

Script for The Textile Kit “how to assemble” video (for Pinnacle Edition, in red binder):

Hello, I’m Patty Brown at ATEXINC, makers of The Textile Kit, and I hope our kit will give you a great start in your lifetime of learning about textiles. I’m here today to give you a few tips about assembling your copy of The Textile Kit.

Here’s how to get the most from your kit. First, register for access to The Textile Kit Online using the red and white card in the front of your binder. Visit the Virtual Lab Assistant, on The Textile Kit Online, to see how a finished kit should look when it is filled out and assembled. This should be very helpful to you!

Find the Narrow Samples bag in your kit. This small bag contains all the fibers, yarns, and narrow fabrics. Notice that it contains an even smaller bag, which holds some of the samples that are easiest to lose, so take special care with these. Using regular adhesive tape (not provided in your kit), tape all the narrow or “N” samples onto the colored mounting pages, by matching each sample with the images shown.

Now, unless your kit came with pre-filled-out mounting pages, you will need to enter all the index information by hand onto the fabric sample mounting pages. Using the pencil provided in your kit, first number the spaces from 1-155. Then write in the information provided in the index for each sample in the corresponding spaces—sample name, fiber content, main features to observe, and other notes “See” samples, like this one “see 31”, will have additional main features to observe and perhaps other notes to fill in. To see an example of how each page should look, just consult the Virtual Lab Assistant on The Textile Kit Online. (As a side note, you can skip the samples with N numbers—remember that information has already been provided to you on the colored mounting pages for narrow samples.)

Now it’s time to mount the fabric samples. They come in stacks, which are color coded. The reference card in the sample bag tells you the order in which you should unstack them—pink, yellow, orange, and green. The samples are in strict numerical order within each stack. So unstack them in that order, starting with the pink stack, and tape each sample into its appropriate space, using no more than 1” of the double stick tape, provided in your kit. Tape only the top edge, so that you can examine the sides and back of each sample. A hint, if a fabric has a lot of holes in it, something like lace, you might forego the double stick tape and use regular clear adhesive tape, just so your pages won’t stick together later.

Remember to consult the Virtual Lab Assistant on The Textile Kit Online as you mount your fabric samples. We put a LOT of work into this tool, in order to help you, so please take full advantage of it! There will be an audio file you can click on to learn about each sample as you go. And you can see one or more different examples of how your sample may appear. If your sample doesn’t match up with what you are seeing there, consult your instructor or e-mail us for assistance. Most students, by using the Virtual Lab Assistant, can easily tell if two samples are stuck together, if they have duplicate samples, or if they are missing a sample for some reason. If you are missing something in your kit, please just e-mail us and we will send you a prompt replacement. We want every student’s kit to be complete!

Also in your kit, you will find a plastic (or metal) linen tester, also called a pick glass. Simply unfold it, place it on any sample, and then put your eye near the magnifying lens to get a more detailed look at the sample.

One more thing to mention, your kit may include a large green and white key code card in the front of the binder. If your kit contains this card, please use it to log into iTextiles.com for access to a complete e-Textbook, interactive learning tools such as lectures, thousands of images, video clips, review, exercises, definitions, and much more. iTextiles is an incredible introduction to all the important basic textile concepts, so please don’t miss it!

Best wishes to you, as you begin learning about the exciting world of textiles using The Textile Kit!