

FIBER : SCAVENGER HUNT



DISCOVER MORE

Through the prompts in this scavenger hunt, you will discover the existence of fiber in your own area and build an appreciation for its beauty and use in your own dwelling, and hopefully you will be surprised by its use in the spaces where you interact regularly. Most importantly, you will discover the presence of fiber and fiber art in the many corners of your everyday life!

WE ARE IN CONSTANT CONNECTION WITH FIBERS. This connection engages with all our senses at one time. We can feel textiles, we can see them, and many even bring along a scent that speaks to the material's origin. When we wrap ourselves in a cozy blanket or pull over a favorite sweatshirt, we engage with fiber arts. Fabric is woven to surround the body, to decorate a table or dress a bed, and is equally engaged to craft a beloved stuffed animal or dab the tears from our eyes in a sentimental moment. We interact with fiber extensively and can enjoy it for its aesthetic beauty, as we engage in celebrations or rituals, or simply employ it to clean a piece of furniture. Textiles can be found in nearly every aspect of our everyday lives in both functional and decorative ways.

Seek out the presence of fiber in your home and in your community, engaging the material with your senses. Where can you discover fiber in your own home? Where can you see fiber art on display in your community? Where can you touch fiber? Where can you make artworks in fabric? And how can you become a patron of textile artists in your local region?

GET ORGANIZED

To start, decide if you would like to take part in a solo adventure or organize a group for an added layer of competition.

If embarking on the adventure solo, pick a task list from the **OUTSIDE** adventure set or the **INSIDE** adventure set, and away you go! You can add an optional layer of individual competition by setting a time goal for your adventure, or by challenging yourself to the completion of both lists.

If this will be a group adventure, divide your group into two or more teams, and establish parameters for the competition including possible boundaries for the hunt. Additionally, decide on the guidelines that would identify a winner after finding the first 10, or perhaps the winner title will go to the fastest time overall time to complete the entire list. If your groups agree, the parameters for the competition are entirely up to you.

Before your scavenger hunt is under way, select a method of documentation. Would you like to document your findings in photographs, or illustrations? Would you enjoy crafting a title for your adventure and creating a physical or digital scrapbook? Once you have selected a format for your adventure, it is time to begin.



The Knit Knot Tree in Yellow Springs, Ohio

BEGIN THE HUNT

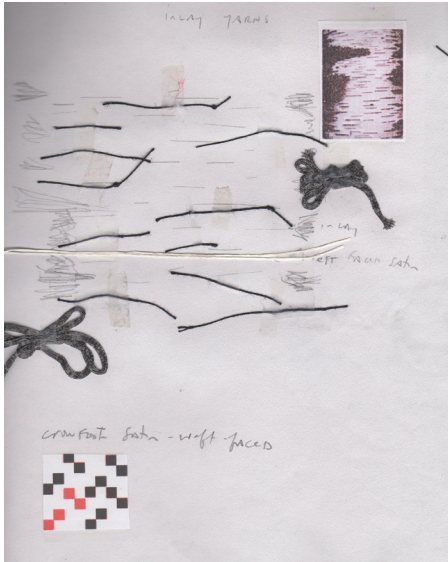
OUTSIDE ■ How many of the following can you find?

- Find a flag.
- Go to a fabric store & find a textile that you'd like to wear.
- Discover a unique packaging made of fabric.
- Locate a retail shop with textiles for sale.
- Discover a tapestry in a hotel, office, or other place of business.
- Find an example of embroidery or crochet on a community member.
- Search for fiber art in an office, restaurant, or community center.
- Find a t-shirt in a thrift store with a funny saying or interesting logo.
- Observe a quilting bee in your local area and discuss works or process with its members.
- Discover a clothing line with hanging garments in a community member's yard.
- Find a local institution such as a university, college, private studio, or community center offering fiber arts, sewing or textile classes.
- Visit a gallery to view a fiber/textile artist's work.
- Observe the unique textiles worn by the participating members of a house of worship.
- Visit a theater or performance space and ask to tour the costume shop. Document a favorite piece.
- Discover a local shop that offers fiber arts or textile crafts in its offerings.
- Find a textile artist living in your area.
- Visit a local high school that is showcasing a fiber arts exhibit.
- Identify a surprising location where you discovered fiber art being used either functionally or as decoration.

INSIDE ■ How many of the following can you find?

- Document the oldest fabric in your home.
- Locate a fabric napkin or handkerchief.
- Find a decorative quilt or crocheted blanket.
- Discover the most patterned textile in your closet & draw or photograph the design.
- Search for an item that is embroidered by hand and another that is embroidered by machine.
- Find a party decoration that is made of fabric.
- Discover a textile with metallic thread or beaded embellishment.
- Identify a fabric that has deep sentimental meaning at home.
- Document your linen closet, or where you store your bedclothes, and observe the many types of textiles you see. How many uses can you identify (ex: blankets, towels, pillowcases, afghans)?
- Locate drapery and draw the pattern you see on the fabric that adorns a window frame.
- Discover your most unusual pair of socks.
- Search for a textile that is made of natural materials.
- Find a tie and document the pattern of the textile.
- Locate a fabric that was used in a special ceremony.
- Find an item in your kitchen that is made of fibers.
- Find a decorative item for your hair made from fabric.
- Discover a fabric in a book in your home.
- Locate fabric scraps.
- Identify a surprising item made of fabric.

DOCUMENT



The Albers Influence Birch Bark Tactile Notebook Page. Courtesy of Craft in America.

As a possible outcome, organize your items, photos, drawings, addresses, and gallery brochures to share your discoveries with your fellow enthusiasts and aficionados. This could translate into a google slides show, a media album, a traditional scrapbook, or a tangible memory board honoring your journey and celebrating the fascinating ways fiber appears in our lives