Brunswick School Department Fiber Arts Fibers

Essential Understandings	 Every type of fabric is comprised of threads or yarns which are called fibers.
Essential Questions	 What are the characteristics of fibers? What are the two classifications of fibers? What are the natural fibers? What are manufactured fibers? How are fibers manufactured? How can I crochet a fiber to create a useful object?
Essential Knowledge	 The characteristics of fibers are strength, durability, resiliency, abrasion resistance, wrinkle resistance, shape retention, absorbency, wicking, and washability. Fibers are classified as natural or manufactured. Natural fibers come from plants and animals and include, but are not limited to cotton, flax, ramie, rubber, wool and silk. Manufactured fibers may come from substances such as wood pulp or petroleum. Examples include, but are not limited to rayon, acetate, triacetate, nylon, polyester, acrylic, modacrylic, olefin, aramid, spandex, metallic, and glass. Manufactured fibers go through a 5 step process: raw materials are changed to a syrupy solvent, the liquid is forced through a spinneret, the liquid is then hardened into a long filament, the filaments are stretched, and then the filaments are twisted into yarns, and cut. Crochet, is one way, used for hundreds of years, to manipulate fibers.
Vocabulary	 <u>Terms:</u> tensile strength, resilient, abrasion, absorbent, generic name, trade name, luster, chain stitch, crochet hook, double crochet
Essential Skills	 Identify fibers and classify them. Describe the process of manufacturing fibers. Compare and analyze the advantages and disadvantages of natural and manufactured fibers. Choose and manipulate a fiber with a crochet hook.
Related Maine Learning Results	Visual and Performing Arts A. Disciplinary Literacy – Visual Arts A1.Artist's Purpose Students research and explain how art and artists reflect and influence culture and periods of time.

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	A2.Elements of Art and Principles of Design
	Students evaluate all the features of composition.
	a. Evaluate Elements of Art: color, form, line, shape, space,
	texture and value.
	b. Evaluate Principles of Design including balance, contrast,
	emphasis. Movement, pattern, rhythm, and unity.
	A3.Media, Tools, Techniques, and Processes
	Students compare the effects of media and their associated
	tools, techniques, and processes, using elements, principles
	and expressive qualities in art forms and genres.
	B. Creation, Performance, and Expression – Visual Arts
	B1.Media Skills
	Students choose multiple suitable media, tools, techniques, and
	processes to create a variety of original art works.
	B2.Composition Skills Students use Elements of Art and Principles of Design to create
	original art works that demonstrate development of personal
	style in a variety of media and visual art forms.
	B3.Making Meaning
	Students create a body of original art work.
	a. Demonstrate sophisticated use of media, tools, techniques,
Related	and processes.
Maine Learning	b. Demonstrate knowledge of visual art concepts.
Results	c. Communicate a variety of ideas, feelings, and meanings.
	B4.Exhibition
	Students select, prepare, and help with exhibiting their works in
	the classroom, school, or other community location, and
	articulate an artistic justification for their selection.
	C. Creative Problem Solving
	C1.Application of Creative Process
	Students apply and analyze creative problem solving and
	creative thinking skills to improve or vary their own work and/or
	the work of others. D. Aesthetics and Criticism
	D1.Aesthetics and Criticism
	Students analyze and evaluate art forms.
	b. Analyze and evaluate varied interpretations of works of art
	using evidence from observations and a variety of print
	and/or non-print sources.
	d. Research and explain how art and artists reflect and shape
	their time and culture.

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Related Maine Learning Results	 E. Visual and Performing Arts Connections E1.The Arts and History of World Cultures Students analyze the characteristics and purposes of products of the visual/performing arts to understand history and/or world cultures E2.The Arts and History of World Cultures Students analyze skills and concepts that are similar across disciplines. E3.Goal-Setting Students make short-term and long-term goals based on rigorous criteria and related to time management, interpersonal interactions, or skill development that will lead to success in the arts. E4.Impact of the Arts on Lifestyle and Career Students explain how their knowledge of the arts relates to school-to-school and school-to-work transitions and other career and life decisions including the recognition that the arts
	 are a means of renewal and recreation. E5.Interpersonal Skills Students demonstrate positive interpersonal skills and reflect on the impact of interpersonal skills on personal success in the arts. a. Getting along with others. b. Respecting differences. e. Accepting/giving/using constructive feedback. f. Accepting responsibility for personal behavior. h. Following established rules/etiquette for observing/listening to art. i. Demonstrating safe behavior.
Sample	 Chapter 12
Lessons	 Worksheet
And	 Compare Natural and Manufactured fibers
Activities	 Demonstration on crochet using different fibers Crochet a hat
Sample	Worksheet
Classroom	Crochet hat
Assessment Methods	 Daily participation
Sample Resources	 Publications: <u>Crochet</u>, M. Q. Publications, 2006 <u>Clothing, Fashion, Fabrics and Construction,</u> Glencoe/McGraw-Hill 1997