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WORKSHEET 16

School: Ba Sangam College

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Year:10

Strand	HEC 10.3: CLOTHING AND TEXTILES
Sub strand	HEC 10. 3.5 Patterns /Designs
Content Learning Outcome	HEC10.3.5.1 Recognize the different figure types and relate appropriate designs for the different figure types

COMMERICAL PATTERNS

Commercial patterns are patterns 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

- They are readily available.
- Give clear illustrated instructions.
- Economize on time in drafting.
- Fabric requirements and notions are listed for all sizes and styles.
- Many patterns supply several styles and / or sizes making them good value for money.

Disadvantages of using Commercial Patterns

- Patterns are produced for standard measurements so may need adjustments to suit personal measurements.
- Seam allowances on patterns can complicate pattern alteration.
- Tissue patterns are flimsy and hard to refold for storage.
- Some brands are costly [although such patterns are usually very well cut].

Brands of Commercial Patterns

1. Simplicity
2. Vogue
3. Butterick
4. Style

Selecting Commercial Patterns

Most commercial patterns are sold by the bust size.

When buying a pattern, remember the following points:

1. Choose a reliable brand.
2. The patterns must be clearly marked.

3. Pattern to fit your size.
4. Choose a simple style that can easily be made.
5. Choose a suitable style for your age
6. The material you intend to use will influence the style you choose.

ACTIVITY

1. Define commercial pattern. **(2 marks)**

2. . List brands of commercial patterns. **(2 marks)**

- a.

- b.

- c.

- d.

3. State 2 advantages and two disadvantages of commercial patterns.

- i. **Advantages:** **(2 marks)**

- a.

 - b.

- ii. **Disadvantages:** **(2 marks)**

- a.

 - b.
