

## Year 4 Art: Printmaking and Textiles – Block C

- This is a one-week block.
- The outline and structure of the block is as follows:

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3
Exploration of materials and artform	Explicit teaching of techniques	Applying knowledge, skills and techniques



# *Traditional Kente cloth* by Gilbert (Bobbo) Ahiagble

At the end of this block, pupils will				
Know:	Be able to:			
Kente cloth is a woven fabric from West Africa	Create printing to represent Kente designs			
Tie dye is a method used to create designs and colour	Use tie dye to create colour designs			
Textile artists use a range of materials to create textured designs and images	Combine media to create texture			

In this block, pupils will respond to the traditional designs of Kente cloth. They will create a range of surfaces, combining colour, texture and pattern. Pupils will explore the symbolic significance of colour.

CUSP Art Long term sequence	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E	Block F
Year 1	Drawing	Painting	Printmaking	Textiles	3D	Collage
Year 2	Drawing	Painting	Printmaking	Textiles & Collage	3D	
Year 3	Drawing & Painting	Printmaking	Textiles & Collage	3D		
Year 4	Drawing	Painting	Printmaking & Textiles	3D & Collage		
Year 5	Drawing & Painting	Printmaking	Textiles & Collage	3D		
Year 6	Drawing	Painting & Collage	Printmaking & Textiles	3D		



## Point of reference: Y4 Printmaking and Textiles – Block C

Pupils will be able to:

- tell a story using textiles and collage
- use the dip and dye technique

#### **CUSP Connections:**

No CUSP connections

#### Art History:

Gilbert (Bobbo) Ahiagble (Ah-hee-alig-blay) (1944 - 2012)

Gilbert Ahiagble was a master weaver who designed and created Kente cloth using traditional weaving techniques. Born in Ghana, Bobbo (as he was nicknamed) learned the method of weaving thin strips of fabric to create large wraps of stunning colours and geometric designs. His influence has extended across the world, bringing attention to the Ewe (Ay-vav) culture and the creativity of the people of this area of West Africa.

The traditional designs and patterns have names and tell stories and the colours have symbolic significance. The Kente cloth is called the 'talking cloth' and through it, children learn about their culture and history. Bobbo's cloth is filled with symbols and colour. His cloths are both practical (as a traditional wrapper) but are also considered to be works of art in their own right, some of which are hanging in the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art.

#### Links to Literature:

The Spider Weaver (A Legend of Kente Cloth) by Margaret Musgrove and Julia Cairns The Culture of Clothes (A Celebration of World Dress) by Giovanna Alessio and Chaaya Prabhat Master Weaver from Ghana by Gilbert (Bobbo) Ahiagble and Louise Meyer

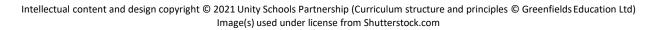
#### **Materials:**

Lesson 1 - white cotton cut into squares, elastic bands and pieces of string, dye, ink or watercolour paint, brushes, cardboard, strips of coloured and patterned paper, strips cut from magazines, glue, scissors, strips of fabric, natural objects such as twigs Lesson 2 - squares of white paper, poster paint in yellow, red, blue and green, black permanent marker pens, brushes, two squares of cardboard per pupil, elastic bands, black paint mixed with PVA glue, sponges, different coloured and textured papers for printing, cotton fabric, cardboard for collagraph block

Lesson 3 - plastic trays, printing ink or thickened black paint

	Working Artistically					
Shape	Line	Colour	Value	Form	Texture	Space
Shape is a flat (2D) area surrounded by an outline or edge.	Lines are used to show movement and mood.	Colour is used to convey atmosphere and mood.	Value is the intensity of colour and depends on the amount of white added.	Artists use form when they create sculptures. These are 3D shapes.	Texture is the look and feel of a surface.	Space in artwork makes a flat image look like it has form.







- explain the effects created by dying fabric
- print and paint onto fabric

## Point of explanation: Y4 Printmaking and Textiles – Block C

Core Knowledge	Explanation	
Kente cloth	Kente cloth is made from thin strips, about 4 centimetres thick, woven together on narrow looms, typically by men. The strips are interlaced to form a fabric that is usually worn wrapped around the shoulders and waist like a toga.	
geometric designs	Geometric or geometrical patterns or designs consist of regular shapes or lines.	
symbolise	If one thing symbolises another, it is used or regarded as a symbol of it.	

Technical Vocabulary	Definition	
tie dye	a method of making patterns on fabric by tying knots in it or tying string around it before dye is added, so that some parts receive more dye than others	
weft	the threads that are twisted under and over the threads that are held on a loom	
warp	the vertical threads that are held stationary in tension on a frame or loom	

## Link to video: https://vimeo.com/578648823/d182a293e7

- Explanation and demonstration of taught content
- Lesson by lesson guidance
- Exemplification of techniques and outcomes



## Point of delivery: Y4 Printmaking and Textiles – Block C

Revisiting prior learning	Taught content	Point of practice	Point of reflection
<ol> <li>Use the dip and dye technique</li> <li>Use collage materials to create texture and colour</li> </ol>	Use tie dye technique to create coloured designs on fabric Select materials for use as weft and warp and comment on the effects achieved Learn and apply weaving techniques	<ul> <li>Refer to lessons taught in Year 3 where pupils learned the dip and dye technique and experimented by painting and printing onto fabric.</li> <li>Introduce the key vocabulary and the Knowledge Note.</li> <li>Demonstrate how to twist and fold cotton fabric and secure with elastic bands and / or string. Ensure that some areas of cotton remain visible to allow the dye or ink to penetrate. Apply ink or dye to the fabric with a brush. Pupils experiment by twisting, folding and securing fabric in different ways and brushing with dye or ink of different colours.</li> <li>Question pupils about the effects they hope to achieve by their choice of colours and method of folding and securing the fabric. Allow to dry and set aside for use in Lesson 3.</li> <li>Introduce weaving techniques to the pupils, using rectangles of paper or card where cuts have been made to form the warp. Using strips of paper, fabric and lengths of string as weft, pupils create a woven textured surface. This activity could be extended by using looms made from cardboard boxes with string or yarn used for the warp and a range of materials used for the weft.</li> <li>Question pupils about their choice of colours and materials and the effects they have achieved.</li> </ul>	Can apply tie dye techniques Can apply weaving techniques Can describe the effects created by weaving with a range of materials
2. Paint areas using controlled brushstrokes Create repeated patterns by printing Make a collagraph block	Respond to the work of artists and crafts people Create designs based on traditional West African patterns and colours Create repeat geometric patterns using printing techniques	Refer to books about traditional costumes and introduce pupils to the work of Gilbert Ahiagble. Discuss the traditional woven designs of Kente cloth and the symbolism of the colours and designs used. Provide squares of white paper, onto which pupils draw patterns inspired by Kente designs. These are then painted using traditional colours. Once dry, the designs can be outlined using a black permanent marker pen. Demonstrate how to make a printing block by wrapping elastic bands around squares of cardboard to create a raised surface, outlining geometric shapes. Using black paint mixed with PVA glue, pupils experiment by printing onto different coloured and textured papers. Remind pupils that ink or paint needs to be applied evenly and the block must be pressed down firmly to achieve a clear print. A smaller block can then be made which pupils use to create repeat patterns by rotating the block 90 degrees before each print. Once dry, paint can be applied to the prints using traditional Kente colours. Provide opportunities for pupils to evaluate their prints, express their preferences and make suggestions for improvements. Pupils make a collagraph printing block in readiness for Lesson 3. Pupils complete Vocabulary Task 1.	Can draw and paint designs based on traditional Kente cloth with accuracy Can apply pre-taught printing techniques to create repeat patterns containing geometric shapes



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<ul> <li>3. Create repeat geometric patterns using printing techniques</li> <li>Learn and apply weaving techniques</li> <li>Use tie dye technique to create coloured designs on fabric</li> </ul>	Combine printing and textiles to create a mixed media piece of artwork Respond to their own and others' work	<ul> <li>Pupils will need the following items for this lesson: <ul> <li>Tie dye samples from Lesson 1</li> <li>Woven samples from Lesson 2</li> <li>Elastic band printing block from Lesson 2</li> <li>Elastic band printing block from Lesson 2</li> </ul> </li> <li>Painted Kente designs from Lesson 2</li> <li>Painted Kente designs from Lesson 2</li> <li>Recap on the techniques and skills taught in the previous two lessons and refer pupils again to examples of traditional Kente cloth designs.</li> <li>Use the collagraph block to print geometric designs onto the squares of fabric that were tie dyed in Lesson 1. Place ink or thickened paint into a tray and dip the block into the tray to coat the surface.</li> <li>Demonstrate how to use the collagraph block to create repeat patterns on fabric. Remind pupils to mark the top of the block and then rotate it 90 degrees each time they print.</li> <li>Question pupils about the effects they have created and prompt them to suggest ways in which they might improve the quality of their prints.</li> <li>Pupils then create a mixed media piece of artwork using samples of weaving, painted Kente designs, and printed fabric created previously.</li> <li>Allow time for pupils to share their work and discuss the techniques they have used and the choices they and others have made.</li> <li>Finally, pupils complete Vocabulary Task 2.</li> </ul>	Can evaluate their own and others' work, stating preferences and making suggestions for improvements Can combine techniques effectively to create interesting effects

**Questions for assessment** 



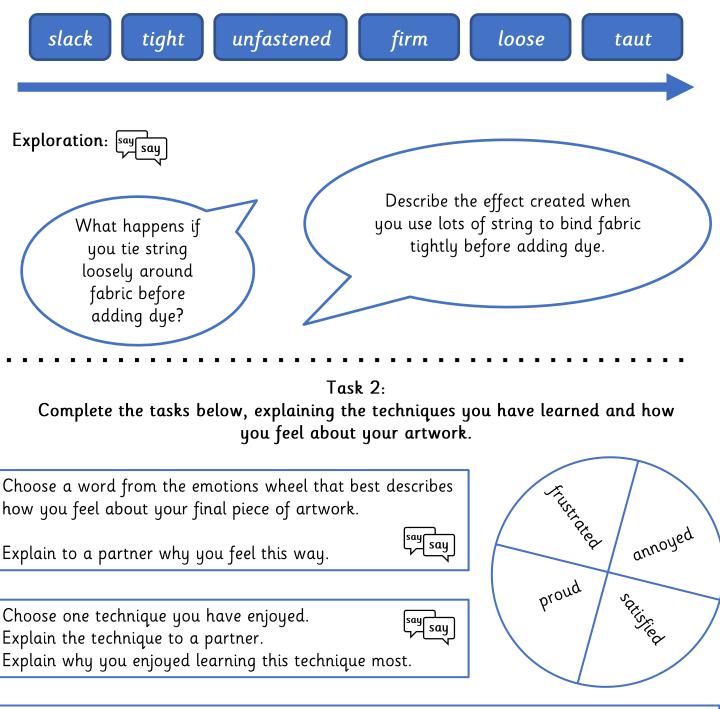
What happens if fabric is not tied securely before dye is applied?What adjustments can be made to get a clearer print?How would the colours react if dye was applied to wet fabric?What patterns can be made by rotating the printing block?Why do some areas of fabric remain white?Why might a print be unclear?What effects are created if you weave using different materials?Which techniques do you enjoy?What would you do differently next time?What might a print be unclear?



# Oracy and Vocabulary: Y4 Printmaking and Textiles – Block C

Task 1:

Organise these words according to their strength of meaning.



Write about one skill you can now do that you could not do before.



# Vocabulary: Y4 Printmaking and Textiles – Block C

OWN-it	Analyse 🔊	KNOW-it Definition 👤
Underline the part of the word do again. redesign	that means <i>to</i>	<b>True or False?</b> Tie dye is a method of printing on fabric.
Underline the root word. symbolise		<ul> <li>Tick the correct answer.</li> <li>What is Kente cloth?</li> <li>woven fabric from the West Indies</li> <li>printed fabric from West Africa</li> <li>West African woven fabric</li> </ul>
Add a prefix to the word fold to that means the opposite.	o create a word	Match the word to the correct meaning.weftthreads that are held in tension on a frame or loomwarpthreads twisted under and over the threads on a loom
LINK-it	Connect ๙	USE-it Use in context
Write a word that also has the <u>geo</u> metric -	root <i>geo.</i>	Select the correct word to complete this sentence. vertical horizontal Warp is the thread in a piece of woven fabric.
Write two different meanings o 1 2	f the word <i>warp.</i>	Use this word correctly in a sentence. symbol
Write three words that contain symbol.	the root word	Use these words to <b>write</b> a sentence explaining the tie dye technique. 



# Knowledge Note: Y4 Printmaking and Textiles – Block C

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## Core content:

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## Technical vocabulary:

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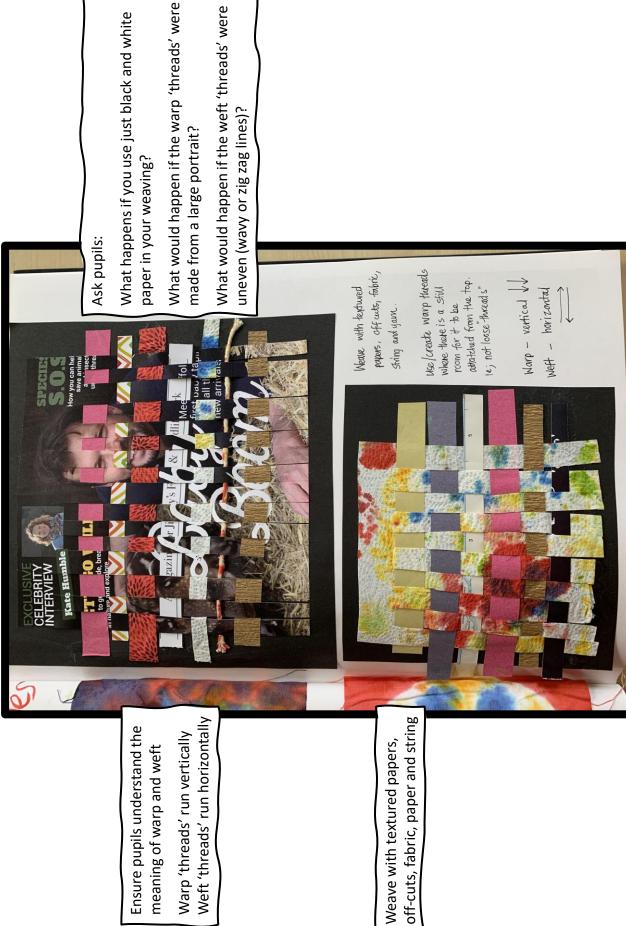
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Fabrics with a nylon mix may produce a different effect

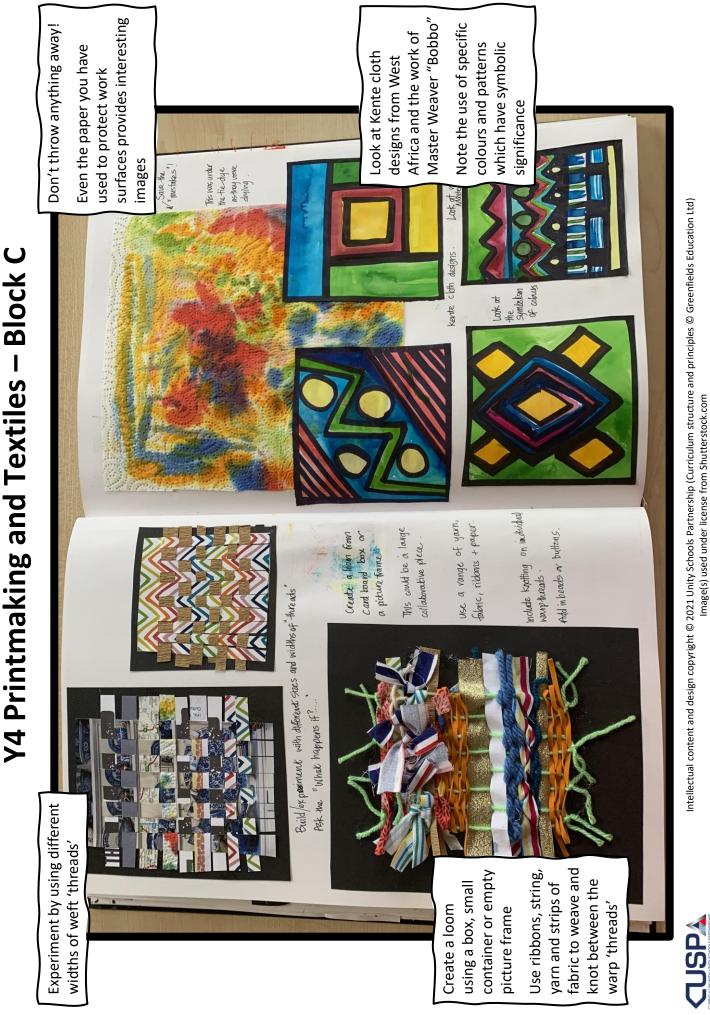












**Exemplification:** 



Make collagraph





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