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LESSON NOTES BATCH 5 – WEEK 13

Subject: Home Economics

Year/Level: 10

Strand	Clothing and Textiles
Sub Strand	Designing
Content Learning Outcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define the term commercial patterns. 2. List various brands of commercial patterns. 3. Read and understand information

Commercial Patterns

- Are drafted according to standard body measurements and figure types.
- Body measurements include height, bust, hip, waist and length of the garment.



Advantages of using Commercial Patterns

- Readily available
- Give clear illustrated instructions.
- Fabric requirements and notions are listed for all sizes and styles.

Disadvantages of using Commercial patterns

- Patterns are produced for standard measurements so may need adjustments to suit personal measurements.
- Seam allowance on patterns can complicate pattern alteration.
- Some brands are costly.

Brands of Commercial Patterns



When buying patterns, know the following measurements:

- **Dresses** – bust, waist and hip
- **Skirts** – waist, hip and length

- **Blouses** – bust, waist and length

Selecting the pattern based on gender

Female	Male
Bust	Chest
Waist	Waist
Hip	Hip
Back length	Neck/ neckband size

Selecting Commercial Patterns

When buying a pattern, remember the following points:

- Choose a reliable brand
- The patterns must be clearly marked
- Pattern to fit your size
- Choose a simple style that can easily be made
- Choose a suitable style for your age
- The material you intend to use will influence the style you choose

Activity

1. Define commercial patterns.
2. State two disadvantages of commercial patterns.
3. Name 3 brands of commercial patterns.
4. Sharon has decided to sew a dress to wear at her friend's birthday party. State the measurement that she needs in order to make the dress.