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## BOOKREVIEWS...

**Textile Innovation: Interactive, Contemporary and Traditional Materials Second Edition**

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The new updated book builds on the format of the first book; it is accessible to read and added questions enable students to use the book easily.

The subtitle now reflects the changes that have occurred in textiles, and what's good is that the innovation is not only looked at in terms of new products, but also in traditional textiles areas such as wool and cotton.

New subdivisions, which reflect the advances in technology, are:

- Textiles and cosmetics new 'Cosmeto-textiles'
- Extending the Interactive Textiles section to take on board the new advances in Design and Technology
- Additional photographs and technical diagrams explain these new fabrics better
- An extended glossary, with key terms explained succinctly



- The website contacts pages have been extended to include the new websites as well as update the current ones
- The Properties and Finishes section reflects the need to be protected, as well as give us clothes that reflect our changing lifestyles of work, rest and play.

With the aim to support students studying KS4 and A Level, the book provides the key relevant information, the extended glossary enables students to get their heads around what the words mean and the extended web contacts pages provide the student with additional information and comprehensive websites for further research.

The teacher is given an easy reading reference book that lists all the key developments and information that you need to enable you to confidently teach the theory aspect of smart textiles, as well as give information about design issues and more importantly show students that textiles is a subject which extends beyond the clothes that we wear. It also reflects the change in the

target audience: as we become more consumer aware we can therefore also choose products that reflect that awareness and 'new textiles' are there for us to use. The new innovation is not only in clothing but also in 'home interior' products such as keyboards in cushions, where keys are created using embroidery and the technology is embedded in the cushion.

This book provides a spectrum of information as well as starting points to light the imagination of both girls and boys in the classroom. To the teacher looking for new starting points for design projects from KS3 and beyond, you have information at your fingertips.

If you are not a specialist in textiles or are teaching at KS3, you will find the book opens your eyes to other areas of technology and also see that the technology from one discipline can impact on another. A must-have book for trainee teachers and those who are returning to the profession, who need updated information presented in an easy to read form.