

Textiles and Apparel Career Exploration Curriculum



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Textiles and Apparel Career Exploration Curriculum

The Textiles and Apparel Career Exploration Kit includes 10 lessons, each focusing on a different related occupation in this pathway. Lessons include an introduction to a career with engaging participant activities.

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Curriculum Structure

The *Textiles and Fashion Career Exploration Curriculum* is composed of the following lessons. Approximate lesson times are included.

Lesson	Title	Approximate Time
One	Apparel Designer	60 minutes
Two	Fashion Product Designer	60 minutes
Three	Fashion Buyer	60 minutes
Four	Retail Merchandiser	60 minutes
Five	Stylist	60 minutes
Six	Textile Designer	60-70 minutes
Seven	Visual Merchandiser	60-95 minutes
Eight	Influencer Marketing Manager	75 minutes
Nine	Textile Technologist	55-70 minutes
Ten	Sustainability Specialist	55-115 minutes
	Total	10-12 hours

Lesson Structure

Each lesson begins with a Lesson Overview, Lesson Objectives, and a Lesson at a Glance table, which lists lesson activities, materials required, suggested preparation steps, and approximate class time.

Lesson Sections

The actual lesson follows the overview, which contains some of the sections described below.

FOCUS

Every lesson begins with a FOCUS activity intended to capture participants' attention. This may be in the form of a small or large class discussion, a game, a demonstration, or a review of previous lesson information. During this activity, participants are introduced to the topic of the lesson.

LEARN

The LEARN activity in each lesson varies in its presentation mode. It may be a slide presentation, group activity, or demonstration.

REVIEW

The majority of lessons end with a REVIEW activity intended to briefly review the lesson's key messages or main points.

Lesson One – Apparel Designer

Lesson Overview

In this lesson, participants explore apparel design, focusing on t-shirt creation. They will learn about trend analysis, mood board development, and design sketching, culminating in presenting their own t-shirt design. This session aims to provide a holistic view of the fashion design process.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Identify key elements of the apparel design process, particularly in the context of t-shirt design
- Understand the role of trend analysis in fashion design and apply this knowledge in creating a mood board
- Demonstrate basic sketching skills for apparel design, focusing on t-shirt creation
- Develop an understanding of how personal style and current trends can be integrated into a design
- Present a t-shirt design concept, articulating the creative process and design choices
- Gain insights into the career path of an apparel designer through practical application of design principles

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate class time
FOCUS	• <i>Textiles and Fashion Apparel Career Scenario Cards</i> • <i>Apparel Designer</i> slide presentation	1. Prepare the “Presentation Skills” scenario card for discussion. 2. Prepare <i>Apparel Designer</i> slide presentation for viewing.	10 minutes
LEARN	• T-shirt templates • Mood board supplies (magazines, scissors, glue, etc.) • Colored pencils/markers • Internet access for research • <i>Mood Board Mastery</i> page (student workbook) • <i>Apparel Designer</i> slide presentation	1. Print/photocopy t-shirt templates (one per participant). 2. Print/photocopy <i>Mood Board Mastery</i> worksheet (one per participant). 3. Assemble mood board supplies. 4. Prepare <i>Apparel Designer</i> slide presentation for viewing.	35 minutes
REVIEW	• <i>Apparel Design Concepts Quiz</i> (student workbook) • <i>Apparel Design Concepts Quiz – Answer Key</i> • Participants’ t-shirt designs and mood boards for reference during the quiz •	1. Print/photocopy <i>Apparel Design Concepts Quiz</i> (one per participant). 2. Access the <i>Apparel Design Concept Quiz – Answer Key</i> for facilitator reference.	15 minutes

Lesson One – Apparel Designer

FOCUS: The Role of an Apparel Designer

10 minutes

Purpose:

Introduce participants to the apparel design profession, emphasizing the role of designers and the importance of presentation skills within the fashion industry.

Materials:

- *Apparel Designer* slide presentation
- *Presentation Skills* Scenario Card

Facilitation Steps:

1. Begin the lesson by introducing the concept of apparel design using slide two.

Slide 2: Embarking on a Journey into Fashion: The Apparel Designer's Path

As we step into the realm of apparel design, consider it a journey where your creativity and vision come to life in the form of wearable art. Apparel design is not just about creating clothing; it's about storytelling, innovation, and impacting trends.

2. Move on to slide three to define apparel design and discuss its importance in the fashion industry.

Slide 3: Apparel Design: Crafting Fashion from Concept to Closet

Apparel design is a process that begins with an idea and ends with the final product you see in stores. Designers are the architects of fashion, laying the foundation for what we wear and how we express ourselves.

3. Proceed with slide four to describe the skills and tools essential for apparel design, emphasizing the blend of creativity and technical knowledge.

Slide 4: The Designer's Toolkit: Creativity, Technical Skills, and Trend Awareness

Every designer has a toolkit, both metaphorical and literal. These tools include their creative

intuition, understanding of garment construction, and ability to foresee or set trends.

4. Use slide five to discuss the wide-ranging impact of apparel designers on fashion and culture.

Slide 5: Beyond Aesthetics: The Apparel Designer's Influence on Fashion and Culture

Consider how apparel designers don't just create clothing; they influence society's aesthetic preferences, define cultural identities, and shape global fashion narratives.

5. Introduce the "Presentation Skills" scenario with slide six, reading the scenario details provided on the "Presentation Skills" Scenario Card.

Slide 6: Scenario Spotlight: Crafting a Season's Mood Board.

Imagine you're tasked with creating a mood board for a new fashion line. How you present this board to your team can make or break the design direction for the season.

6. Facilitate a class discussion using slide seven with the scenario card, encouraging participants to think critically about the scenario presented.

Slide 7: Your Vision, Their Ideas: Balancing Creativity and Collaboration

Let's discuss how you would approach this scenario. What ideas would you include? How would you present them, and what kind of feedback might you expect?

7. Conclude the focus activity with slide eight by discussing the importance of effective presentation in the apparel design process.

Slide 8: Presenting with Impact: Conveying Your Design Vision

Think about how you would convey your vision to your team. How do your presentation skills support your ability to sell your design concept?

Discussion Questions for Slide 8:

- 1) What strategies would you employ to ensure your mood board presentation captures the essence of the season's line?
- 2) How would you manage differing opinions or feedback from your team members during the presentation?
- 3) Reflect on a time when you had to present an idea. What skills did you use that you think are applicable to presenting a design concept?

Lesson One – Apparel Designer

LEARN: Trend Analysis and Mood Board Creation

35 minutes

Purpose:

Teach participants how to identify current fashion trends and interpret them into a visual format that can inform their design choices. Additionally, teach participants how to bring their design ideas to life through sketching, providing them with the foundational skills to represent t-shirt designs graphically based on their mood boards and trend analysis.

Materials:

- Internet access for research
- *Mood Board Mastery* (student workbook)
- Art supplies (colored pencils or markers, glue, scissors, drawing pencils, erasers)
- *Apparel Designer* slide presentation
- *T-Shirt Sketching Template* (student workbook)

Facilitation Steps:

1. Display slide nine and discuss the importance of staying current with fashion trends.

Slide 9: Trend Analysis: Capturing the Zeitgeist of Fashion

Fashion reflects the times we live in. As an apparel designer, understanding and anticipating trends is crucial for creating designs that resonate with your audience.

2. Transition to slide 10, introducing the concept and function of a mood board in the design process.

Slide 10: Mood Boards: The Visual Language of Design

A mood board is a tool that translates your trend analysis into a visual language. It guides your design process, helping you communicate your vision clearly.

3. Guide participants through the creation of their mood boards using the *Mood Board Mastery* page from the student workbook as outlined on slide 11.

Slide 11: Creating Your Mood Board: A Collage of Inspiration, Textures, and Colors

Using the materials provided, start creating your mood board. Select images, colors, and words that reflect the trend you've researched and inspire your design concept for a t-shirt.

4. While participants work on their mood boards, encourage them to document their selection process and rationale on the *Mood Board Mastery* page, as indicated on slide 12.

Slide 12: Your Design Journey: Documenting the Process on Your *Mood Board Mastery* Page

As you choose each element for your mood board, write down your thoughts and reasoning in your workbook. This reflection will be invaluable as you move forward in your design process.

Conclude the learning activity by highlighting the importance of a well-constructed mood board in the design process on slide 13.

5. **Slide 13:** Why Mood Boards Matter: The Foundation of Your Design Process

Your mood board is the foundation of your design process. A well-constructed mood board not only inspires but also provides a clear direction for your creative work.

6. Display slide 14 and discuss tips on translating design ideas into sketches.

Note: Encourage participants to think about the silhouette, neckline, and other design elements they want to incorporate.

7. **Slide 14: Sketching Your Design**

This slide focuses on the initial phase of bringing your t-shirt design to life. We'll start with the basic outline, which is the foundation of your design. Think about the overall shape – Is it fitted, loose, long, cropped? Next, let's consider the design features. What kind of neckline suits your vision? Do you imagine short sleeves, long sleeves, or a sleeveless style? What about the hemline? Will it be straight, curved, or asymmetric? As you sketch, remember to envision where you might want to incorporate textures and patterns. These elements can transform a simple sketch into a detailed representation of your final product. Begin with light pencil strokes; you can always refine and darken them later as your design takes shape.

8. Guide participants to start sketching their design using the t-shirt templates provided. Remind them to consider the trend analysis and elements from their mood board.

Note: Advise participants to sketch lightly first, so they can make easy adjustments as their design evolves.

9. As participants work, walk around the classroom to offer support and answer questions. Use this time to engage with students about their design choices and encourage creative exploration.

Note: This is a good opportunity to reinforce the importance of each design element they choose to include.

10. Transition to slide 15 and encourage participants to add textures, patterns, or logos that align with their design concept.

Note: Highlight that details can bring a sketch to life and give it a unique personality.

11. **Slide 15: Detailing Your Sketch**

We're diving deeper into the details of your sketch. This is where your mood board comes into play. Draw from the textures and patterns you've chosen – these should reflect the fashion trend you're tapping into. Consider how to convey the feel of the fabric through your sketching technique; is it smooth, ribbed, or perhaps has a denim weave? Patterns can be bold or subtle, but they should always make a statement that aligns with your design ethos.

As you finalize your sketch, reflect on the cohesion of the design elements. Each stroke on the paper is a step towards realizing your vision for a wearable piece of art. Encourage your peers to give feedback – fresh eyes can offer valuable insights to refine your design.

Lesson One – Apparel Design

REVIEW: Quiz and Micro Presentations

15 minutes

Purpose:

Assess the participants' understanding of the key concepts covered in the lesson and provide an opportunity for them to articulate their design process and decisions.

Materials:

- *Apparel Design Concepts Quiz* (student workbook)
- *Apparel Design Concepts Quiz – Answer Key*
- Participants' t-shirt designs and mood boards for reference during the quiz and presentations

Facilitation Steps:

1. Distribute the *Apparel Design Concepts Quiz* to each participant. Explain that this short quiz is to review and solidify their understanding of today's lesson.

Note: The quiz should cover the fundamental concepts of trend analysis, mood board creation, and the basic principles of t-shirt design sketching.

2. Allow participants five minutes to complete the quiz.

Note: Remind them that this is a learning tool and not just a test; it's intended to help them reflect on what they've learned.

3. While participants complete the quiz, prepare for the micro presentations. Each participant will have one to two minutes to present their design sketch and discuss how their mood board influenced their decisions.

Note: Encourage the audience to think of constructive feedback or questions they might have about each presentation.

4. After the quiz, invite participants to come up one by one to present their t-shirt design and mood board.

Note: This not only helps in reinforcing the lesson content but also in building presentation skills.

5. Conclude the review section by going over the quiz answers with the class, providing the correct responses using the *Apparel Design Concepts Quiz – Answer Key* for facilitator reference.

Apparel Design Concepts Quiz – Answer Key

1. What is the primary purpose of a mood board in the apparel design process?
 - a. To organize the designer's workspace
 - b. **To visually communicate a design idea**
 - c. To calculate the cost of a design
 - d. To write down notes about the design
2. When sketching a t-shirt design, why is it important to start with light pencil strokes?
 - a. **To make it easier to erase and adjust the design**
 - b. Because it looks more professional
 - c. Light strokes use less pencil lead
 - d. It is not important; this is just a suggested technique
3. Which of the following elements can be included in a t-shirt design sketch? (Select all that apply)
 - a. **Fabric texture**
 - b. **Color palette**
 - c. **Logo placement**
 - d. Cost of materials
4. Fill in the blank: "_____ are the visual language of design, helping to communicate your vision clearly."
 - a. Sketches
 - b. **Mood boards**
 - c. Patterns
 - d. Measurements
5. Briefly describe how a trend analysis influences t-shirt design choices.
A trend analysis provides insight into current fashion tendencies, which designers can use to make informed decisions about styles, colors, and features that are likely to be well-received by the target audience.

Lesson Two – Fashion Product Designer

Lesson Overview

In this lesson, participants will look at the role of a fashion product developer, from design to production. They will learn about turning a design concept into a feasible and marketable fashion product. Participants will create a mood board that conveys their understanding of market trends, brand ethos, and target audience alignment.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Understand the role and responsibilities of a fashion product designer
- Analyze market trends and brand ethos to inform product design decisions
- Create a mood board that effectively communicates a coherent product concept
- Develop a preliminary product design plan using visual and written mediums

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate Class Time
FOCUS	• <i>Textiles and Fashion Apparel Scenario Cards</i> • Colored pencils and drawing paper	1. Prepare the “Patience” scenario card for discussion. 2. Distribute colored pencils and drawing paper.	15 minutes
LEARN	• <i>Fashion Product Designer</i> slide presentation • <i>Mood Board for Fashion Product Development</i> (student workbook)	1. Prepare the <i>Fashion Product Designer</i> slide presentation for viewing. 2. Print/photocopy <i>Mood Board for Fashion Product Development</i> (one per participant).	30 minutes
REVIEW	• <i>Fashion Product Development Quiz</i> (student workbook) • <i>Fashion Product Development Quiz – Answer Key</i>	1. Print/photocopy <i>Fashion Product Development Quiz</i> (one per participant). 2. Prepare the answer key for the <i>Fashion Product Development Quiz</i> for facilitator reference.	15 minutes

Lesson Two – Fashion Product Designer

FOCUS: Introduction to Fashion Product Development

15 minutes

Purpose:

This initial activity serves as an icebreaker to introduce the concept of patience in the fashion product development process, emphasizing its importance in the industry.

Materials:

- “Patience” scenario card
- Colored pencils
- Journals or writing paper
- *Fashion Product Designer* slide presentation

Facilitation Steps:

1. Read the “Patience” scenario card and key questions to participants.
2. Ask participants to spend five minutes writing in their journals. They should reflect on the scenario and how they would practice patience in the situation described.

Note: Encourage participants to consider why patience is a valuable skill in fashion product development and how it can impact both the creative process and business interactions.
3. After the journaling exercise, segue into the focus of the lesson. Use the icebreaker to discuss how patience plays a role in dealing with the complex and often lengthy timelines of product development.

Note: Tie the concept of patience to the day’s lesson objectives, which will delve into the responsibilities of a fashion product developer and the workflow from design to production.
4. Transition to slide two of the presentation to formally begin the FOCUS part of the lesson. Discuss the responsibilities involved in product development and how patience is integral at each stage.

Note: Illustrate with real-world examples where patience has been key to overcoming challenges and achieving successful outcomes.

Slide 2: The Fashion Product Developer’s Role

Let’s dive into the core responsibilities of a fashion product developer. This role is crucial in bridging the gap between creative concepts and tangible products.

A developer must collaborate with various departments, from design to marketing to production, ensuring the seamless integration of a garment into the brand’s lineup.

Market analysis is also pivotal; understanding consumer needs and trends helps to ensure the product will be successful. All of this must align with the brand’s vision, maintaining the brand’s identity and values.

Now, reflecting on the “Patience” scenario card we discussed, consider how patience is critical when managing these responsibilities and collaborating with a diverse team.

5. Move on to slide three.

Note: Encourage participants to consider where patience must be applied throughout these stages and how it can affect the final product’s success.

Slide 3: From Concept to Product: The Workflow

Turning a concept into a product is a journey that involves several detailed and often iterative steps. It begins with conceptualization, where initial ideas are formed. These ideas are then refined through design iterations, which may require a patient approach as multiple revisions are often necessary. Prototyping follows, which is an experimental phase to evaluate the design's feasibility. Patience is key here, as prototypes may not always be successful on the first try. Once the prototype is perfected, the design moves into production, which is another stage where delays and unforeseen challenges can arise. Finally, the product is launched to the market, a step that culminates all the hard work and patience put into the development process. Each of these stages can benefit from the patience you reflected on earlier, ensuring a thoughtful, well-executed path from idea to market.

Note: Use the icebreaker discussion to build a classroom culture that values reflection and thoughtful response.

Throughout the FOCUS activity, remind participants that the skills they discuss are not only theoretical but also practical and applicable in real-world settings.

End the FOCUS section by reiterating how patience is a key soft skill in the fashion industry, setting the expectation for its relevance in the upcoming parts of the lesson.

Lesson Two – Fashion Product Developer

LEARN: Crafting Mood Boards in Fashion Product Design

30 minutes

Purpose:

This section of the lesson is dedicated to hands-on learning, in which participants will apply their understanding of fashion trends and brand ethos to create a mood board that communicates their unique product concept.

Materials:

- *Fashion Product Designer* slide presentation
- *Mood Board for Fashion Product Development* (student workbook)
- Assorted fashion magazines and imagery for inspiration
- Scissors, glue, markers, and colored pencils

Facilitation Steps:

1. Start with slide four. Discuss the key components that make up an effective mood board, such as theme, color palette, and textures.

Note: Encourage participants to consider how these elements contribute to the narrative of their product concept.

Slide 4: Mood Board Essentials

This brings us to an essential aspect of product design: aligning with the brand's ethos. Each element on your mood board should reflect the brand's identity and values.

Think about how you can tell the brand's story through visuals. It's not just about aesthetics; it's about creating a mood board that speaks to the brand's core message.

Ensure cohesiveness in your board so that anyone who looks at it can immediately understand the brand image you are trying to convey.

This alignment is key in creating a product that resonates with the brand's target audience and strengthens its market position.

2. Distribute the *Mood Board for Fashion Product Development* pages from the student workbook. Display the slide and instruct participants to begin selecting images and words from the magazines that align with the current trends relevant to their product concept.

Note: Stress the importance of selecting elements that not only follow trends but also resonate with the product's intended market and brand identity.

Slide 5: Analyzing Trends for Your Mood Board

Let's discuss how to incorporate current fashion trends into your mood board. It's crucial to stay relevant, but also to maintain your unique voice.

As you select images, fabrics, or other elements, ask yourself how these trends can be adapted to your concept. It's not just about copying what's popular; it's about interpreting trends in a way that enhances your design.

Strive for a balance between being on-trend and maintaining originality, ensuring your product stands out in the market.

3. As participants assemble their mood boards, go through slide six, guiding them on how to visually express the brand's ethos on their mood boards.

Provide participants with markers and colored pencils to add their own drawings or annotations.

Note: Remind participants that the mood board is a foundational tool in the design process and should effectively communicate their vision to others.

Slide 6: Brand Ethos in Visual Form

This slide introduces us to the foundational elements of a mood board. A mood board is more than just a collage; it's a visual representation of your concept.

Start by defining your theme or main idea. Then, select a color palette that resonates with this theme – colors evoke emotions and set the tone.

Next, think about textures and patterns; these add depth and dimension to your board. Finally, consider how all these elements come together to visualize your theme.

Remember, your mood board should tell a story and inspire your design process.

4. Once participants create their mood boards, walk through the classroom, engaging with each participant about their design choices and the story their mood board tells.

Note: Use this opportunity to help participants articulate the reasoning behind their selections and how they integrate into the overall product strategy.

5. Close the LEARN section by inviting participants to share their mood boards with the class. Facilitate a peer feedback session in which students can discuss what they found compelling about each other's work.

Note: This peer review process is essential for building critical thinking and communication skills, as well as for fostering a collaborative learning environment.

Facilitator's Notes:

- Throughout the activity, provide continuous support and encourage exploration, ensuring participants understand that mood board creation is a process that can evolve
- Highlight examples of mood boards from industry professionals to illustrate the diversity and creativity that can be brought to this task
- Conclude with a brief discussion summarizing the key learning points from this activity and how it fits into the larger scope of fashion product development

Lesson Two – Fashion Product Developer

REVIEW: Assessment and Presentation of Mood Boards

15 minutes

Purpose:

Evaluate participants' understanding of the fashion product development process through a quiz and to provide them with an opportunity to present their mood boards, thereby reinforcing the lesson's key concepts and encouraging peer learning.

Materials:

- *Fashion Product Development Quiz* (student workbook)
- *Fashion Product Development Quiz – Answer Key*
- Completed *Mood Board Creation* workbook pages

Facilitation Steps:

1. Begin the REVIEW section by distributing the *Fashion Product Development Quiz* sheets to each participant. This short quiz should assess their comprehension of the key principles discussed in the lesson, such as trend analysis, mood board creation, and brand alignment.

Note: Allow about five minutes for participants to complete the quiz. Remind them that the quiz is a tool to reinforce learning, not just a test of their knowledge.
2. While participants complete the quiz, prepare for the mood board presentations. Each participant will have a chance to present their mood board to the class and discuss how they incorporated the elements of design, market trends, and brand ethos.

Note: Encourage participants to be concise but detailed in their presentations, focusing on how their mood board represents their product concept.

3. After the quiz, collect the sheets for grading, and then transition to the mood board presentations. Invite participants to come up one by one to present their work.

Note: Foster a constructive and respectful environment for feedback. Encourage the audience to ask questions and offer thoughts on what they liked and how the mood boards could be further enhanced.

4. Conclude the REVIEW session by going over the quiz answers with the class, providing the correct responses using the *Fashion Product Development Quiz – Answer Key*.

Note: Use this time to clarify any misconceptions and to reinforce the key learning points from the quiz.

Fashion Product Development Quiz – Answer Key

1. What is the primary purpose of a mood board in fashion product development?
 - a. To set a budget for the product
 - b. To organize production schedules
 - c. **To visually communicate a design concept**
 - d. To list the materials needed for production
2. In the context of fashion product development, why is understanding market trends important?
 - a. To predict future fashion styles
 - b. **To ensure the product appeals to the target audience**
 - c. To reduce production costs
 - d. To speed up the design process
3. What role does the brand ethos play in product development?
 - a. Determines the production location
 - b. **Guides the aesthetic and values incorporated into the design**
 - c. Is only important for marketing the product
 - d. Has no significant role
4. Fill in the blank: "Fashion product developers must balance _____ with practicality and market viability."
 - a. **Creativity**
 - b. Efficiency
 - c. Technology
 - d. Competitor analysis
5. Describe how a mood board can influence the product development process.

Possible Answer: A mood board helps in visualizing and refining the concept of a product before it enters the design and production stages. It serves as a reference point for aesthetic choices, thematic elements, and can inspire creativity while ensuring alignment with the brand's vision and market trends.

Lesson Three – Fashion Buyer

Lesson Overview

Explore the diverse role of a fashion buyer, blending trend analysis, budgeting, and customer insight. In this simulation, participants will examine fashion trends, assess customer profiles, and select products within budget, demonstrating the crucial balance necessary for business success.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Articulate the responsibilities and challenges fashion buyers face
- Employ trend analysis and customer insights to curate a product line
- Execute budget management strategies for product selection

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate Class Time
FOCUS	• Pencil and paper for participant journaling • <i>Textiles and Fashion Apparel Career Scenario Cards</i>	1. Prepare the “Problem-Solving” scenario card for a journaling activity.	5 minutes
LEARN	• Fashion catalogs • Notebooks/clipboards • <i>Trend Report</i> (student workbook) • <i>Fashion Buyer Budget</i> (student workbook) • <i>Customer Persona Profile Sheet</i> (student workbook) • <i>Fashion Buyer</i> slide presentation	1. Print/photocopy the <i>Trend Report</i> , <i>Budget Sheet</i> , and <i>Customer Persona Profile Sheet</i> (one of each per participant). 2. Prepare the <i>Fashion Buyer</i> slide presentation for viewing.	45 minutes
REVIEW	• <i>Buyer Quiz</i> (student workbook) • <i>Buyer Quiz – Answer Key</i>	1. Print/photocopy the <i>Buyer Quiz</i> (one per participant). 2. Prepare the <i>Buyer Quiz – Answer Key</i> for facilitator reference.	10 minutes

Lesson Three – Fashion Buyer

FOCUS: Understanding Diverse Perspectives in the Workplace

5 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will explore the dynamics of workplace relationships and the value of different perspectives, specifically focusing on the balance between traditional skills and modern practices in the fashion industry.

Materials:

- “Problem-Solving” scenario card
- Journaling materials for participants (notepads or digital devices)

Facilitation Steps:

1. Present the “Problem-Solving” scenario card to the class, reading it aloud to ensure understanding.
2. Invite participants to reflect individually on the scenario, considering the points of view of both Javier and the company.
3. Guide a short journaling activity in which participants respond to the key questions, noting how they would navigate the training period, handle advice from different parties, and manage potential conflicts.

Key Questions for Journaling:

- How would you balance the training with Javier and your manager’s advice?
- Would you seek further clarification from your boss regarding the sample-making process?
- How do you plan to approach sample making after your training, and how might you manage any subsequent interactions with Javier?

Lesson Three – Fashion Buyer

LEARN: Buyer Simulation Exercise

40 minutes

Purpose:

Simulate a real-world task of a fashion buyer, teaching participants to combine budget management, trend analysis, and customer insight to select a product range.

Materials:

- *Fashion Buyer* slide presentation
- Fashion catalogs
- *Fashion Buyer Budget* (student workbook)
- *Fashion Buyer Trend Analysis* (student workbook)
- Calculators
- Notepads or clipboards
- Trend reports
- *Customer Persona Profile Sheet* (student workbook)
- Computer with projection device

Facilitation Steps:

1. As a class, go through slides two and three using facilitator notes to introduce the role and significance of a fashion buyer.

Slide 2: The Art of Fashion Buying

Emphasize the influence of buyers on the success of fashion brands. Welcome to the world of fashion buying, where art meets commerce.

A fashion buyer is crucial for selecting products that resonate with the brand's identity and customer preferences. They are responsible not only for what ends up on the shelves but also for the profitability and market relevance of those selections.

Today, you will step into their shoes and learn the ropes of this dynamic role.

Slide 3: Essential Skills for Success

Encourage participants to consider how these skills apply to the simulation.

A successful buyer possesses a unique set of skills, from trend forecasting, which requires a keen eye for upcoming fashions, to budget management, ensuring that selections are financially viable. Understanding customer behavior is another cornerstone, as it allows buyers to predict what will sell. Today's exercise will challenge you to apply these skills in a simulated environment.

2. Continue with slides four and five, explaining budget management and trend analysis.

Slide 4: Budget Management

Use real-world examples to illustrate the balancing act between cost and quality.

One of the primary tasks of a fashion buyer is to manage the budget. This means making tough decisions about which products to buy, how much to spend, and how to negotiate for the best prices. It's a balancing act between investing in quality pieces and maintaining financial health.

Slide 5: Trend Analysis

Demonstrate how to translate trend reports into buying decisions.

Trends are the heartbeat of the fashion industry. As a buyer, you'll need to stay ahead of the curve, identifying which trends will take off and which are fleeting. Use trend reports and data to inform your buying decisions, always aligning with the brand's aesthetic and customer expectations.

3. Present slides six and seven, focusing on customer insights and selection strategies.

Slide 6: Know Your Customer

Discuss the impact of customer insights on product selection.

Who is the customer? What do they desire? These are questions you must constantly ask.

Today, we will use customer personas to guide our selections, ensuring that we meet their needs and wants. Remember, the right product for the wrong audience won't sell.

Slide 7: Curating a Product Line

Offer tips for maintaining a balanced inventory.

Now, let's talk strategy. Your product selections should reflect a mix of staple pieces and trend-driven items. Balance is key. We also need to consider inventory depth – how many of each item do we buy to meet demand without overstocking?

4. Distribute the fashion catalogs, budget sheets, calculators, and trend reports, ensuring participants understand the objectives of the exercise outlined in slide eight.

Slide 8: Buyer Simulation Exercise

Outline the simulation exercise, providing context for the hands-on activity.

It's time to put theory into practice. You have a set of catalogs, budget sheets, and customer profiles. Your task is to select items that you believe will sell well, based on your trend analysis and understanding of the customer, all while staying within your budget. Ready? Let's begin.

Note: If you do not have physical catalogs, this could be done using fashion websites.

5. Guide participants through the buyer simulation, allowing them to apply what they've learned to make selections within budget constraints.

During the exercise, assist participants, offer guidance, answer questions, and facilitate discussion on their selection strategies.

6. Conclude the exercise with a group reflection on the strategic decision-making process in fashion buying, as outlined in slide nine.

Slide 9: Strategic Decision-Making in Fashion Buying

Lead a discussion encouraging participants to share their product selection rationale and the challenges they faced.

As we wrap up, let's reflect on the decisions you made during the simulation.

Share your thought process, the challenges you encountered, and how you overcame them. This discussion will deepen your understanding of the complexities of a buyer's role and prepare you for real-world applications.

7. Wrap up the session by reinforcing the importance of a buyer's choices and their impact on the business's success. After the session, encourage participants to consider how the skills and knowledge they've practiced apply to real-world fashion buying scenarios.

Lesson Three – Fashion Buyer

REVIEW: Buyer Simulation Debrief

10 minutes

Purpose:

Reflect on the simulation exercise, allowing participants to evaluate their decision-making process and understand the real-world implications of a fashion buyer's choices.

Materials:

- *Fashion Buyer Budget* (completed by participants)
- *Fashion Buyer Quiz*
- *Fashion Buyer Quiz – Answer Key*

Facilitation Steps:

1. Distribute the *Fashion Buyer Quiz* to participants and allocate a set time for completion.
2. While participants complete the quiz, review their *Fashion Buyer Budget* to check if they stayed within budget and made choices aligned with customer personas and trends.
3. After the quiz, engage the class in a discussion to share insights from the exercise. Ask questions like:
 - What strategies did you find most effective in selecting items for your inventory?
 - How did the customer personas influence your choices?
4. Collect the quizzes and go through the answers as a class. Use the answer key to provide immediate feedback, highlighting common misconceptions or errors.
5. Encourage participants to ask questions and clarify any doubts they have about the decisions they made during the simulation.
6. Conclude the review session with last thoughts on the importance of the buyer's role and how the skills practiced in the simulation are applicable in a real-world setting. Emphasize the need for continuous learning and adaptation in the dynamic field of fashion buying.
7. Assign any follow-up tasks or reflections as homework to further consolidate the lesson's learning objectives, such as a short essay on the role of ethical considerations in buying decisions or how technology is changing the buyer's role.

Fashion Buyer Quiz – Answer Key

1. What is the primary role of a fashion buyer?
 - a. To design new fashion trends
 - b. **To select products for retail based on trends and customer demand**
 - c. To manage the store layout
 - d. To set prices for clothing items
2. True or False: Fashion buyers should only focus on current trends, ignoring customer preferences.
 - a. True
 - b. **False**
3. Which skill is NOT typically required of a fashion buyer?
 - a. Negotiation skills
 - b. Trend forecasting
 - c. **Sewing and garment construction**
 - d. Budget management
4. Why is understanding customer personas important for a fashion buyer?
 - a. It helps in personalizing store layouts
 - b. **It guides product selection to match customer preferences**
 - c. It's only useful for marketing teams
 - d. It's not important for fashion buyers
5. In budget management, what is crucial for a fashion buyer to maintain?
 - a. High-end products only
 - b. **A balance between cost and quality**
 - c. The lowest prices possible
 - d. A focus on luxury brands
6. True or False: A fashion buyer's decisions can significantly impact the profitability of a store or brand.
 - a. **True**
 - b. False

Lesson Four – Retail Merchandiser

Lesson Overview

This lesson will introduce participants to the role of retail merchandisers and the impact of store layout and product placement on customer behavior. Participants will learn to apply principles of visual merchandising to create a store layout that maximizes sales and enhances the shopping experience.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Understand the importance of store layout in retail merchandising
- Identify different store layout strategies and their effects on customer flow and behavior
- Create a detailed store layout using design principles that encourage purchases

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate Class Time
FOCUS	• <i>Retail Merchandiser</i> slide presentation	1. Prepare the <i>Retail Merchandiser</i> slide presentation for viewing.	15 minutes
LEARN	• Graph paper • Photos of existing store layouts for reference • Access to the internet for additional research • <i>Layout Draft Page</i> (student workbook)	1. Print/photocopy graph paper and <i>Layout Draft Page</i> (one of each per participant). 2. Prepare photos for viewing.	30 minutes
REVIEW	• Textiles and Fashion Apparel Career Scenario Cards • <i>Retail Merchandising Quiz</i> (student workbook) • <i>Retail Merchandising Quiz – Answer Key</i>	1. Prepare the “Listening” scenario card for discussion. 2. Print/photocopy <i>Retail Merchandising Quiz</i> (one per participant). 3. Prepare the <i>Retail Merchandising Quiz – Answer Key</i> for facilitator reference.	15 minutes

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FOCUS: Introduction to Retail Merchandising Strategies

15 minutes

Purpose:

Introduce participants to the strategic role of retail merchandising, focusing on how effective store layouts can influence customer behavior and enhance the shopping experience.

Materials:

- *Retail Merchandiser* slide presentation

Facilitation Steps:

1. Start the session by presenting slides one through three, covering key retail layout strategies.

Slide 2: Introduction to Retail Merchandising
An introduction to the importance of retail layout and its impact on sales.

Welcome to our exploration of retail merchandising.

Today, we'll discover the pivotal role of retail merchandisers in shaping the customer's in-store experience and driving sales.

Merchandisers are strategic planners and visual storytellers who make data-driven decisions to highlight products and optimize the layout of a store.

Slide 3: Store Layout Strategies
Discuss grid, free-flow, racetrack, and boutique layouts, providing examples of each.

Let's delve into store layout strategies. The grid layout is common in grocery stores, where aisles are arranged for high efficiency. The free-flow layout offers a more relaxed browsing experience, often used in boutiques. The racetrack, or loop, layout guides customers along a path, ensuring they're exposed to a wide variety of products. The boutique layout

focuses on creating thematic, intimate spaces within a store.

2. Continue through the slides, focusing on how different layouts can guide and influence customer movement, product interaction, and the overall shopping experience.

Slide 4: Customer Behavior and Store Layout
Explain how the chosen layout strategy should aim to optimize customer flow and visibility of products, encouraging purchases.

Store layouts are more than just floor plans; they're psychological maps that influence consumer behavior. A well-designed layout can lead to increased dwell time, encourage impulse buys, and even improve overall satisfaction.

We'll look at some examples of how stores have modified their layouts to drive specific shopping behaviors and increase sales.

Case Study 1: The Impulse Buy Initiative
Background: A mid-sized department store noticed that, despite high foot traffic, sales figures were not meeting targets. The store's layout was a traditional grid pattern, which efficiently guided customers to their desired sections but did not encourage browsing.

Challenge: The primary challenge was to redesign the store layout to increase impulse buying, particularly near the checkout areas, which had been underutilized spaces.

Solution: The store introduced a racetrack layout that directed customers past a curated selection of high-margin, impulse-buy items before they reached the checkout counters. The store strategically placed eye-catching displays and seasonal products to grab attention.

Result: The store saw a 25% increase in impulse purchases within the first quarter post-redesign. Customer dwell time increased as

people enjoyed discovering new products along their path to the checkout, leading to higher overall satisfaction and sales.

Case Study 2: The Experiential Space

Background: A boutique with a free-flow layout was popular among customers for its unique shopping experience but was not maximizing the potential of customer engagement with its products.

Challenge: The boutique needed to revamp its store design to create more interactive and engaging experiences that would encourage customers to connect with the brand and its products.

Solution: The boutique integrated interactive elements, like touchscreen displays, that provided style suggestions when a product was scanned. Lounge areas were placed adjacent to these displays for customers to relax and discuss products.

Result: Sales increased by 18% with customers spending more time in the store. The interactive displays and lounge areas led to higher engagement levels, fostering a community feel that translated into repeat visits and increased loyalty.

Case Study 3: Maximizing Visibility for Key Products

Background: An electronics store was struggling to highlight its wide array of products effectively. Important items were getting lost in the vast grid layout of the store.

Challenge: The store needed to enhance the visibility of new and high-ticket items without a complete overhaul of the existing layout.

Solution: The store introduced endcaps featuring new releases and high-ticket items at the end of each aisle. They used bright, contrasting colors and dynamic lighting to draw attention. The store slightly adjusted pathways to lead customers through these highlighted areas.

Result: The store experienced a 15% increase in sales for the featured products. The slight adjustments to the pathways did not disrupt the overall flow but successfully brought attention to the products that the store aimed to highlight.

Slide 5: Product Placement Principles

Detail the principles of product placement, such as placing high-demand products at the back and using endcaps effectively for promotions.

Effective product placement is both an art and a science. By positioning high-demand items at the back, stores can draw customers through their space, increasing the likelihood of additional purchases. Endcaps are prime real estate for promotional items, while impulse buys are strategically placed where customers are most likely to make spontaneous decisions.

3. Conclude the FOCUS section with an explanation of the psychological factors involved in retail merchandising and how visual merchandising can complement the store's layout.

Slide 6: Visual Merchandising

Highlight the role of visual merchandising in creating an attractive and engaging store environment, discussing the use of lighting, color, and signage.

Visual merchandising enhances the aesthetics of product displays to make them more attractive and engaging. It's not just about beauty; it's about creating an environment that speaks to the customer's senses.

Proper lighting, thoughtful color schemes, and clear signage all play a critical role in guiding customers and improving product visibility.

4. Transition to the upcoming LEARN activity, where participants will create their store layout on scaled whiteboards, applying the principles discussed in the FOCUS section.

Slide 7: From Theory to Practice

Brief participants on the next activity, emphasizing that they will need to consider the customer's journey through the store and how the layout can facilitate an intuitive and pleasant shopping experience.

To recap, we've covered the essentials of retail merchandising, from store layout to the impact of visual and technological enhancements. Up next, you'll have the opportunity to apply these concepts. You'll create your own store layout, considering all the elements we've discussed to craft a space that's not just shoppable but memorable.

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LEARN: Designing an Effective Store Layout

30 minutes

Purpose:

Put the principles of retail merchandising into practice. Participants will create their own store layouts, considering customer flow, product visibility, and strategic placement to maximize sales potential.

Materials:

- Graph paper
- *Layout Draft Page* (student workbook)
- Photos of existing store layouts for reference
- Access to the internet for additional research

Facilitation Steps:

1. Begin by revisiting the key retail layout strategies discussed in the FOCUS section, encouraging participants to consider these as they design their own layouts.
2. Distribute the *Layout Draft Page* and writing instruments. Explain that the paper is for drafting their ideas. You can print free graph paper from many links, but here is one:
<https://print-graph-paper.com/Default/DownloadGraph?units=.25&unit=in&paperSize=letter&orientation=portrait&act=print>
3. Instruct participants to draw a basic floor plan on their graph paper, marking out entrances, exits, pathways, key areas like checkout counters, fitting rooms, and promotional spaces.
4. Guide participants through the process of placing printed product images on their layouts, using sticky notes to label different zones and categories. Emphasize the importance of product placement in relation to customer flow and the overall shopping experience.
5. Encourage participants to incorporate elements from the photos of existing layouts and any additional strategies they find during their online research.
6. As participants work on their layouts, walk around to help, answer questions, and provide feedback. Encourage them to think critically about why they're placing items in certain areas and how each decision might affect consumer behavior.
7. Once the layouts are complete, ask participants to place their plans where the entire class can see them, facilitating a walk-a round critique session.
8. During this session, prompt participants to explain the reasoning behind their layout choices and to discuss how their design would influence customer interaction and purchase behavior.
9. Conclude the activity by reinforcing how each element of the store layout, from the overall flow to the placement of individual products, works together to create an environment that is conducive to shopping and reflects the brand's identity.

Lesson Four – Retail Merchandising

REVIEW: Scenario Discussion and Merchandising Quiz

15 minutes

Purpose:

Reinforce the concepts learned during the lesson by applying them to real-world scenarios and evaluate the participants' understanding through a quiz.

Materials:

- “Listening” scenario card
- *Retail Merchandising Quiz* (student workbook)
- *Retail Merchandising Quiz – Answer Key*

Facilitation Steps:

1. Spend five minutes on the scenario card activity. Display the scenario card and read it aloud.
2. Ask participants to discuss with a partner how they would manage the situation.
3. Encourage participants to consider how real-world situations impact their actions.
4. Facilitate a brief discussion, allowing participants to share their thoughts and insights on adapting to meet various challenges.
5. Transition to the quiz portion of the lesson.
6. Allocate 10 minutes for participants to complete the *Retail Merchandising Quiz*. Ensure they understand that the quiz will assess their knowledge of retail merchandising concepts covered in the lesson.
7. As participants work on the quiz, circulate the room to help as needed and ensure that they're staying on task.
8. At the end of the quiz, collect the results for assessment. Offer to discuss answers and provide feedback in the next session or at a designated review time.
9. Wrap up the lesson by emphasizing key takeaways from the lesson's activities and discussing how the skills they practiced are relevant to a career in retail merchandising.
10. Save participants' quiz responses for grading and future reference, noting any shared areas of misunderstanding that may need to be addressed in follow-up lessons.

Retail Merchandising Quiz – Answer Key

1. What is the primary goal of a retail merchandiser?
 - a. To manage the store's finances
 - b. To design the store's window displays
 - c. **To optimize the shopping experience and maximize sales**
 - d. To manage customer service inquiries
2. True or False: The grid layout is best suited for stores where customers prefer to browse and explore.
 - a. True
 - b. **False**
3. Which of the following is NOT a common store layout strategy?
 - a. Free flow
 - b. Grid
 - c. Racetrack
 - d. **Scatter**
4. Effective product placement should:
 - a. Only focus on aesthetic appeal
 - b. **Encourage impulse purchases**
 - c. Be random to surprise the customer
 - d. Always place the cheapest items at the front
5. True or False: High-demand items should be placed towards the back of the store to encourage customers to view more products.
 - a. **True**
 - b. False
6. Visual merchandising includes all the following EXCEPT:
 - a. Product displays
 - b. Store lighting
 - c. Employee uniforms
 - d. **The store's music playlist**
7. The primary reason for using different colors in a store's layout is to:
 - a. Follow the brand's favorite colors
 - b. **Influence customer mood and behavior**
 - c. Only to differentiate various sections of the store
 - d. Make the store look bigger
8. True or False: Technology in retail merchandising is only used for inventory management.
 - a. True
 - b. **False**

Lesson Five – Stylist

Lesson Overview

Becoming a stylist involves understanding the impact of apparel on self-confidence and the appropriate selection of outfits for various events. This lesson focuses on outfit creation, helping participants apply their knowledge of textiles and design principles to assemble event-specific attire.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Understand the role of a stylist in event outfit selection
- Analyze the importance of apparel in boosting self-confidence
- Use scenario cards to create outfits suitable for different events
- Select textiles appropriate for the style, theme, and function of the event
- Demonstrate creativity and practical understanding in outfit creation

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate Class Time
FOCUS	• <i>Self-Confidence Scenario Journal</i> (student workbook) • Textiles and Fashion Apparel Career Scenario Cards • <i>Stylist</i> slide presentation	1. Prepare the “Self-Confidence” scenario card for a journaling activity. 2. Print <i>Self-Confidence Scenario Journal</i> (one per participant). 3. Prepare the <i>Stylist</i> slide presentation for viewing.	10 minutes
LEARN	• <i>Event Scenarios</i> (student workbook) • <i>Textile Selection</i> (student workbook) • <i>Assembling Your Event Outfit</i> (student workbook) • Colored pencils • Sample textiles • Fashion magazines/portfolios for inspiration • <i>Stylist</i> slide presentation	1. Print/photocopy the <i>Textile Selection</i>, <i>Event Scenarios</i> and <i>Assembling Your Event Outfit</i> pages (one of each per participant). 2. Prepare the <i>Stylist</i> slide presentation for viewing.	35 minutes
REVIEW	• <i>Assembling Your Event Outfit</i> (student workbook) • <i>Stylist Quiz</i> (student workbook) • Colored pencils • <i>Stylist Quiz – Answer Key</i>	1. Print/photocopy the <i>Stylist Quiz</i> and <i>Assembling Your Event Outfit</i> page (one of each per participant). 2. Prepare the <i>Stylist Quiz – Answer Key</i> for facilitator reference.	15 minutes

Lesson Five – Stylist

FOCUS: Understanding the Stylist's Role and Self-Confidence in Apparel

10 minutes

Purpose:

Introduce participants to the crucial role of a stylist in the context of event outfit selection and the significant impact that apparel can have on an individual's self-confidence.

Materials:

- “Self-Confidence” scenario card
- *Self-Confidence Scenario Journal* (student workbook)
- *Stylist* slide presentation

Facilitation Steps:

1. Present the “Self-Confidence” scenario card to the class, reading it aloud to ensure understanding.
2. Invite participants to reflect individually on the scenario, considering the points of view of Layla, the president, Layla's manager, the and the customers.
3. Access the *Self-Confidence Scenario Journal* page. Guide a short journaling activity in which participants respond to the key questions, noting how they would navigate the training period, handle advice from different parties, and manage potential conflicts.

Key Questions for Journaling:

- Is this a form of harassment or just a way of trying to include Layla in the process?
 - What are the different ways that Layla could respond to the question?
 - How could Layla's body image issues affect the direction of the company in their planning meeting?
4. Begin the slide presentation, outlining the responsibilities and influence of a stylist in event preparation.

Slide 1: Introduction slide

Slide 2: Introduction to a Stylist's Role

Today, we'll dive into the pivotal role of a stylist. A stylist is more than just a fashion expert; they are architects of confidence, curating attire that complements the event and the individual's personality. Let's unpack how a stylist can bridge the gap between fashion and self-assurance, creating a harmonious look for any occasion.

Slide 3: The Impact of Apparel on Confidence

Moving forward, let's consider how the garments we select can transform our self-perception. The right outfit can be a powerful tool, influencing not only how we view ourselves but also how others perceive us. As stylists, understanding this psychological influence is key.

We must also be adept at selecting the appropriate style for each unique event, ensuring our clients feel confident and poised.

Explore the stylist's influence on client confidence and the importance of outfit selection for various events.

5. Facilitate a discussion on how apparel choices can affect self-perception and confidence. Use *The Stylist's Role* page in the student workbook as a guide for this conversation.

Self-confidence and Apparel Discussion Questions:

- How do you believe the clothes we wear can change our self-image and the way others perceive us?
- In what ways can a stylist enhance an individual's confidence through clothing choices for an event?

Slide 4: Versatility in Styling

To conclude this section, we'll discuss the significance of versatility in styling. Every event carries its own set of expectations and mood, and it's our job as stylists to tailor our approach accordingly. We aim not just to please the eye but to fortify the wearer's confidence. A well-chosen ensemble resonates with the client's personal style and the event's ambiance, culminating in an empowered and unforgettable presence.

Conclude the focus section by discussing the importance of understanding the event's nature, the client's personal style, and the psychological impact of the selected attire.

Versatility in Styling Discussion Questions:

- Why is it important for a stylist to be versatile in their approach to different types of events?
- How can a stylist ensure that the outfit chosen is not only aesthetically pleasing but also boosts the wearer's confidence?

Lesson Five – Stylist

LEARN: Textile Selection and Outfit Assembly

35 minutes

Purpose:

Enhance participants' ability to select appropriate textiles for various events and assemble outfits that are both aesthetically pleasing and confidence-boosting.

Materials:

- *Event Scenarios* (student workbook)
- *Textile Selection* (student workbook)
- *Assembling Your Event Outfit* (student workbook)
- Colored pencils
- Sample textiles
- Fashion magazines/portfolios for inspiration
- *Stylist* slide presentation

Facilitation Steps:

1. Discuss textile characteristics. Begin with the slide presentation, detailing different textiles, their properties, and suitability for various events.

Emphasize the impact of textile choice on the fit and feel of the outfit. Explain the importance of textiles in creating an outfit that resonates with the event's theme and enhances the wearer's confidence.

Slide 5: Natural Versus Synthetic Textiles
Let's begin by exploring the two main categories of textiles: natural and synthetic. Natural fibers, like cotton and silk, offer breathability and comfort, ideal for outdoor events or warmer climates.

Synthetic fibers, such as polyester, are durable and often wrinkle-resistant, making them suitable for events where long-lasting wear is important.

Consider the event's formality, the comfort necessary, and the climate when choosing between natural and synthetic.

Slide 6: Textile Durability and Comfort
Guide participants on how to consider factors like climate, indoor/outdoor setting, and formality when selecting textiles.

As we select textiles, we must assess durability and comfort. Will the fabric withstand an entire day of wear, or is it prone to tearing? Is it breathable enough to ensure comfort throughout the event? Think about the length of the event. For longer engagements, durability and comfort are key, while for shorter functions, you might prioritize style and impact.

Slide 7: Color Theory in Textile Selection
Color theory plays a pivotal role in textile selection. Warm tones can evoke feelings of passion and energy, ideal for lively events, while cool tones might be chosen for their calming effect at formal gatherings.

Consider the mood you want to set, how color psychology affects the perception of an outfit, and how the venue's lighting might interact with your textile color choices.

The right color can complement the event's theme and enhance the wearer's natural features, adding to the overall confidence.

Slide 8: The Impact of Texture and Drape on Outfit Aesthetics

Texture and drape are about how the fabric feels and falls on the body, which can add depth and movement to the outfit. A well-draped garment can flatter the body shape and add elegance, essential for formal events. Conversely, textured fabrics like brocade or tweed can introduce a tactile element, perfect for creating a statement piece. Align your fabric's texture and drape with the event's style to ensure your outfit choice enhances the wearer's presence and confidence.

By integrating these elements into your textile selection process, you create a foundation for outfits that are not just visually appealing but also resonate with the wearers, making them feel confident and at ease in their attire.

2. Outfit Assembly Discussion: Begin by having participants choose one event scenario for this activity.
3. Textile Matching Activity: Have participants use the *Textile Selection* page to pair different textiles with the specified scenario that they chose.
4. Facilitate a discussion using the *Assembling Your Event Outfit* page, focusing on how to choose garments that form a cohesive look.

Discuss the significance of assembling an outfit that aligns with the client's style and the psychological comfort provided by the chosen textiles.

5. Outfit Illustration and Explanation: Direct participants to illustrate their outfit choices using colored pencils and provide a rationale for their selections on the worksheet.

Encourage creativity in combining textiles and accessories, emphasizing how each element contributes to the overall aesthetic and the client's confidence.

6. Group Collaboration and Feedback: Invite participants to share their selections with the group and provide feedback on each other's textile choices and assembled outfits.

Highlight the importance of peer feedback in refining buying decisions and ensuring selections meet the client's needs and the event's requirements.

Lesson Five – Stylist

REVIEW: Assessing Outfit Choices and Knowledge

15 minutes

Purpose:

The aim of this section is to reflect on the outfit choices made by the participants and evaluate their grasp of the concepts covered in the lesson through a multiple-choice quiz.

Materials:

- *Assembling Your Event Outfit* (student workbook)
- *Stylist Quiz* (student workbook)
- Colored pencils
- *Stylist Quiz* – Answer Key

Facilitation Steps:

1. Outfit Presentation: Invite participants to present their outfit sketches. Ask them to explain the thought process behind their choices of textiles and styles, focusing on how these would influence the wearer's confidence and suitability for the event.
2. Stylist Quiz: Administer the quiz with questions related to key lesson points.
3. Review the correct answers to the *Stylist Quiz* with the group, providing explanations for each.
4. Use this time to address any misunderstandings and to reinforce learning objectives.

Stylist Quiz – Answer Key

1. What is the most crucial factor when selecting textiles for an outdoor summer event?
 - a. Color
 - b. Texture
 - c. **Breathability**
 - d. Price

2. As a stylist, what should be your primary consideration for outfit selection?
 - a. Current trends
 - b. **Personal style of the client**
 - c. The theme of the event
 - d. What other guests might wear

3. How does the color of a textile influence the mood of an outfit?
 - a. It has no significant impact.
 - b. **It can set the tone for the wearer's presence at the event**
 - c. It only matters if the color is in trend
 - d. It only affects the outfit during daytime events

4. Why is the fit of an outfit important for a client's confidence?
 - a. **A proper fit ensures the client is comfortable**
 - b. A well-fitted outfit is always more expensive
 - c. Fashion dictates that tighter clothing is better
 - d. Loose-fitting clothes are more stylish

5. What should a stylist prioritize when choosing an outfit for a black-tie yacht party?
 - a. Casual comfort above all
 - b. **The formality and elegance suitable for the occasion**
 - c. The most colorful outfit to stand out
 - d. The latest fashion trends, regardless of the event type

6. True or False: A stylist should consider the client's personal style and the specific requirements of the event when selecting an outfit.
 - a. **True**
 - b. False

7. True or False: Synthetic fabrics, like polyester, are always the best choice for outdoor events because they are durable.
 - a. True
 - b. **False**

8. True or False: The fit of an outfit does not have a significant impact on an individual's self-confidence.
 - a. True
 - b. **False**

Lesson Six – Textile Designer

Lesson Overview

Embark on a creative journey through the essentials of repeating pattern design. Participants will explore the foundational techniques of pattern repetition and learn how to bring their textile visions to life.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Comprehend the basics of creating repeating patterns
- Practice pattern development using tracing paper
- Digitize their designs for textile applications
- Evaluate their work and understand the principles applied

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate Class Time
FOCUS	• Pencil and paper for student journaling • Textiles and Fashion Apparel Career Scenario Cards • Tracing paper • <i>Textile Designer</i> slide presentation	1. Prepare the “Responsibility” scenario card for a journaling activity. 2. Gather materials for the journaling activity. 3. Prepare the <i>Textile Designer</i> slide presentation for viewing.	10 minutes
LEARN	• <i>Introduction to Repeating Patterns</i> (student workbook) • <i>Creating Your Own Repeating Pattern</i> (student workbook) • <i>Pattern Evaluation and Feedback</i> (student workbook) • Tracing paper	1. Prepare tracing paper. 2. Print/photocopy the <i>Introduction to Repeating Patterns</i>, <i>Creating Your Own Repeating Pattern</i>, and <i>Pattern Evaluation and Feedback</i> (one of each per participant).	40 minutes
REVIEW	• <i>Pattern Creation Quiz</i> (student workbook) • <i>Pattern Creation Quiz – Answer Key</i> • Textile designer videos	1. Print/photocopy the <i>Pattern Creation Quiz</i> (one per participant). 2. Access the <i>Pattern Creation Quiz - Answer Key</i>. 3. Prepare videos for viewing.	10-20 minutes

Lesson Six – Textile Designer

FOCUS: Understanding Pattern Repetition

10 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will be able to identify several types of repeating patterns in textile design. They will recognize the importance of pattern repetition for fabric continuity and apply basic principles to create a repeating design using tracing paper.

Materials:

- “Responsibility” scenario card
- Journaling materials for participants (notepads or digital devices)
- *Textile Designer* slide presentation

Facilitation Steps:

1. Present the “Responsibility” scenario card to the class, reading it aloud to ensure understanding.
2. Invite participants to reflect individually on the scenario, considering all points of view.
3. Guide a short journaling activity where participants respond to the key questions, noting how they would navigate the training period, handle advice from different parties, and manage potential conflicts.
4. Start with a five-minute presentation to highlight the critical role of repeating patterns in textile design.

Slide 2: Welcome to the World of Textile Design: The Art of Pattern Creation
Welcome, designers of tomorrow! Today, we embark on a creative journey into the heart of textile design - the art of pattern creation. Let's unlock the secrets of designs that repeat with harmony and purpose.

Slide 3: The Importance of Pattern Repetition
Why focus on repetition? Well, in the world of textiles, a well-designed pattern can travel from runway to living room. Repetition is key to

creating fabrics that tell a story, provide visual rhythm, and ensure continuity.

Slide 4: Types of Repeating Patterns

There are several types of repeating patterns, from the straightforward block repeat to the intricate half-drop. Each type brings its own flavor to the design, and mastering these will be your first step to becoming a pattern pro.

Slide 5: Principles of Pattern Design

Let's dive into the principles that form the backbone of pattern design. The motif is your building block, the repeat is how you arrange it, and the rhythm is the flow that brings it to life.

Slide 6: Using Tracing Paper for Patterns

Now, let's put pen to paper – tracing paper, that is. It's an invaluable tool for visualizing your patterns and ensuring they repeat flawlessly. You'll learn to rotate, flip, and align your motifs with precision.

Slide 7: Creating Your First Repeating Pattern

Ready to create your first repeating pattern? We'll start simple, focusing on getting that repeat just right. Remember, even the most complex patterns start with the basics.

Slide 8: Maintaining Continuity and Alignment

A seamless pattern is like a good story; it flows without interruption. We'll explore how to maintain continuity and alignment, ensuring that your pattern repeats without a hitch, no matter how many times it's replicated.

Slide 9: Review and Reflect

Let's take a moment to review. We've touched on the types of patterns, the core principles of design, and the hands-on creation process.

Now, ponder on how you can apply these skills to craft patterns that resonate with your unique design voice.

Slide 10: What's Next?

Today is just the beginning. As you unfold your design journey, remember that practice makes patterns perfect. Keep exploring, keep creating, and let your designs tell a story that's distinctly yours.

5. Spend the next five minutes guiding participants through a tracing paper activity, encouraging them to experiment with creating their own repeating patterns.
6. Wrap up the focus section by reiterating the key concepts learned and setting the stage for the next part of the lesson.

Key Questions for Journaling:

- While frustrations often happen within this industry, what are some tactics for employers to manage their frustrations without alienating employees?
- Should this occurrence be considered normal for your industry?
- If so, what could be done to mitigate the effects?

Lesson Six – Textile Designer

LEARN: Designing Repeating Patterns

40 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will engage in hands-on pattern creation, applying principles of design to develop repeating patterns using tracing paper. This will enhance their understanding of pattern continuity and the transition from paper to digital format.

Materials:

- *Introduction to Repeating Patterns* (student workbook)
- *Creating Your Own Repeating Pattern* (student workbook)
- *Pattern Evaluation and Feedback* (student workbook)
- Tracing paper
- Pencils and erasers

Facilitation Steps:

1. Introduction to Pattern Design: Briefly review the types of repeating patterns and their significance in textile design.

2. Tracing Paper Activity: Participants use tracing paper to manually create their own repeating patterns. Circulate to provide guidance and ensure understanding of pattern continuity.
3. Digitization Overview: Introduce the basics of rendering patterns in digital format using design software.
4. Digital Rendering Practice: Participants begin translating their tracing paper designs into digital patterns. Provide one-on-one support as participants navigate the software.

Wrap up the session by reinforcing the importance of a buyer's choices and their impact on the business's success.

5. After the Session: Encourage participants to consider how the skills and knowledge they've practiced apply to real-world fashion buying scenarios.

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Introduction to Repeating Patterns – Answer Key

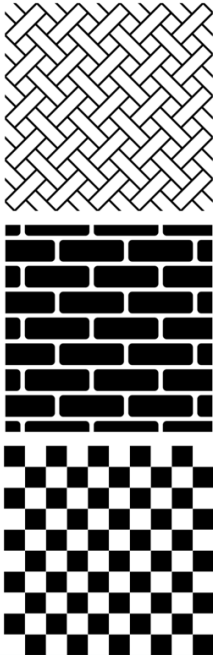
Instructions: Read the brief explanation below and observe the examples of repeating patterns provided. Identify the type of repeat used in each example (block, brick, half-drop, etc.).

Repeating patterns are designs that are meant to be repeated seamlessly, both horizontally and vertically. Common types of repeats include:

- **Block Repeat:** The design is repeated directly below and beside the original
- **Brick Repeat:** The design is offset horizontally, similar to laying bricks
- **Half-Drop Repeat:** The design is offset vertically and horizontally, creating a diagonal effect

Below are examples of each type of pattern. Label each pattern with the correct type of repeat.

Example Patterns:

	Half Drop
	Brick
	Block Repeat

Lesson Six – Textile Designer

REVIEW: Assessing Your Pattern Creation Skills

10-20 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will reflect on what they've learned about creating repeating patterns using tracing paper and digitizing their designs. This review will reinforce their understanding through a quiz.

Materials:

- *Pattern Creation Quiz* (student workbook)
- *Pattern Creation Quiz – Answer Key*
- Textile designer videos

Facilitation Steps:

1. Access the *Pattern Creation Quiz* and allocate a set time for completion.
2. Collect the quizzes and go through the answers as a class. Use the answer key to provide immediate feedback, highlighting common misconceptions or errors.

3. Share a few brief videos on what it's like to be a textile designer. Here are a few to consider:

How to Get Started in Textiles and Surface Design

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dp-yP_GapU

Meet Lindsey Tyson Textile Artist and Designer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySXuO8pnxT8>

Interview with Textile Designer Tiffany Loy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2uUINZNTxg>

Pattern Creation Quiz – Answer Key

Instructions: Circle the correct answer.

1. What type of pattern repeat aligns the motifs directly next to and below each other?
 - a. **Block repeat**
 - b. Brick repeat
 - c. Half-drop repeat
 - d. Random repeat

2. When using tracing paper to create a pattern, what is important to ensure seamless repetition?
 - a. Bright colors
 - b. Heavy pencil marks
 - c. **Proper alignment of edges**
 - d. Use of a single motif

3. Which digital tool is NOT typically used for pattern creation?
 - a. Adobe Illustrator
 - b. **Microsoft Word**
 - c. A graphics tablet
 - d. Design software

4. What should you do if your pattern does not align correctly when digitized?
 - a. Start over with a new design
 - b. **Adjust the spacing and alignment using design software**
 - c. Ignore the misalignment
 - d. Print and manually cut out the pattern

Lesson Seven – Visual Merchandiser

Lesson Overview

This lesson focuses on the craft of visual merchandising, specifically creating an eye-catching window display using a mini manikin. Participants will explore the fundamentals of display aesthetics, the strategic use of space within a clear display box, and the effective employment of manikins to captivate an audience and enhance the appeal of products.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Conceptualize and plan a window display theme
- Understand the role of manikins in displaying apparel and accessories
- Arrange items within a clear display box to maximize visual impact
- Apply visual merchandising principles to create a compelling narrative

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate Class Time
FOCUS	• <i>Visual Merchandiser</i> slide presentation • <i>Visual Merchandiser Guided Notes</i> (student workbook)	1. Prepare the <i>Visual Merchandiser</i> slide presentation for viewing. 2. Print/photocopy <i>Visual Merchandiser Guided Notes</i> (one per participant).	15-25 minutes
LEARN	• Clear display box • Mini manikin • Assorted fabrics and accessories (not included in the kit)	1. Set up the clear display boxes and mini manikins for the activity. 2. Have assorted fabrics and accessories available for use.	35-60 minutes
REVIEW	• <i>Visual Merchandiser Quiz</i> • <i>Visual Merchandiser Quiz – Answer Key</i> • <i>Visual Merchandiser</i> slide presentation	1. Print/photocopy <i>Visual Merchandiser Quiz</i> (one per participant). 2. Access the quiz's answer key.	10 minutes

Lesson Seven – Visual Merchandiser

FOCUS: Window Display Essentials

15-25 minutes

Purpose:

In this section of the lesson, participants are equipped with the foundational knowledge needed to begin conceptualizing their window displays. As they absorb these essentials, they're setting the stage for the hands-on learning to come.

Materials:

- *Visual Merchandiser* slide presentation
- *Visual Merchandiser Guided Notes* (student workbook)

Facilitation Steps:

1. Present the slides, allowing for brief discussions after each to ensure comprehension and engagement.

Slide 1: Introduction slide

Slide 2: Introduction to Window Displays

Welcome to the world of visual merchandising, where your creativity becomes the silent seller. Today, we'll unveil how a window display can create captivating first impressions and draw customers into a brand's story.

Slide 3: Window Display Goals

A window display has three key goals: to engage the customer's interest, entice them into the store, and educate them about the products and the brand's image. Keep these goals in mind as we craft our miniature displays.

Slide 4: Role of Manikins in Displays

Manikins serve as silent ambassadors, bringing clothing and accessories to life. They show how the items fit, move, and exist in a three-dimensional space, helping customers envision themselves in the same attire.

Slide 5: Composition and Layout

Composition is your layout's storyline. It's about balancing products, manikins, and props to guide the customer's eye naturally through the display. Your goal is to create a visual narrative that resonates with onlookers.

Slide 6: Lighting and Color

Lighting and color can set the mood, highlight key products, and create ambiance. Use them strategically to emphasize the most essential elements of your display.

Slide 7: Clear Display Box Techniques

Think of the clear display box as your stage. Within its transparent walls, every placement is intentional, from the backdrop to the positioning of the mini manikin. It's where your merchandising tale comes to life.

2. Encourage participants to take notes, especially on aspects they may want to incorporate into their window display designs.
3. After the presentation, give participants a few minutes to reflect and jot down initial ideas for their own window display concept using the clear display box and mini manikin.
4. Share a few short window display videos. Here are a couple to choose from:

[Small Store Window Display - Design Tips \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

[Fashion Window Display -TJX Canada, NautiCOOL \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Lesson Seven – Visual Merchandiser

LEARN: Creating Your Mini Window Display

35-60 minutes

Purpose:

This hands-on activity will not only help participants understand the concepts of visual merchandising but also allow them to express their creativity and apply what they've learned practically.

It's about bringing the essence of the brand and the appeal of the products to life in a small yet significant space.

Materials:

- Clear display box
- Mini manikin
- Assorted fabrics and accessories

Facilitation Steps:

1. **Theme Selection:** Start by having participants select a theme for their window display. Themes could range from seasonal or holiday-specific to fashion trends or promotional events.
2. **Designing the Display:** Guide participants through the process of arranging their mini manikin within the clear display box. Encourage them to consider the background, base, and positioning of the manikin as they work.
3. **Accessorizing and Detailing:** Instruct participants on how to choose and arrange accessories around the mini manikin to complement the clothing and enhance the theme.

Discuss the importance of color schemes, fabric textures, and accessory choices in creating a cohesive look.
4. **Application of Visual Merchandising Principles:** As the participants work on their displays, reiterate key visual merchandising principles, such as focal points, balance, and simplicity versus complexity.

Encourage participants to view their display from different angles to ensure its visually compelling from all perspectives.

5. **Peer Feedback:** Have participants present their window display to a partner or small group for feedback. Prompt them to discuss what they did well and what could be improved, referencing specific visual merchandising principles.

Notes:

- Walk around the room, providing individual guidance and feedback to reinforce the learning objectives
- Encourage participants to think like a customer and consider what would attract them to the display
- Allow participants to share their thought process and the reasoning behind their design choices with the class, fostering a collaborative learning environment

Lesson Seven – Visual Merchandiser

REVIEW: Window Display Mastery Quiz

10 minutes

Purpose:

Assess the participants' understanding of the key concepts covered in the lesson and provide an opportunity for them to articulate their design process and decisions.

Materials:

- *Visual Merchandiser Quiz*
- *Visual Merchandiser Quiz – Answer Key*
- *Visual Merchandiser* slide presentation

Facilitation Steps:

1. Distribute the *Visual Merchandiser Quiz* to each participant, ensuring everyone has a pen or pencil to complete it. Before starting the quiz, remind participants of the importance of honesty and doing their best work as the quiz is a tool to help them gauge their own learning.
2. Encourage participants to answer the questions based on their understanding, without the aid of notes or the slide presentation, to truly reflect on the knowledge they've retained.
3. Provide a brief recap using the slide presentation. Highlight the main principles of visual merchandising, the significance of window displays, the use of manikins, composition, lighting, and color schemes.
4. Allow participants to complete the quiz independently. Remind them that this is an opportunity to reflect on what they've learned and to confirm their understanding of the material.
5. Once completed, collect the quizzes for grading or, if preferred, conduct a peer review where participants exchange quizzes to mark each other's work under facilitator guidance.
6. After the quiz, you can choose to go over the answers as a group to provide immediate feedback and clarify any misconceptions. Use the answer key to ensure consistent grading if conducting peer review and instruct participants on how to provide constructive feedback if they spot any incorrect answers.
7. Keep the atmosphere positive and focused on growth and understanding rather than just correct answers.
8. If time permits, briefly discuss the correct answers and reasoning behind them once all quizzes have been reviewed to reinforce key concepts. Address any shared areas of confusion.

Visual Merchandiser Quiz – Answer Key

Instructions: Circle the correct answer.

1. What is the primary purpose of a window display?
 - a. To inform about the price
 - b. To clear inventory
 - c. **To attract and engage customers**
 - d. To fill empty space

2. When arranging a display, what aspect is most important?
 - a. Color coordination
 - b. Theme consistency
 - c. Product placement
 - d. **All the above**

3. How should a mini manikin be positioned to maximize the display's impact?
 - a. In the center of the display box
 - b. At the back of the display box
 - c. **In a dynamic, lifelike pose**
 - d. Lying down

4. What can be used alongside a mini manikin to enhance a window display?
 - a. Bright lighting only
 - b. Only the store's newest products
 - c. **A variety of props and backgrounds**
 - d. Nothing; the manikin should be alone

Lesson Eight – Influencer Marketing Manager

Lesson Overview

This lesson will introduce the participants to the role of an influencer marketing manager in creating an effective brand pitch deck. We'll cover the essentials of storytelling within a pitch, how to capture an audience's attention, and how to tailor a message that resonates with both influencers and their followers.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Understand the components of a compelling brand pitch deck
- Develop a storyboard for a brand campaign
- Analyze the impact of influencer marketing strategies
- Design a pitch deck tailored for a specific influencer collaboration

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate Class Time
FOCUS	• Pencil and paper for student journaling • Textiles and Fashion Apparel Career Scenario Cards • <i>Influencer Marketing Manager</i> slide presentation • <i>Template for Brand Pitch Deck</i> (student workbook)	1. Display the “Communication” scenario card and prepare for the journaling activity. 2. Prepare <i>Influencer Marketing Manager</i> slide presentation.	15 minutes
LEARN	• <i>Template for Brand Pitch Deck</i> (student workbook) • Sample brand pitch decks for reference • Markers, pens, and other writing utensils • Additional art supplies for creative expression (optional)	1. Print/photocopy the <i>Template for Brand Pitch Deck</i> (one per participant). 2. Prepare sample brand pitch decks and videos for viewing/sharing.	45 minutes
REVIEW	• <i>Influencer Marketing Quiz</i> (student workbook) • <i>Influencer Marketing Quiz – Answer Key</i>	1. Print/photocopy the <i>Influencer Marketing Quiz</i> page (one per participant). 2. Access the quiz's answer key.	15 minutes

Lesson Eight – Influencer Marketing Manager

FOCUS: Crafting the Story for Your Brand Pitch Deck

15 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will learn the importance of storytelling in creating a brand pitch deck, specifically how to engage influencers with a narrative that aligns with their personal brand and resonates with their audience.

Materials:

- Textiles and Fashion Apparel Career Scenario Cards (Communication card)
- Journaling materials for students (notepads or digital devices)
- *Influencer Marketing Manager* slide presentation
- *Template for Brand Pitch Deck* (student workbook)

Facilitation Steps:

1. Present the “Communication” scenario card to the class, reading it aloud to ensure understanding.
2. Invite participants to reflect individually on the scenario, considering the different points of view.
3. Guide a short journaling activity in which participants respond to the key questions, noting how they would navigate the situation.
4. Introduce the session with the slide presentation, highlighting the critical role of a cohesive narrative in brand pitch decks.

Slide 1: Introduction slide

Slide 2: Welcome to Influencer Marketing
Welcome, future marketing mavens! Today, we delve into the heart of influencer marketing. It’s not just about products and

promotions; it’s about stories that resonate, connect, and engage.

Slide 3: The Power of Storytelling

Every brand has a story. A pitch deck isn’t just data and figures; it’s an invitation to a journey. Your narrative should captivate influencers and, through them, their audience.

Slide 4: Understanding the Influencer’s Role

Slide 5: Components of a Brand Pitch Deck

A great pitch deck has a mix of inspiration, information, and invitation. It should inspire with vision, inform with facts, and invite collaboration with clear calls to action.

Slide 6: Crafting Your Story

Now, let’s piece together your brand’s journey. A storyboard is a visual plot of your pitch, highlighting the flow of the narrative from introduction to conclusion.

Slide 7: Aligning with the Influencer

Alignment is key. Your brand’s story should harmonize with the influencer’s persona. This constructive collaboration is what creates a compelling and authentic marketing message.

Slide 8: Audience Impact

Remember, the influencer’s audience is your central character. Your story should be told in a way that it becomes their story, experience, and journey.

5. Explain the elements that make up an effective pitch deck, using examples from successful influencer collaborations.

Slide 9: Storyboard Template Introduction

Let's introduce the storyboard template.

This is your blueprint. Here, you'll sketch the outline of your pitch, frame by frame, capturing the essence of your brand's story.

6. Distribute the storyboard templates and explain how they will be used in the upcoming activity to map out their brand's story.

Lesson Eight – Influencer Marketing Manager

LEARN: Crafting Your Brand Pitch Deck

45 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will learn how to conceptualize and construct a brand pitch deck using a storyboard approach. By the end of the activity, they should be able to create a visual narrative that aligns with a chosen influencer's brand and can captivate their audience.

Materials:

- *Template for Brand Pitch Deck* (student workbook)
- Sample brand pitch decks for reference
- Markers, pens, and other writing utensils
- Additional art supplies for creative expression (optional)

Facilitation Steps:

1. Introduction to Storyboarding: Begin with a brief explanation of what a storyboard is and its importance in planning a brand pitch deck.
2. Analyzing Sample Pitch Decks: Invite participants to examine the sample brand pitch decks provided. Sample brand pitch decks for reference can be found directly on the websites of marketing agencies that specialize in influencer marketing. These platforms often feature case studies and pitch decks from successful campaigns, which can serve as excellent references for structure, content, and design inspiration.
3. Storyboard Creation: Have participants use the template to start creating the narrative for their brand's pitch deck. Instruct them to consider their target audience, choose an influencer whose brand aligns with their campaign goals, and map out the sequence of content.
4. Encourage participants to sketch or describe key visuals for each part of their story, including the introduction, problem/opportunity, solution, influencer connection, and audience engagement.
5. Optional: Here are a few videos that show how to put together a brand pitch deck.

Pitching Your Fashion Brand to Investors
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xvre-MReUe8>

The Most Interesting Fashion Business Pitch You Will Ever See
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDSS7PXgIbY>

What Do Investors Look for In Independent Fashion Brands
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUNIFkpmm2M>

Encourage students to note the storytelling techniques, clarity of messaging, and visual presentation used in these successful examples.

Here is one example of a brand pitch deck website that has several:

<https://pitchdeck.com/portfolio/>

Lesson Eight – Influencer Marketing Manager

REVIEW: Influencer Marketing Pitch Quiz

15 minutes

Purpose:

The aim of this section is to reflect on the participants' pitch deck and evaluate their grasp of the concepts covered in the lesson through a multiple-choice quiz.

Materials:

- *Influencer Marketing Quiz* (student workbook)
- *Influencer Marketing Quiz – Answer Key*

Facilitation Steps:

1. Give each student the *Influencer Marketing Quiz*. Allow for five minutes to complete the questions.
2. Review the correct answers with participants, providing explanations for each. You may choose to have participants peer-grade, self-grade, or turn them in.
3. Use this time to address any additional questions participants may have about what an influencer marketing manager does.

Influencer Marketing Quiz – Answer Key

Instructions: Circle the correct answer.

1. What is the primary goal of a brand pitch deck in influencer marketing?
 - a. To highlight the technical specifications of a product
 - b. **To secure a partnership with an influencer**
 - c. To compare the brand with its competitors
 - d. To detail the financial performance of the brand
2. Which of the following is crucial for creating a brand campaign's storyboard?
 - a. Using complex jargon to impress viewers
 - b. Including detailed financial projections
 - c. **Developing a clear narrative that aligns with the brand's message**
 - d. Focusing solely on the product's features
3. When tailoring a pitch to an influencer, what must be considered?
 - a. Only the number of followers the influencer has
 - b. **The influencer's personal brand and audience**
 - c. The influencer's favorite colors to ensure visual appeal
 - d. The cost per post the influencer charges
4. What role does storytelling play in a brand pitch deck?
 - a. It's unnecessary if the product is good
 - b. It helps fill up space in the pitch deck
 - c. **It engages and connects the audience with the brand's journey**
 - d. It serves to display data and statistics in a detailed manner
5. How can a brand pitch deck impact an influencer's decision to collaborate?
 - a. By focusing solely on the monetary benefits
 - b. **Through a compelling narrative that aligns with their personal brand and interests**
 - c. By offering exclusive rights to the product
 - d. By detailing the legal requirements of the partnership
6. What is a storyboard template used for in the context of crafting a brand pitch deck?
 - a. To outline the financial plan of the marketing campaign

- b. To map out the narrative flow and visual elements of the pitch**
 - c. To list all the influencers in the target niche
 - d. To calculate the expected ROI from the influencer partnership
- 7. Why is it important to align the brand's story with the influencer's persona?
 - a. It ensures legal compliance
 - b. It guarantees an increase in sales
 - c. It creates a more authentic and persuasive marketing message**
 - d. It simplifies the pitch deck creation process
- 8. What is the role of visual elements in a brand pitch deck?
 - a. To make the deck longer
 - b. To convey the brand's message and values in an engaging way**
 - c. To distract from the lack of content
 - d. To highlight the brand's logo on every slide

Lesson Nine – Textile Technologist

Lesson Overview

In this lesson, we will explore the fascinating world of textile technology, delving into the essence and intricacies of this field. Participants will unravel the comprehensive duties and insights required of a textile technologist, examine the sophisticated processes and technologies pivotal in textile creation and assessment, and weave together the critical skills and educational pathways necessary to forge a career in textile technology.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Unravel the intricate role and responsibilities of a textile technologist
- Inspect the detailed process and technology behind textile production and examination
- Thread together the necessary skills and qualifications for a career in textile technology

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate Class Time
FOCUS	• Textiles and Apparel Technology Scenario Cards • Journaling materials for participants (notepads or digital devices) • <i>Textile Technology Revealed</i> (student workbook) • Textile sample sets	1. Set the stage with textile samples. 2. Arrange the classroom for the discovery session. 3. Prepare the “Technology” scenario card for a journaling activity.	15 minutes
LEARN	• Pocket microscopes • <i>Examining the Textiles</i> (student workbook) • <i>Textile Technologist</i> slide presentation • Textile sample sets	1. Prepare <i>Textile Technologist</i> slide presentation for viewing. 2. Print/photocopy the <i>Examining the Textiles</i> pages from the student workbook (one per participant). 3. Display/assign microscopes and textile sample sets to each group.	30-45 minutes
REVIEW	• <i>Textile Technologist Quiz</i> (student workbook) • <i>Textile Technologist Quiz</i> – Answer Key	1. Print/photocopy <i>Textile Technologist Quiz</i> (one per participant). 2. Prepare the answer key for the <i>Textile Technologist Quiz</i> for facilitator reference.	10 minutes

Lesson Nine – Textile Technologist

FOCUS: Introduction to Textile Technology

15 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will learn to kindle curiosity and impart foundational knowledge on textile types and their unique properties.

Materials:

- “Technology” scenario card
- Journaling materials for students (notepads or digital devices)
- *Textile Technology Revealed* (student workbook)
- Textile sample sets

Facilitation Steps:

1. Present the “Technology” scenario card to the class, reading it aloud to ensure understanding. Display it on a document projector or make copies for students to access.
2. Invite participants to reflect individually on the scenario, considering the different points of view.
3. Guide a short journaling activity where participants respond to the key questions, noting how they would navigate the situation.
4. Begin with a tactile session, allowing participants to touch and feel different textile samples, noting differences.

5. Access the *Textile Technology Revealed* page from the student workbook and review basic information on textile materials and properties.

Optional: You may also share a short textile technology video. Here are a few to consider:

Technical Textile (6:58)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFB9cBgcomc>

Revolutionizing Sportswear with Textile Technology: A Deep Dive into the Latest Innovations (9:29)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBsPT8FgUTc>

What are Smart Textiles? (5:19)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CudqxoNfTKw>

Lesson Nine – Textile Technologist

LEARN: The Microscopic World of Textiles

30-45 minutes

Purpose:

This segment of the lesson dives into the microscopic details that define textiles, offering participants a unique perspective on fabric analysis. By engaging with microscopes and curated materials, participants will gain hands-on experience in identifying and evaluating the structural qualities of different textiles.

The activity aims to equip participants with the analytical skills necessary to understand the role of a textile technologist in assessing fabric properties and making informed decisions in textile production and selection, enhancing their ability to apply theoretical knowledge to practical scenarios.

Materials:

- Pocket microscopes
- *Examining the Textiles* (student workbook)
- *Textile Technologist* slide presentation
- Textile sample sets

Facilitation Steps:

1. Begin by sharing the presentation, shedding light on the role of a textile technologist in separate phases of textile production.

Slide 1: Introduction slide

Slide 2: Unraveling the Fabric of Innovation
Today, we'll explore the vibrant world of textile technology, from its roots to the latest innovations.

Slide 3: Introduction to Textile Technology
Textile Technology is a blend of tradition and innovation. It's everywhere, from the clothes we wear to the cars we drive. This field isn't just about fashion; it's about solving real-world problems through design, engineering, and chemistry.

Slide 4: The History of Textile Technology

Textile technology has a rich history, evolving from hand-weaving in ancient times to the high-tech production methods of today. Imagine transitioning from the slow, manual loom to today's automated and digital textile printing. This journey reflects human innovation and cultural evolution.

Slide 5: Education and Background

Becoming a textile technologist requires a diverse skill set. A solid foundation in subjects like material science, chemistry, and even computer science is crucial.

Creativity and problem-solving are just as important as technical knowledge in this field.

Slide 6: The Textile Technologist's Toolbox

Textile Technologists use a wide range of tools, from traditional looms to modern 3D printing and AI-driven design software. These tools allow for precision, creativity, and efficiency in fabric production.

Slide 7: From Fiber to Fabric

Let's delve into the textile production process. It begins with spinning, where raw fibers are transformed into yarn. Then, in weaving or knitting, yarn becomes fabric. Finally, dyeing and finishing give the fabric color and texture. Each stage requires meticulous attention to detail and technical expertise.

Slide 8: Innovations in Textile Technology

Innovation drives the textile industry. Smart textiles can change color or monitor health, while sustainable processes are revolutionizing how we think about fabric production. These innovations respond to consumer needs and environmental challenges.

Slide 9: Quality Control and Texting

Quality is paramount in textiles. Textile technologists perform tests to ensure fabrics meet lofty standards of strength, colorfastness, and comfort. This step is crucial to delivering safe and durable products to consumers.

Slide 10: Sustainability and Ethics

The textile industry faces significant sustainability and ethical challenges. Water usage, waste, and labor practices are critical issues. As Textile Technologists, we have a responsibility to advocate for and develop more sustainable and ethical practices.

Slide 11: Career Pathways in Textile Technology

A career in textile technology can be diverse and fulfilling. Whether you're interested in design, production, research, or sustainability, there's a path for you. This field offers opportunities to make a significant impact in various sectors.

Slide 12: Real-World Applications

Textile technology extends far beyond fashion. It plays a crucial role in healthcare, sports, and defense, among other industries. From antimicrobial hospital curtains to high-performance athletic wear, textiles make a difference in our lives.

Slide 13: Challenges and Opportunities

Despite its advancements, the textile industry faces challenges, like pollution and fast fashion. These challenges, however, present opportunities for innovation and positive change. We are at the forefront of creating a more sustainable and responsible textile future.

Slide 14: Getting Involved in Textile Technology

For those interested in joining this dynamic field, start by strengthening your STEM foundations, seeking out internships, and networking with professionals. The journey is challenging but incredibly rewarding.

Slide 15: Conclusion and Reflection

The role of a textile technologist is multifaceted, blending science, art, and ethics. As we've seen today, this career is not just about making textiles; it's about shaping the future. I encourage you all to consider how you might contribute to this innovative field.

Slide 16: Q&A

Thank you for your attention and curiosity. I hope this presentation has sparked your interest in textile technology. Now, I'd love to hear any questions or thoughts you may have.

2. Divide participants into small groups/pairs and assign them microscopes and fabric samples to examine.
3. Have participants fill out the *Examining Textiles* worksheets.

Lesson Nine – Textile Technologist

REVIEW: Textile Technologist Quiz

10 minutes

Purpose:

Consolidate the lesson's core concepts and evaluate participants' understanding.

Materials:

- *Textile Technologist Quiz* (student workbook)
- *Textile Technologist Quiz – Answer Key*

Facilitation Steps:

1. Distribute the *Textile Technologist Quiz* to participants and allocate a set time for completion, ensuring it covers key aspects of the buyer's role, budget management, trend analysis, and customer profiling.
2. Collect the quizzes and go through the answers as a class. Use the answer key to provide immediate feedback, highlighting common misconceptions or errors.
3. Encourage participants to ask questions and clarify any questions they had from the textile examination activity.

Textile Technologist Quiz – Answer Key

Instructions: Circle the correct answer.

1. What is the primary role of a textile technologist?
 - a. Designing fashion accessories
 - b. Managing retail stores
 - c. **Developing and improving textile products**
 - d. Writing fashion articles
2. In the textile production process, what comes immediately after spinning?
 - a. Dyeing
 - b. **Knitting or weaving**
 - c. Finishing
 - d. Designing
3. Which of the following best describes a textile technologist's involvement in quality control?
 - a. Selecting the fashion models for product showcasing
 - b. Creating marketing campaigns for textiles
 - c. **Testing textile strength, durability, and color fastness**
 - d. Predicting fashion trends for the next season
4. What is a key environmental challenge addressed by textile technologists?
 - a. Improving internet connectivity
 - b. **Reducing textile waste and water usage**
 - c. Increasing the speed of manufacturing machines
 - d. Expanding the range of colors available for textiles
5. How do modern innovations in textile technology impact the industry?
 - a. They decrease the variety of textiles available
 - b. They lead to a reduction in textile quality
 - c. **They enable the creation of smarter, more sustainable and versatile textiles**
 - d. They make textiles more expensive and less accessible to the general public

6. What might a textile technologist analyze using a microscope?
 - a. The personal style of different designers
 - b. **The fabric's weave, fiber type, and surface characteristics**
 - c. The price tags on different clothing items
 - d. The advertising strategies for textiles

7. Which of the following skills is essential for a textile technologist?
 - a. Ability to cook international dishes
 - b. Proficiency in different dance styles
 - c. **Competence in material science and engineering principles**
 - d. Mastery of ancient languages

8. In the context of textiles, what does the term "finishing" refer to?
 - a. Concluding a fashion show
 - b. **The process applied to fabric to improve its appearance, performance, or feel**
 - c. The last step in packaging the product for sale
 - d. Ending the employment of textile factory workers

Lesson Ten – Sustainability Specialist

Lesson Overview

This lesson aims to immerse participants in the evolving role of a sustainability specialist within the textile sector. We'll unravel the essence of sustainable practices and their critical impact on both the environment and the industry at large. By exploring the multifaceted responsibilities of these specialists, learners will gain insights into how sustainability is woven into every thread of textile production.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Understand the role and responsibilities of a sustainability specialist in the textiles industry
- Explore the impact of sustainable practices on the environment and the textile industry
- Learn about the skills and qualifications needed to become a sustainability specialist

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate Class Time
FOCUS	• Textiles and Fashion Apparel Career Scenario Cards • Journaling materials for students (notepads or digital devices)	1. Display the “Time Management” scenario card and prepare for the journaling activity.	15 minutes
LEARN	• <i>Sustainability Specialist</i> slide presentation • <i>Sustainability Specialist: Research Project Worksheet</i> (student workbook) • Internet access for research	1. Print the <i>Sustainability Specialist: Research Project Worksheet</i> (one per participant). 2. Prepare the <i>Sustainability Specialist</i> slide presentation for viewing.	30-90 minutes
REVIEW	• <i>Sustainability Specialist Quiz</i> (student workbook) • <i>Sustainability Specialist Quiz – Answer Key</i>	1. Print the <i>Sustainability Specialist Quiz</i> (one per participant). 2. Prepare the answer key for <i>Sustainability Specialist Quiz</i> for facilitator reference.	10 minutes

Lesson Ten – Sustainability Specialist

FOCUS: Introduction to Sustainability in Textiles

15 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will engage with the concept of sustainability in the textiles industry through scenario reflection and discussion.

Materials:

- Textiles and Fashion Apparel Career Scenario Cards
- Journaling materials for students (notepads or digital devices)

Facilitation Steps:

1. Present the “Time Management” scenario card to the class, reading it aloud to ensure understanding.
2. Invite participants to reflect individually on the scenario, considering the different points of view.
3. Guide a short journaling activity where students respond to the key questions, noting how they would navigate the situation.

4. Engage participants in a discussion connecting time management and sustainability.
5. To further introduce textile sustainability, you could share a brief video. Here are a few to choose from:

Sustainability in the Textile Industry (3:01)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpxYfVUaTH8>

World Ideas in Sustainable Textiles (2:38)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGhElKegLOE>

Sustainability in the Textile Industry (2:35)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqARTHPM2AQ>

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LEARN: Journey of a Sustainability Specialist

30-90 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will take an in-depth look at the career path, skills, and impact of a sustainability specialist in the textile industry.

Materials:

- *Sustainability Specialist* slide presentation
- *Sustainability Specialist: Research Project Worksheet* (student workbook)
- Internet access for research

Facilitation Steps:

1. Present the slideshow, highlighting the key stages in a sustainability specialist's career, from education to significant contributions.

Slide 1: Introduction slide

Slide 2: Journey of a Sustainability Specialist
Welcome, students! Today, we're embarking on an enlightening journey into the world of sustainability within the textile industry. We'll uncover the critical role of sustainability specialists and explore how they're making a significant impact.

Slide 3: Introduction to Sustainability in Textiles

Let's start by understanding what sustainability in textiles means. It's all about creating products in ways that are eco-friendly and socially responsible. Why do you think this could be important?

Slide 4: The Role of a Sustainability Specialist
Sustainability specialists are the champions of this movement. They work tirelessly to find innovative solutions that reduce waste, conserve water, and ensure fair labor practices. Can anyone guess some specific tasks they might have?

Slide 5: Educational Pathways

Interested in this career path? It typically starts with education in fields like environmental science or textile engineering. What skills do you think would be essential here?

Slide 6: Key Sustainable Practices

Sustainability is not just a concept; it's action. This includes using recycled fibers, conserving water, and advocating for workers' rights. How might these practices change the way we view our clothes?

Slide 7: Sustainability Challenges in Textiles

Despite its benefits, sustainability faces challenges like higher costs and lack of consumer awareness. Why might these be significant hurdles, and how can they be overcome?

Slide 8: Becoming a Sustainability Advocate

Sustainability starts with us! By making informed choices and advocating for greener practices, we can all contribute. What are some actions you think you could take?

Slide 9: Future of Sustainability in Textiles

The future looks promising with advances like bio-fabrics and circular fashion models. How do you see these evolving, and how might they impact our world?

Slide 10: Reflection and Discussion

Now, I'd like you to reflect and share your thoughts. How can each of us contribute to a more sustainable textile industry? What changes are you passionate about seeing?

Slide 11: Conclusion

As we wrap up, remember that the role of sustainability specialists is vital. But remember, change starts with informed individuals like you. What will be your first step towards sustainability?

Slide 12: Q&A

Thank you for your attention and engagement.
I'm now open to any questions or further
discussion. What's on your mind?

2. Distribute the *Sustainability Specialist Research Project Worksheet* to participants to research and document different sustainability initiatives within the textile industry.

Lesson Ten – Sustainability Specialist

REVIEW: Applying Knowledge and Reflection

10 minutes

Purpose:

To review and reinforce the lesson's key messages and main points through a reflective quiz.

Materials:

- *Sustainability Specialist Quiz* (student workbook)
- *Sustainability Specialist Quiz – Answer Key*

Facilitation Steps:

1. Administer the quiz.
2. Review the correct answers with the group, providing explanations for each.
3. Use this time to address any misunderstandings and to reinforce learning objectives.

Sustainability Specialist Quiz – Answer Key

Instructions: Circle the correct answer.

1. What is a primary goal of a sustainability specialist in the textiles industry?
 - a. To increase production speed
 - b. To enhance the fashion appeal of products
 - c. **To minimize environmental impact and ensure ethical practices**
 - d. To reduce the cost of textiles to consumers
2. Which of the following is NOT a common sustainable practice in textile manufacturing?
 - a. Using organic materials
 - b. **Employing child labor in production**
 - c. Recycling water and materials
 - d. Implementing energy-efficient processes
3. What is the significance of a circular fashion model?
 - a. It ensures clothing is circular in shape
 - b. It involves creating fashion that is timeless and classic
 - c. **It emphasizes reuse, recycling, and reducing waste in fashion production**
 - d. It focuses on the geographical location of manufacturing plants
4. How does sustainable textile production benefit the environment?
 - a. Increases the use of chemical dyes
 - b. Contributes to higher carbon emissions
 - c. **Reduces waste and conserves natural resources**
 - d. Encourages deforestation for fiber production
5. What skill or knowledge is essential for a sustainability specialist in textiles?
 - a. Understanding of international trade laws only
 - b. Proficiency in high fashion modeling
 - c. **Knowledge of environmental impacts and sustainable practices in textile production**
 - d. Expertise in heavy machinery operation
6. Which certification might indicate a textile product is sustainable?
 - a. Wi-Fi certified
 - b. USDA Organic
 - c. **Fair Trade Certified**
 - d. Bluetooth enabled

7. What challenge might a sustainability specialist face in promoting sustainable practices in the textile industry?
 - a. Convincing consumers to buy more frequently
 - b. Lowering the quality of textile products
 - c. **Balancing environmental goals with economic viability**
 - d. Increasing the use of synthetic fibers
8. In the context of sustainable textiles, what does the term “water footprint” refer to?
 - a. The amount of water used in the fashion shows
 - b. **The total water used during the production and life cycle of a textile product**
 - c. The size of wet areas in a factory
 - d. The number of products transported by water
9. Why is ethical labor practice an essential component of sustainability in textiles?
 - a. It ensures that all employees are over 65
 - b. It guarantees higher profits for companies
 - c. **It upholds social responsibility by providing fair wages and safe working conditions**
 - d. It is unrelated to sustainability and therefore not considered important
10. What is the potential impact of sustainable textiles on consumer behavior?
 - a. Decreased interest in new fashion trends
 - b. Increased consumption of disposable garments
 - c. **Greater awareness and demand for ethically produced and sustainable products**
 - d. No impact, as consumers do not care about sustainability