

## Year 4: Textiles

How do you keep a tea towel from slipping off a hook?



### Core content:

Identify the different functions for fastenings.  
Learn how to sew a button onto fabric.  
Create a solution to the problem of a towel slipping off a hook.

### Technical vocabulary:

**Shank** – a short stem on the underside of a button that allows there to be a gap between the button and the cloth it is attached to.



**Burr** – a seed container covered in tiny hooks, which attaches to animal fur and clothing, facilitating effective dispersal.



**Hook and loop** – a fastening system using two sides of material: one covered in hooks and the other covered in loops.



**Buckle** – a piece of metal at one end of a belt or strap, used to fasten the two ends together.



**Fastener** – a button, zip or other device for temporarily joining together the parts of things such as clothes.



**Raw edges** – an unfinished, rough or undecorated edge.



### Connections:

George de Mestral  
(1907 – 1990)  
Swiss electrical engineer and  
inventor of Velcro®



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