Metals

Metals come from ores in the ground. **Stock forms** are sheets, bars and rods

Ferrous Metals contain iron and are magnetic and rust		
Material	**Key info**	**Examples**
Low Carbon Steel	Tough and ductile and easily machined and welded	Construction, screws, cars
High Carbon Steel	Hard and wears well	Tools, blades and knives
Cast Iron	Hard but brittle. Easily cast but hard to machine	Pots, pans, vices

Non-Ferrous Metals do not contain iron, aren't magnetic and don't rust		
Material	**Key info**	**Examples**
Aluminium	Light, high strength to weight ratio and ductile	Pots, pans, cars, cans
Copper	Ductile, malleable and good conductor	Plumbing supplies and cables
Tin	Soft, malleable and good conductor	Used as a protective coating

Alloys

Alloys are mixtures of 2 or more metals to get the best of their properties		
Material	**Key info**	**Examples**
Brass	Malleable and easy to cast	Musical instruments, plumbing
Stainless Steel	Doesn't rust, hard and smooth	Cutlery, medical tools, etc

Plastics

Plastics come from crude oil. **Stock forms** are sheets, powders, granules and rods

Thermoplastics can be reheated and reshaped and infinite amount of times		
Material	**Key info**	**Examples**
PET	Easily **blow moulded,** food safe and easily recycled	Bottles, packaging, etc
PVC	Flexible, tough, easily **extruded**	Pipes, tape, hard hats
HIPS	Flexible, lightweight, food safe and easily **vacuum formed**	Containers and yoghurt pots
Acrylic	Tough, brittle, easily scratched	Car lights, baths, displays/ signs

Thermosets once heated and set **cannot** be reshaped		
Material	**Key info**	**Examples**
Melamine Formaldehyde	Food safe, hygienic, hard and brittle	Kitchenware and work surfaces
Urea Formalehyde	Good insulator, hard and brittle	Electrical casings, buttons and handles
Polyester Resin	Strong, heat resistant, can be transparent	Coatings, casings

Primary Processing of Metals and Alloys

Metals are mined from the earth and then go through an extraction process
Extraction happens by putting the ore in a blast furnace
The metal is then separated from the waste material

Primary Processing of Plastics

Crude oil is extracted from the earth and then processes into different types of fuels, etc. This is called **Fractional Distillation**

A process called **Cracking** then converts the large hydrocarbon molecules into plastics

Design Briefs

A Design Brief is the statement of how you will solve the Design Problem
It will often include:

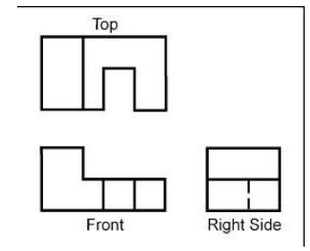
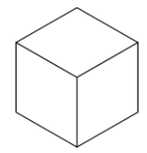
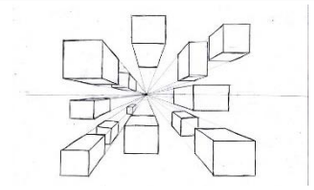
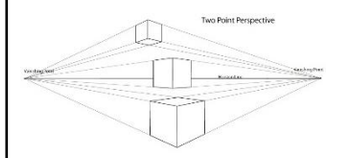
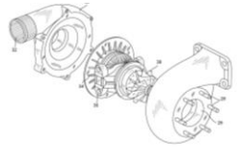
- Constraints/ limitations
- What the product is
- Materials/processes
- Any key information you know

Design Specifications

A Design Specification is a list of requirements your product has to meet in order to be successful

It is also useful for evaluation. If your product hasn't met the Spec then it gives you a starting point for improvements.

Aesthetics	What the product looks like? Style? Colour Scheme? Design Movement?
Customer	Who would buy it? (Age, gender, socio-economic, personality) How does the design appeal to them?
Cost	How much will it cost? (min-max) Why?
Environment	Where will it be used? Why? How will you make it suitable?
Safety	How is it safe? How will it be checked? Why must it be safe?
Size	What is the maximum or minimum size? Why?
Function	What does the product do? What features make it do that function well? How is it unique from similar products?
Materials	What is it made from? Why?
Manufacture	How might it be made? Why? What scale of production? Why?

Technique	Description/ notes	Diagram
Orthographic Projection/ Working Drawings	• Includes "Front", "Plan" and "End" 2D Views, and often an Isometric 3D View • Standardised method for scale, dimensions and line types • Great for manufacturing	
Isometric	• Common 3D sketching method • Can be drawn free-hand or using isometric paper and ruler • Angles are at 30 degrees • Great for seeing most of the products	
1-Point Perspective	• A 3D drawing method • Often used by interior designers and architects • Gives drawings depth • Only uses 1 vanishing point	
2-Point Perspective	• Used for 3D designs • Exaggerates the 3D effect • Objects can be drawn above of below the horizon line but must go to the 2 vanishing points	
Annotated Drawings/ Free and Sketches	• Quick and easy way of getting ideas down • Range of ideas can be seen • Annotation helps explain designs further	
Exploded View	• Helps see a final design of a product and all it's parts • Can see where all the parts fit • Great for manufacturers	

Modelling and Development

Modelling and development are key to testing and improving products
This can be done physically using materials like; card, foam, clay, man-made boards or virtually in **CAD**
Modelling helps the designer get feedback from the customer, check aesthetics, function, sizes and even materials and production methods and change them if needed

Natural Timbers

Softwoods are generally cheaper than hardwoods as they are more available, since they grow quicker.
But because man-made boards are manufactured they are cheaper than timbers.
Man-made boards also come in a better variety of sizes since they don't depend on tree growth.

Stock forms for both include; sheets, dowel, planks, etc

Hardwoods come from **Deciduous Trees.** These trees loose leaves in winter and grow fruit and flowers in spring		
Material	**Key info**	**Examples**
Ash	Flexible, tough and shock resistant	Sports equipment Tool Handles
Beech	Fine finish, tough and durable	Toys, furniture and veneers
Mahogany	Easily worked, durable, high quality finish	High-end furniture
Balsa	Very soft and spongy. Light	Modelling
Oak	Tough, durable and hard	Flooring, furniture and veneers

Softwoods come from **Coniferous Trees.** These have thin, needle-like leaves and grow all year round. Often have pine cones and sometimes nuts and seeds		
Material	**Key info**	**Examples**
Larch	Durable, tough, good water resistance and finishes well	Furniture, flooring and used outdoors
Pine	Light, easy to work with but can split	Cheap furniture, construction and decking
Spruce	Easy to work with, high stiffness but can decay quickly	Furniture, musical instruments and construction

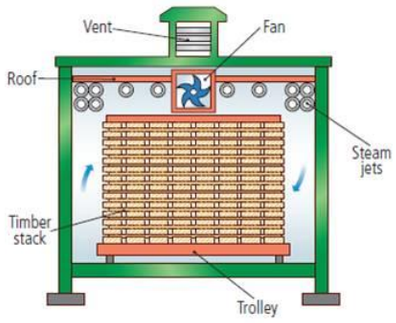
Man-Made Boards

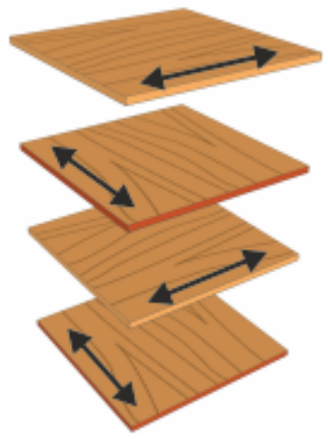
Manufactured boards are made from wood chips/dust/ layers and glue.		
Material	**Key info**	**Examples**
Chipboard	Prone to chipping but good compressive strength. Not-water resistant	Flooring, low-end furniture, flat-pack
MDF	Rigid and stable. Easy to finish. Absorbs liquid easily	Flat-pack furniture and kitchen unites
Plywood	Very stable. Exterior veneer can be used from more expensive woods	Shelving, furniture, toys

Primary Processing of Papers and Boards

Trees are cut then converted into planks by cut using saws
It is then seasoned to reduce the moisture in the wood.
This is done by either:

Air-drying – Planks are stacked and air allowed to circulate; causing evaporation
Kiln-drying – Where planks are put into a kiln and dried rapidly. This process is more costly than air-drying





Manufactured boards can be either be made by lamination or compression

Lamination – Layers of woods and adhesive are layered and compressed together. Usually with a more expensive wooden veneer on the top

Compression – Wood is shredded, heated and compressed with adhesive under extreme pressure