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TOPIC : LOCAL CRAFTS: SOFT TOYS .

Definition of local crafts : Local craft is the traditional skill of making things by hand indigenously. For example, furniture making, weaving, and so on.

TYPES OF LOCAL CRAFT BUSINESS

The following are types of local craft businesses that can be established in Nigeria.

- * Fabric decoration - tie and dye, batik.
- * Soft toy making - teddy bears, dolls, mouse, dogs and so on.
- * Weaving - baskets, foot mats, household furniture's, and so on.
- * Pottery - flower vases, ashtrays, teacup, saucers, mugs, and so on.
- * Painting - wall paints and paintings.
- * Carving - wood, calabash, rubber-stamp and so on.
- * Leatherwork - slippers, shoes, sandals, bags poufs, and so on.
- * Metalwork - candle holder, decorative railings and gates, cloth hangers, and so on.
- * Beadwork - earring, bags, and so on.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER

1. Ability to take risk :

A business owner must be willing to take risk if he is to survive in a competitive market economy such as in Nigeria.

2. Ability to work long hours :

Most customers are very impatient when it comes to waiting for their products to made. This means that for the business owner to meet demand target, he or she has to work long hours.

3. Ability to meet deadlines :

As explained above, craft business has no opening or closing time unlike orthodox jobs. Most craft business owners sometimes sleep in their shops overnight in order to meet deadlines.

4. Be innovative :

A local business owner has to be innovative (that is, he has to have a way of doing something new, different and better than those that existed before)

5. Ability to make decisions :

A local business owner has to have the ability to make clear and concise decisions. A wrong decision could damage a creative work and set one back

6. Creativity :

Creativity is the watchword in craft. A craft business owner has to be very creative.

Definition of toy: A toy is an object that serves as playthings for children.

Definition of soft toy : Soft toys are homemade toys stuffed with soft items for children to play with at home, bearing in mind the safety of the child, examples of such toys are teddy bears.

MATERIALS AND TOOLS FOR PRODUCING SOFT

The following materials are used in producing soft toys

- i. Scissors.
- ii. Pliers.
- iii. Stuffing tools /fibres.
- iv. Pins , buttons.
- v. Needles and matching sewing thread.
- vi. Cotton.
- vii. Stockinet.
- viii. Pencils.
- ix. Tape measure.
- x. Fabric(fur ,patterned, plain, poker dot,check or stripes.)
- xi. Card.
- xii. Paper.
- xiii. Glues.

STITCHES IN TOY MAKING

There are a number of methods required to stitch a toy.

1. Back stitch
2. Buttonhole stitch
3. Over sewing
4. Machine
5. Stab
6. Ladder
7. Decorative stitches

SEAM USED IN TOY MAKING

Definition of a seam : A seam is the line along which pieces of cloth or leather are joined by sewing.

There are two major types of seams used in toy making

SOFT TOY PROJECT :(ASSIGNMENT).

Listed below are examples of soft toy projects:You are free to choose any of the project and produce.

1. Teddy bear
2. Mouse
3. Ragdoll
4. Fish
5. Dog
6. Flower
7. Frog
8. Apple
9. Tortoise
10. Cat.