

TOURS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS: OCTOBER 2010 – MAY 2011

School tours at The Textile Museum are an excellent way for students to personally engage with art, history, social studies and more. The museum offers a variety of programs for students in grades 1 through 12, including thematic tours which complement current exhibitions and include touchable items and/or hands on activities. Docent-guided tours for groups of 6 to 40 may be scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 10:15 am and 4:00 pm and Thursday anytime after 1:30 pm.

To schedule a school tour, please call (202) 667-0441, ext 65 or submit your request online at www.textilemuseum.org four weeks in advance of your preferred date. Please choose one tour per visit.

CURRENT & COMING EXHIBITIONS

Art by the Yard: Women Design Mid-Century Britain
Colors of the Oasis: Central Asian Ikats
Second Lives: The Age-Old Art of Recycling Textiles
Green: the Color and the Cause

May 15, 2010 – September 12, 2010
October 16, 2010 – March 13, 2011
February 4 - July 10, 2011
April 16 - September 11, 2011

THEMATIC TOURS

Clothes of Many Cultures
Grades 1 – 4

This interactive gallery experience explores cultures from around the world by looking at clothes. Students recognize some of the garments; others are new discoveries. Shapes, colors, and textiles are identified by hands-on encounters with various garments. Africa, Iran, India and Japan are some of the countries represented in this year's program.

Designing Textiles
Grades 5 – 12

The variety of ways that textile makers plan and execute designs is explored across cultures using current exhibitions and hands-on activities. Students investigate ways that motifs, design placement, techniques, and construction reflect lifestyle, traditions, and history. This year's program includes textiles from Turkey, Japan, England, India and more.

Explore the World Through Textiles
Grades 5 – 12

Students discover the numerous and sometimes surprising ways that textiles are used in everyday life by exploring fashion from Japan, textiles from India and other objects from around the world. Participants learn how the maker's choices of fiber, structure, pattern, and color reflect the diversity of cultures.

Patterns and Symmetry
Grades 5 – 12

Works of art are created through arrangement of designs and colors to form pleasing patterns. In the galleries, students discover border and interlaced patterns, symmetrical and asymmetrical designs, and more. Inspired by carpets, furniture coverings, tent hangings & bags, participants create patterns that are beautiful intersections of art and mathematics.



To be added to The Museum's mailing list to learn about future opportunities for your classroom, email your name, school and address to info@textilemuseum.org.