



Althea McNish – A Cultural Icon

Althea was a textile designer from Trinidad. She moved to the UK when she was in her late teens and went on to become a world-renowned textile designer.

Althea's designs were featured in magazines and some of her designs were sold by Liberty and Heals.

Althea's designs were often inspired by her Caribbean roots and featured bold and bright designs.



Create your own textile patterns

You will need

- Pencil
- Paper or fabric
- Poster paint or fabric paints
- Paintbrushes and sponges
- Stamps – you could make these out of foam pieces or potato

Caution: Adult supervision will be required when completing this craft. Do not leave children unattended when completing this activity.

Instructions

1. Draw your pattern or design. Or choose and design your stamps. You can use half a potato or a sponge to make your stamp. *Ask an adult for help and cut out a shape or pattern.*
2. Once you are happy with your design paint or stamp the paint over your pencil drawing.
3. Repeat this with colours of your choice until your paper or fabric is covered.
4. Wait for the paint to dry and display your work.

