PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY – Plain and Fancy

DIRECTIONS: Use the words below to fill in the blanks of this story. Each word should only be used once.

It’s fun to ________________, especially what we wear. Our clothes are made from cloth, also called ________________ or ________________. Long ago, all textiles came from plants or animals, carefully made into ________________ (for example, clothing, such as pants, shirts or dresses). Fabric can look different because of ________________ (how the ________________ are joined together as fabric), because of ________________ (how the cloth is colored), and sometimes ________________ (sewing designs onto the fabric, also called ________________). When made by hand, each garment is one of a kind, and no two are exactly alike.

Besides clothing, people have always made and decorated ________________ (things you can see and touch) for their comfort, needs, and enjoyment. Today, most of our everyday possessions are made by ________________ and not by hand. Long ago, most household items were made out of metal, wood, glass and/or clay in addition to cloth. Craftsmen used different tools and skills to decorate these different materials: they ________________ wood; ________________ glass, clay and metal; and, ________________ textiles and wood. They tried new ways to make useful things look nice.

One way textiles are used is in making a ________________ – pieces of cloth sewn together in repeated shapes (you could also call repeated shapes ________________) and padded for strength and warmth. Long ago before cameras, when someone wanted a picture of themselves or their family, they had a painter do a ________________. There are many ways to decorate many things, as you can learn more about on your Winterthur visit.