

The Junior Certificate Craft Project for Home Economics

Guidelines:

- You must complete a craft item (product) & a design folder
- The folder helps plan the stages from the first idea to the finished product.

**There are three main stages involved in the project:

- (1) Planning or Design Stage
- (2) Manufacturing or Craftwork stage
- (3) Evaluation of the product

THE FOLDER

Stage 1:

Planning or Design Stage

Your Design Brief:

Task:

“You have been asked to make a simple, modern or traditional, fabric-based craft item using the stages in the design brief. Your work should show originality”

Analysis:

(Working out exactly what you have been asked to do)

eg : I have been asked to.....

- Make a simple textile based craft item
- I must design the item myself
- My work must be original
- My craft can be modern or traditional

Etc.....

Inspiration page:

A collection of ideas pictures, cutting, sketches of things you like

Research:

Outline here the research you carried out on the “Craft”

Possible Solutions:

(you must have 3 possible solutions)

*You must write down the advantages and disadvantages of each solution.

Eg.

Possible Solution	Advantages	Disadvantages
Bean bag with decorative stitching	Practical, Useful	Expensive Time consuming

Considerations Page:

*****Remember :**

- The craft must be functional, safe, durable, washable
- Skills , time, equipment, cost

Final Solutions Page:

On this page clearly state which of the 3 possible solutions you are going to make and why.

Samples Page:

On this page neatly attach & label samples of all fabrics threads & yarns used.

Time Plan:

This is a plan you write out before you start making the craft item. You state here what you hope to do from week to week (8 weeks)

Eg

Week 1:

I will go to town and purchase my equipment etc.....

List of Materials / Equipment:

Clearly write down here all of the equipment you will need to complete the item.

Patterns & Sample stitches:

Put in any patterns on greaseproof paper & any sample stitches with labels

History of Craft:

Brief outline of the history of the craft you have chosen

Sources of Information:

List of magazines, books, websites that you got information from

Costs:

This page should show clearly how much all of your equipment eg threads etc cost

Making the Craft item:

Clear & detailed points highlighting how you made the item

Evaluation:

How do you feel about your work??

Ask yourself the following questions and write down your answers

- Does the product meet the design brief?
- Did the product turn out as well as planned?
- Does it suit the use it was planned for?
- Is the quality of the finished product good?
- What changes were needed in the planning stages?
- Could the fabric / yarn choice have been better?
- Was the final design attractive?
- Could the design have been improved and how could this have been done?
- Were any of the manufacturing processes too difficult?
- Was the equipment suitable?
- Could the equipment be used without difficulty?
- Was it more expensive than planned?
- Did it take longer than planned?
- Is the product safe for its use?
- Will the product wear well?
- Was the project enjoyable to make?
- Will the project be enjoyable to use?
- What new processes were learnt when making the product?
- What do other people think about the product?
- What changes / modifications would you make if you were making it again?