

CHARACTER COSTUME DESIGN ACTIVITY

When you think of a costume designer what comes to mind?

Costume designers are folx that have the important job of helping us learn about characters in the things we watch — like movies, TV shows, picture books, and comics.

The choices that designers make like color and pattern, types of clothing worn, and even materials like leather or metal help us learn about a character’s background, and their personality traits.

It’s your turn to become a costume designer and build your character’s costume from the ground up!

My character (fill in the questions below):

Lives in this kind of environment...

Experience this kind of weather in the environment that they live in...

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My character (fill in the questions below):

Has these special skills...

Loves to eat...

Lives in this kind of home...

Loves these colors...

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Design Your Character's Costume

Patterns and textures are a key part of costume design. Create four different fabric designs on pieces of paper using the prompts below.

Fabric Design Creation Prompts:

Prompt one: On your first piece of paper, pick four colors and color them in big blobs, filling the page.

Prompt two: On your second piece of paper, color the page with a repeating pattern using at least two different colors.

Prompt three: On your third piece of paper, pick a color, close your eyes, and scribble. Now, pick another color and do it again. Pick a third color, and scribble one last time.

Prompt four: On your fourth and final piece of paper, pick three colors and draw a pattern that includes a straight line.

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From Fabric to Fantastic:

Costumes are made up of different pieces of clothing. Can you name four you want your character to wear? Write down four pieces of clothing...

One:

Two:

Three:

Four:

Pieces of clothing work together to tell a story and help us learn more about the folx wearing them. Now that you have picked four pieces of clothing, outline them on the four fabric designs you created. Try and pair one fabric design with just one piece of clothing.

For example, outline a pants shape for your **prompt four** scribble fabric.

Now, cut out the shapes of the pieces of clothing.

What's your costume?

Now that we have our pieces of clothing cut out what do you think they look like next to each other? Is there a pair that look great together? A pair that looks gross? Arrange your clothing pieces to create a costume!

When you're done, tape them together, or create a final character sketch of your design.