



Fashion lab: Autumn term brief

Think of a location and an activity. It could be something real that you have done or plan to do, or it could be something odd and impossible- maybe even something from a film. Research and design an outfit that would be ideal to wear within this location whilst participating in this activity. What sort of fabrics would be appropriate? What type of silhouettes and styles make sense? What details should the garment have? How can the design reflect aspects of the environment and the activity?

Example 1:

Location: Waitomo caves, New Zealand

Activity: Interpretative dance performance

Development: Waitomo caves are famous for their luminescent glow worms, therefore I will use glow in the dark beads and thread in my garment so it can glow like the worms! My garment needs to be comfortable and easy to move in for the dance performance. Stretch and jersey fabrics will work well. However I also want to have multiple layers and different pieces of fabrics that can move and flutter about according to the movement of the dance. I want to cut spiral shapes out of silk to create these layers, and attach them onto a base of a fitted jersey dress. I will attach glowing beads to the ends of the spirals- in reference to the dripping formation of stalactites in the caves.





Example 2:

Location: Ski resort in Avoriaz, France

Activity: Afternoon tea

Development: Ski resorts are snowy and cold, so I need to make sure the outfit I create will be warm. Afternoon tea is somewhat formal, but it is in the day time so evening gowns would not be appropriate. I think a wool skirt would be a good choice, wool is a high quality and also warm material, making it perfect for this situation. I think a shorter skirt would be fitting due to it being a daytime event. I think also a pair of leg warmers would help the outfit- looking cute and slightly more casual, whilst also providing warmth. For the top I think a jersey mock neck long sleeve top would be nice. I want to add some

lace trim around the neck and wrists to make it more unique.