

# ART AND THE FENS

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I'm an environmental artist based in the East of England and I draw inspiration from the Fenland landscape.

I've created a video series called 'Art and Fens' in collaboration with MarketPlace; which features art activities to help you connect with this landscape.

This week I'm going to guide you through making a textile artwork inspired by Fenland geology called 'Soft Strata'.



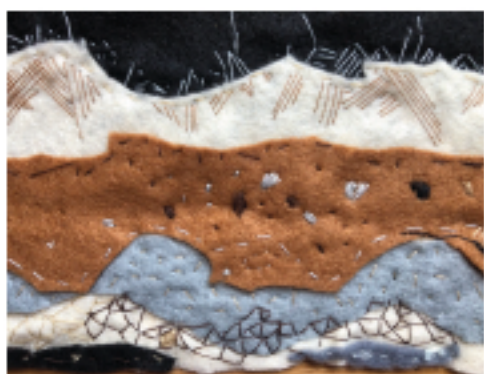
## Soft Strata - Geology Textile Activity

Materials you'll need:

- Scraps of fabric you find around the house
- Scissors
- Needle & pins for securing material
- Thread, can be any colour ( or fabric glue)

Instructions:

- 1 - Research images of the geology and layers of earth or 'strata' underneath the Fens, I printed one out for reference.
- 2 - Using your materials organise and cut up your fabrics to represent earth of the layers, then pin them in place.
- 3 - Sew each layer to one another. If you don't feel confident sewing you could use fabric glue instead.
- 4 - Once you have sewn or glued each layer of 'strata' you can begin to add detail; either by sewing on more pieces of fabric or adding patterns in contrasting colours or by experimenting with different threads or stitches.



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