

Component 2: Textile Design Standard Mark – 29

	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	TOTAL
Mark	7	8	7	7	29
Level	3	3	3	3	
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Keyword descriptors from the taxonomy:

Safe

Predictable

Growing control

Examiner comments

This Textile Design Component 2 submission consists of a part-filled A4 square sketchbook of preparatory studies, 2 A2 sheets of preparation work and a response to the 2023 externally set theme of 'Lock'. In exam conditions, the candidate creates a wearable constructed garment embellished with decoration. Images of the work reflect the characteristics just within Performance Level 3, Emerging Competent.

A predictable collage of secondary source imagery of fashion and accessories is a starting point for visual ideas, including references to openweaving and meshes. They explore the work of fashion designer Jil Sander by selecting relevant imagery. An experiment with twisted wool replicates elements of Sander's design, reflecting some growing control.

Following a visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum the candidate experiments further with netting and weaving, including machine-stitched crossing lines. Secondary source metalwork and sculpture imagery inspire the candidate to make a series of predictable tactile experiments. Annotations throughout the submission give clues to the candidate's thinking but do not highlight fully what they are doing and why.

A fashion figure template is used by the candidate to design a top and to show design ideas in preparation for the 10-hour period of sustained focus. Safe experiments and explorations, including plans for the final outcome are seen within A2 sheets of supporting preparation experiments. These experiments are repetitive but are relevant to the outcome.

During the 10-hour period of sustained focus the candidate produces a safe item of constructed textiles in the form of a short jacket, utilising some of their experimental processes. The candidate has endeavoured to resolve some designing and construction issues during the examination, rather than making more effective use of the preparatory period.

In order for the submission to move more securely within Performance Level 3, the candidate could demonstrate greater understanding of how ongoing observations, experiments and insights can better inform their visual outcomes.































