



Y6 Thinking like an artist

'Take a Seat'



Artists who create furniture are often called **craftspeople** or **designers**. Furniture is more than just **practical** – designers and craftspeople produce furniture which reflects the **era or culture** it is made in, or the **personality** of the maker. As artists, we can use a variety of materials to design and make our own model chairs. The chairs we make can reflect our personality, and be enjoyed by others.

Yinka Ilori is a **multidisciplinary** artist and designer with a bold bright visual language influenced by his British-Nigerian heritage. Three components that feature heavily in Yinka's work are **pattern, colour and storytelling**. Yinka uses his crafts as a way to communicate Nigerian parables and verbal traditions. His work is described as a **fusion** between **contemporary** design and Nigerian tradition.

Craftspeople	A person who makes things by hand, often furniture
Designers	A person who imagines how something could be made and draws plans for it.
Practical	Thinking about the functional design and whether it is fit for purpose.
Multidisciplinary	The collaboration of art from multiple disciplines for a single project or idea.
Pattern	A regular arrangement of line, shapes and colours.
Colour	The way we see shades and tones.
Storytelling	Telling stories through art and creativity.
Contemporary	A term used to describe the art of today. Contemporary artists work in a globally influenced, culturally diverse and technologically advancing world. Their art is a dynamic combination of materials, methods, concepts, and subjects that continue the challenging of boundaries
Fusion	When two or more techniques or styles are combined to make something new.

Learning Questions

What is a craftspeople or designer?

Has chair design changed over time?

What do you think designers were trying to say with their designs?

My reflections on designing through making are...

My reflections on my artwork are...