

# Textile Toolbox Pop Up Workshop

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**Short Description:** The Textile Toolbox pop up exhibition workshop

**Audience and Space:** Emerging designers, SME designers, academics in a room with at least one table to display the exhibition. This workshop can also be delivered using the online exhibition.

**Duration:** 3 Hours

**What happens?** This is a workshop that can be delivered to an audience in conjunction with the pop up exhibition, The Textile Toolbox. A guided tour of the exhibition by the workshop facilitator will enable the group to understand the content.

Divide the group (up to 30) into ten small groups. Allocate one exhibit per group by asking each group to pick a card from a TED's TEN pack, without looking. Ask each group to redesign their assigned exhibit by using their individual design skills and the TEN cards. They must redesign the exhibit and create their own concept, and generating their own hand of cards in the process.

Let each group present their new redesigned concept back to the group and let the rest of the group ask question and give feedback.

**Equipment Needed:** The Textile Toolbox pop up exhibition, sets of THE TEN cards, paper and pens.

**Suggested Timings:** (180 minutes)

15 min: Explain the background of the exhibition

45 min: Present the 10 exhibits

15 min: Group discussion, general feedback

45 min: Redesign task in smaller groups

45 min: Each group presenting their new design concept to the group, followed by questions and feedback

15 min: Summery and wrap up

**Pre Workshop Questions:**

What textiles or fashion product do you (and/or company) design and/or make?

Do you currently include environmental performance as criteria when making design decisions in your daily work?

How inspired do you currently feel about creating more sustainable design concepts for future fashion?

**Post Workshop Questions:**

Which of the Textile Toolbox exhibits did you find most useful or inspiring?

Of the ten design tactics below, which do you feel are most relevant to the work you do? (Please select them in order of relevancy, with a '1' next to the most relevant, and a 2 by the one most relevant after that. If a strategy is not relevant at all, please put an 'x' by it).

TT1, Design to Minimise Waste \_\_\_\_\_

TT2, Design for Cyclability \_\_\_\_\_

- TT3, Design to Reduce Chemical Impacts\_\_\_\_\_
- TT4, Design to Reduce Energy and Water Use\_\_\_\_
- TT5, Design that Explores Clean / Better  
Technologies \_\_\_\_\_
- TT6, Design that Takes Models from Nature &  
History \_\_\_\_\_
- TT7, Design for Ethical Production\_\_\_\_\_
- TT8, Design to Reduce the Need to Consume\_\_\_\_
- TT9, Design to Dematerialise and Develop  
Systems & Services\_\_\_\_\_
- TT10, Design Activism\_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

Tell us more about the tactic you selected as your number '1'. In what way do you implement this tactic? What new ideas have you brought to your work, product, company, or customers using this tactic? If you haven't implemented any of the tactics, which one are you most curious about?

**Film Clips, Websites and Books – things to watch and read before and during the project:**

The Textile Toolbox

<http://www.textiletoolbox.com/>

THE TEN

<http://www.tedresearch.net/teds-ten/>

The TED Blog

<http://blog.tedresearch.net/>