Materials

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- We use wood, metal, plastic, glass and fabric to make most everyday objects.
- Different materials have different properties.
- Materials can be natural or man-made.

Here are a few facts about some materials...

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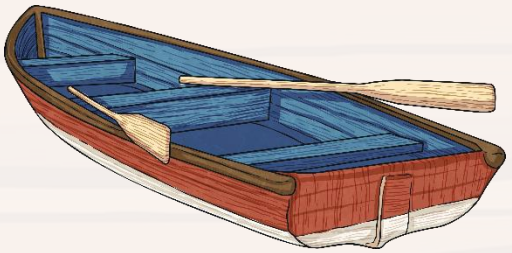
Wood

- Wood is a natural material. It comes from trees.
- A few things made from wood are:

furniture	boats	instruments	paper

- Wood is used as it can be carved in to any shape, is strong and has a very nice appearance.



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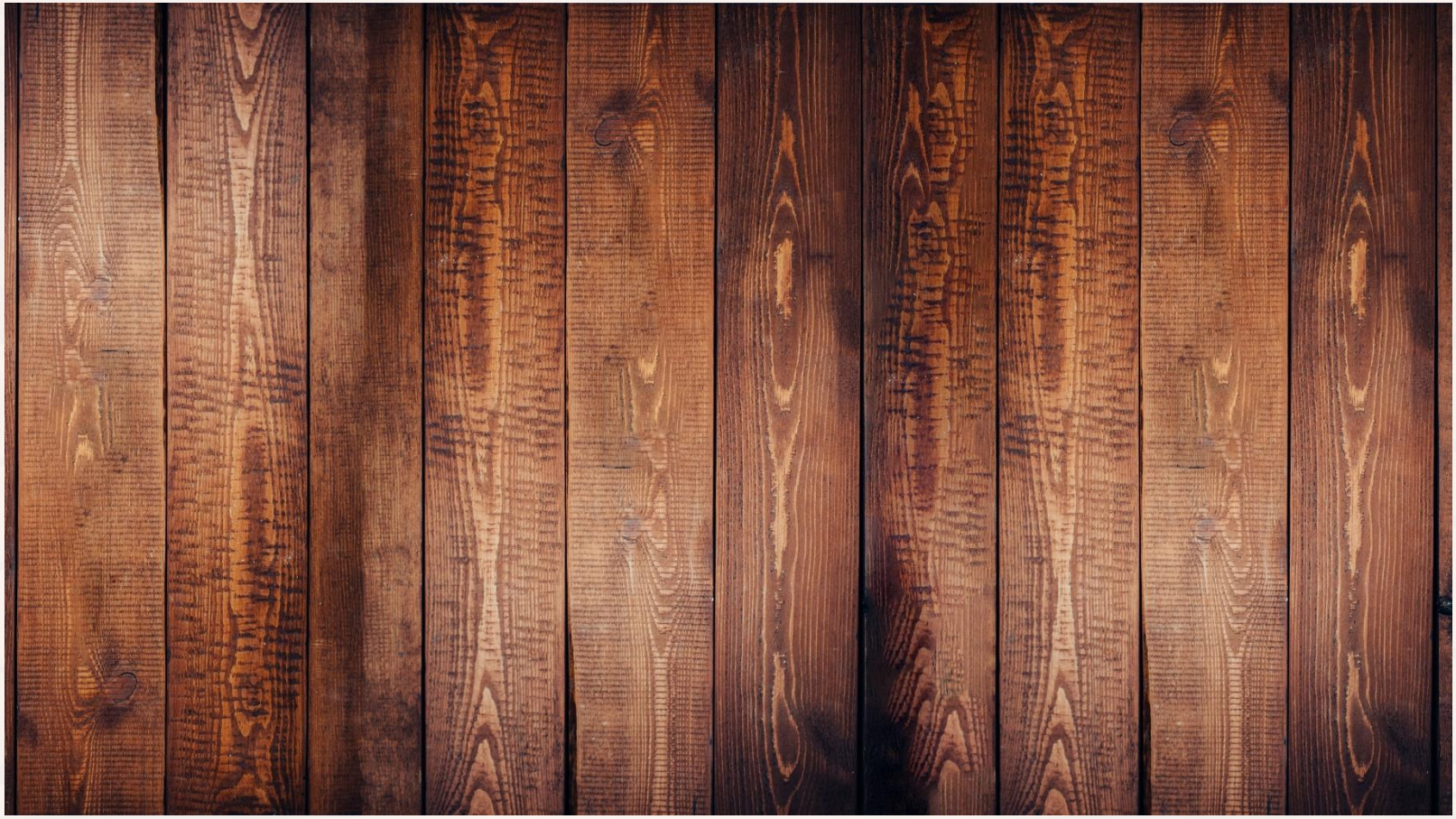

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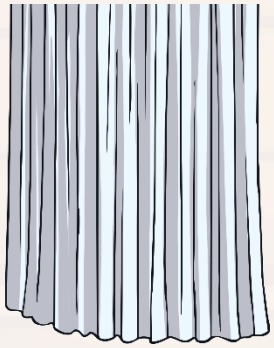
Fabric

- Fabric comes from plants and animals.
- A few things made from fabric are:

curtains	clothes	towels

- Fabric is used as it is very light, warm, soft and quite easy to produce and sew.



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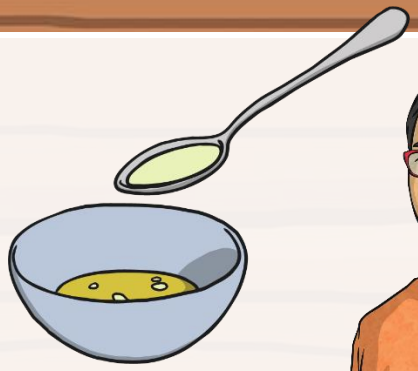
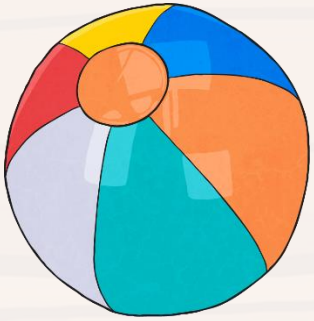
Plastic



- Plastics are man-made, mostly from oil.
- A few things made from plastic are:

balls	bottles	carrier bags

- Plastic is used as it can be made to be flexible, hard, rough or smooth. It is also very cheap to produce and easily washable.



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Metal

- Metals are made from rocks. The rocks are dug up and taken to a factory where they are heated and processed into metal.

- A few things made from metal are:

jewellery	cutlery	cars

- Metal is used as it is strong, hard, smooth and easily washable.

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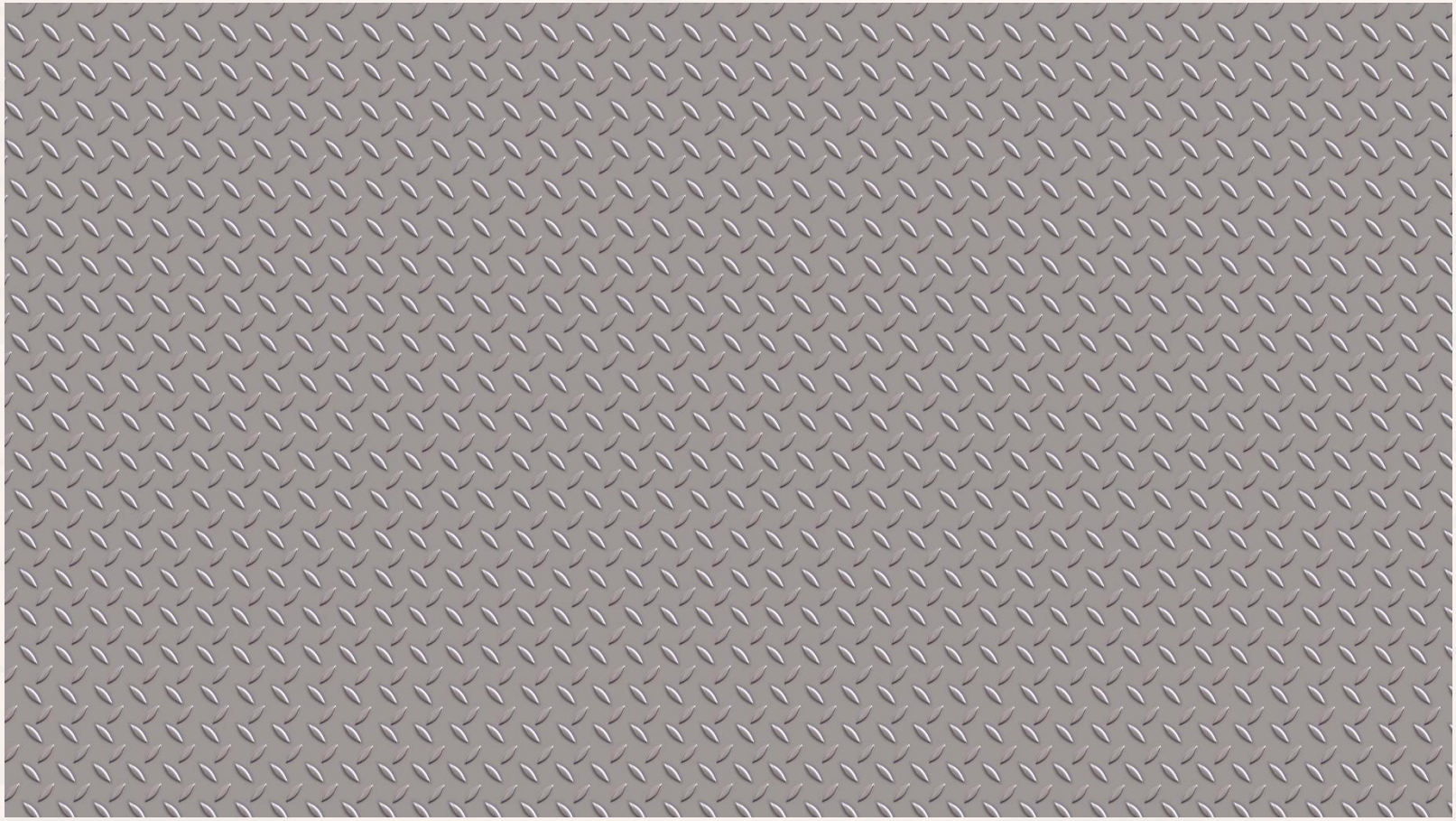

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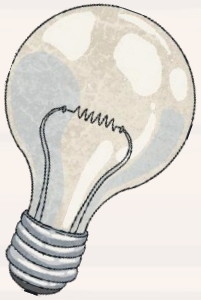
Glass

- Glass is made from very fine sand. It is heated until it melts.
- A few things made from glass are:

bottles	light bulbs	glasses

- Glass is used as it is strong, hard, smooth, easily washable and transparent.



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