Crocheted
blankets



1. Using the list for inspiration, search your house for meaningful or interesting textiles.
2. Ask yourself the following questions:
 - What is this textile?
 - Where did it come from?
 - What makes it special?
 - How do you feel about this textile?
3. Use drawing materials to recreate the patterns you found on your textile. Try zooming in on the details and making it larger, or drawing only a part of the textile.
4. Share your drawing with your family, ask them to identify the textile and ask them how it makes them feel. What stories can the textile tell about your family?