

Design Technology vocabulary for the National Curriculum

This document sets out FS, KS1 and KS2 Art vocabulary under the EYFS Development Matters and National Curriculum. The tables can be used to check pupils' understanding of new vocabulary introduced from FS-Y6.

The lists are intended as a guide as to what pupils should know, and are not exhaustive. Of course, key terms may be introduced earlier as a challenge for our learners, although it is also important to ensure that learning is 'new' and carries an 'element of surprise'.

Year	Progression in Design Technology Vocabulary from Foundation Stage to Year 6.
FS	22-36 months: build, block, stick. 30-50 months: stack, space, balance, model, fold, bend, fasten. 40-60+ months: construct, join, fringe, tear, scrunch, link, insert, slot, tab.
1	Cut, measure, glue, net, fold, lid, sides, joins, corner, design, make, evaluate, decorate, stick, twist, poke, model, stronger, stable.
2	Measure, met, assemble, fold, scoring, joins, sliding lid, push on lid, padding, layers, illustrate, design, make, evaluate, stretch, wrap, spin, attach, test, bend.
3	Assemble, scoring, joins, sliding lid, integrated hinge, push on lid, added hinge, padding, layers, dividers, drawers, illustrate, design, make, evaluate.
4	Design, make, evaluate, improve, modify, plan, procedures, weave, prepare, apply, prepare, research, discussion, explore, compare.
5	Design, make, evaluate, file, investigate, analyse, functional, components, properties, strengthen, structures, functional properties, improve.
6	Design, make, evaluate, generate, develop, model, annotate, prototypes, shaping, stiffen, reinforce, aesthetic qualities, consider.