

## INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

### TAUGHT SESSION 5

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**Key stages:** 1, 2 and 3

**National Curriculum Subject Areas:** Science, Maths, Design & Technology, History, Art and Design

**Length of Session:** 1 hour 30 min

**Maximum group size:** 32 pupils

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# WONDERFUL WEAVES AND FANTASTIC FABRICS

### Session outline:

Children will learn about woven fabrics and their properties through handling different types of materials, historic artefacts and creating their own woven sample.

### Activity 1: Fantastic Fabrics

Children will be given some fabric samples. We will talk about how they might be used and how they might be made. They will then be given some raw materials and some threads. Children will be asked to see if they can match these to the fabric samples.

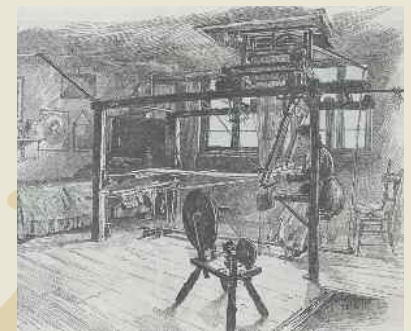
### Activity 2: Object Handling

This activity will look at weaving, what it is and how it

is done. Handling collections include historic loom equipment and silk samples. Weaving will be demonstrated with our replica loom. We will discuss the difference between woven fabrics and other fabrics.

### Activity 3: Wonderful Weaves

Children will then have a chance to create their own small woven sample using a card loom.



### Learning Outcomes:

- Engage with historic artefacts
- Improve speaking and listening skills
- Gain an understanding of different types of fabric, their properties and how they are made
- Gain an understanding of the Huguenot contribution to fabric making
- Create a small woven sample

This session is available all year round Tuesday – Saturday please go to [www.huguenotmuseum.org/learning](http://www.huguenotmuseum.org/learning) for more information on how to book.

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## LEARNING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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## Suggested pre visit activities:

- Discuss fabrics – what is a fabric?  
Where do we use fabrics today?  
How many different types of fabric  
can you name/are you wearing?
- Introduce the concept that different  
materials have different properties –  
what is a property? Name different  
properties

## Suggested post visit activities:

- Research other types of fabric  
(felt, knitted etc)
- Have a go at creating a piece of felt  
or a knitted sample
- Learn about the life cycle of a silk worm
- Have a go at weaving using other  
materials (paper, plants)
- Learn more about the history of  
weaving in England
- Learn about patterns that are used  
on woven fabrics

## For older age groups:

- Research the history of weaving in  
London – what were conditions like for  
weavers? Use historic sources to find  
out more information
- Look at the science behind the  
properties of wool, silk and cotton
- Create your own synthetic fibre!  
(eg Rayon)

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