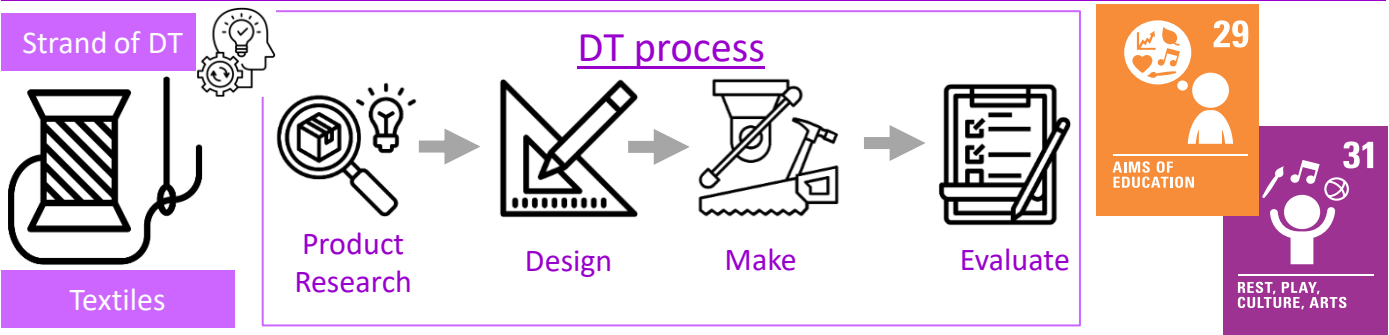



Design Brief: To make African jewellery with appliqué decoration.



Vocabulary	
appliqué	decorating an object by applying shapes to its surface
running stitch	made by passing the needle in and out repeatedly with short, even stitches
cross stitch	a type of decorative sewing where one stitch crosses another

What?




- Africa was the first place where people **started wearing** and **making jewellery** around 40,000 years ago.
- African jewellery is known for being **bright, colourful, vibrant** and can be worn a variety of ways.
- Jewellery in Africa is **worn by men and women** for many reasons including **style**, to **symbolize important things** in their life, to display **power**, and to **attract** a partner.



- Jewellery can be **joined** together in different ways: **hook, s hook, clasp, tie, toggle and elasticated**.

Design criteria:

- A **secure** joint to hold the piece of jewellery on your body.
- Easy to get **on and off**.
- Fits** the person (appropriate length).
- Suitable for the **recipient** (African tribe - authentic and traditional).
- Use of **applique** for decoration.
- Includes **running stitch** and/or **cross stitch**.
- Stitches are **even and neat**.




- Patterns** are a huge part of African culture.
- In African culture, **colours** inherently have a **symbolic nature** in a variety of areas, including when rich and vibrant colours are used in African fabrics and African clothing.
- Colours** can **represent** a variety of **emotions, traditions and victories** in the wake of struggles.


Skills




running stitch, cross stitch and applique



- Appliqué** is a common means of **decorating textiles** but can also refer to the process of cutting shapes out of any material and sticking them on to the surface of another.



- Applique** can be used to **attach** pieces of fabric for **decoration**.



- Designers **evaluate** their finished products or prototypes in order to test whether they **work well** and if the design can be **corrected or improved**.
- A successful piece of jewellery should match the **design criteria**.

Finished product

