

LO: find out about Cath Kidston and talk about what we like and dislike about her designs.

- Know what being a print designer means
- Know that Cath Kidston is a famous print designer
- Talk about what we like about her designs and what we dislike.
- Find out about her designs and compare them with Mary White's designs. Talk about what is similar and different about their designs.



Mary White became famous for her print designs in the 1950s. That is over 60 years ago! She inspired many designers, including **Cath Kidston** to follow in her path





Cath Kidston was born on 6th November 1958 – how old will she be this year?

Her Dad was a famous racing car driver. She grew up in Hampshire – just down the road from where I was born! She started working in interior design (wallpaper, cushions, curtains) at just 18 and opened up her own shop full of her colourful designs in 1993.

Her shops became very popular and you can buy her designs on things like dresses, bags, mugs, pencil cases, pots, phone cases, cushions and duvet covers to name a few.



She is famous for her **old fashioned** floral designs. This means that she was inspired by patterns from the past (the 1950s).

Floral means flower patterns.

I used to buy pencil cases from a Cath Kidston shop when I was in Year 3 – they were very fashionable!



Like Mary White, Cath Kidston drew and painted her patterns on paper. Then they were copied and **printed** onto fabric. This is a bit like printing paint onto paper using potatoes . Nowadays, Cath's designs are drawn on a computer and sent to a printer which prints directly onto material – isn't that clever!

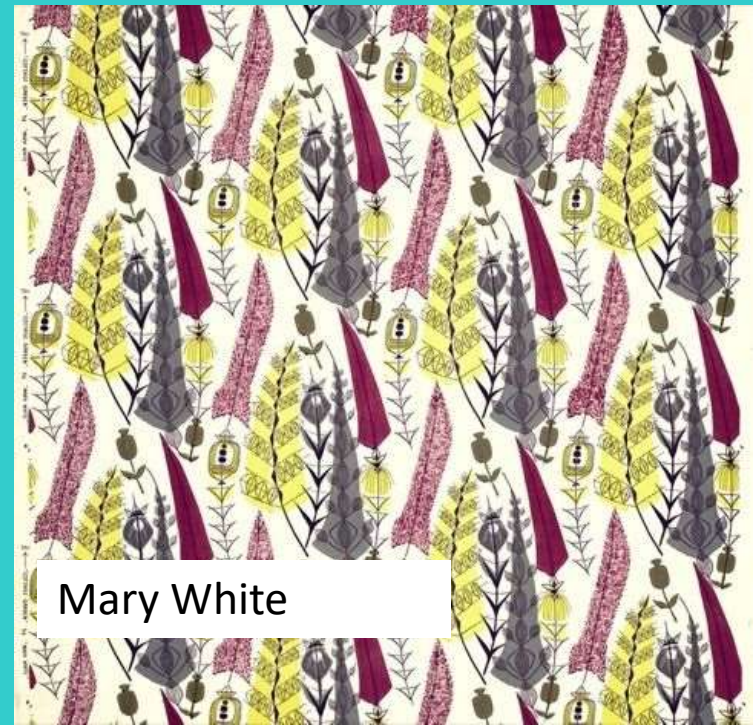


This is still different to Sophie Standing, who uses different materials to sew together in her designs!

Like Mary White, Cath is inspired by plants and animals in nature. However they are not always that similar.

How are her designs similar to those of Mary White?

How are they different?



Mary White



Cath Kidston

How are these designs similar?

How are they different?

Which design do you like best? Why?



Mary White



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Which design do you like best? Why?



Mary White



Cath Kidston

Your task

Choose which designer do you like better: Mary White or Cath Kidston:

1. Write 3 sentences telling me why you like their designs better. Then write 2 sentences comparing both designers and the techniques they use.
2. Can you draw your own designs inspired by Mary White or Cath Kidston? Think about the colours they use, and the things that inspire them.

Creative challenge!

Do this with **adult support**

Draw a shape or pattern on your potato and ask an adult to help cut it. Cut away the potato so the pattern/shape is sticking out.

Dip the potato in paint. Carefully press it down on paper. Pause. Lift and repeat.



Or look outside for leaves, feathers and other natural objects to use in your printing.