



Vocabulary Progression – Design Technology

EYFS		
bend	materials	slot
bendy	measure	smooth
bigger	open	stick
break	over	taller
bumpy	pattern	temporary
cork	permanent	thicker
cut	pinch	thinner
down	plastic	thread
fix	pull	through
glue stick	push	under
join	rough	up
lift	separate	weave
longer	shorter	

Year 1		
blender	healthy	staple
carton	ingredients	stencil
client	model	stencil
decorate	net	strong
design	peel	template
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evaluation	recipe	test
fabric	safety pin	vegetable
fruit	slice	weak
glue	smoothie	windmill
hand puppet	stable	

Year 2		
accurate	mould	stiff
axle	natural	strong
decorate	pouch	structure
evaluation	running-stitch	template
fabric	sew	test
function	shape	thimble
knot	space buggy	waterproof
man-made	stable	weak
mechanism	stencil	

Year 3/4

accurate	design criteria	function	output	simulator
aesthetic	design	imported	patch	sketch
analogue	requirements	information design	pavilion	smart wearables
applique	detail	initial ideas	peer assessment	stable
badge	develop	initiate	pivot	stand
battery	digital	input	pneumatic system	stencil
bulb	digital revolution	inspiration	point of sale	structure
buzzer	digital world	insulator	polar climate	stuffing
CAD	display	key features	product	switch
cell	dry climate	layers	product design	target audience
circuit component	electrical item	lever	program	technology
cladding	electricity	linkage	recipe	temperate climate
climate	electronic	loops	reinforce	template
component	electronic products	mechanism	research	test
conductor	evaluation	Mediterranean	running-stitch	texture
control	exploded-diagram	climate	seam	theme
copper	exported	Micro: bit	seasonal food	thumbnail sketch
crocodile wires	fabric	monitor	seasons	torch
cross-stitch	fasten	motion	self-assessment	tropical climate
cushion	feature	nationality	sense	user
decorate	final design	net	series circuit	wire
	frame structure	nutrients		

Year 5/6

abutment	compass	file fine motor	materials (wood, metal, plastic etc.)	set square
accompaniment	component	skills		sew
accurate	computer-aided	finite	measure	shape
aesthetic	design (CAD)	fit for purpose	mechanism	slider
annotate	concept	flavour	method	smart
appendage	conductor	form	motion	storyboard
application (apps)	convince	function	mouldable	structure
arched bridge	cookbook	functional	nationality	stuffed toy
assemble	coping saw	GPS tracker	navigation	stuffing
battery	copper	gross motor skills	non-recyclable	suspension bridge
battery pack	corrode	if statement	output	sustainable
beam bridge	cross-	illustration	pivot	sustainable design
benefit	contamination	imperative-verb	predict	target audience
biodegradable	design	infinite	preparation	template
blanket-stitch	design brief	ingredients	processed	Tenon saw
Boolean	design criteria	input	product lifecycle	test
bulb	detail	insulator	product lifespan	top tips
bulb holder	duplicate	investment	program	truss bridge
buzzer	environmentally	LED	prototype	unit of
caption	friendly	lightweight	reared	measurement
cardinal	equipment	linkage	recipe	unsustainable
circuit	evaluation	loop	recyclable	design
circuit symbol	exploded-diagram	manufacture	reinforce	user
client	fabric	mark out	research	variable
collaboration	farm	material properties	sandpaper	wood
	feature			Workplane3D