

# Factories and Handmade Production

Chapter 8: How Things are Made · Topic 2

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## Key Concept

Factory production uses machines to make many products quickly and consistently, which helps meet the needs of many people at a lower cost.

Handmade production relies on skilled artisans working by hand, often taking longer but creating unique, high-quality items with personal craftsmanship.

Some products, like certain textiles or pottery, might be made in both ways - factories for everyday items, and handmade for special, unique pieces.

Both factory and handmade production are important - factories meet large-scale needs efficiently, while handmade items preserve traditional skills and craftsmanship.

## Quick Revision Notes

- Factories use machines for fast, consistent production.
- Handmade production uses artisans working by hand.
- Handmade items are often unique and high quality.
- Factory production is generally quicker and cheaper.
- Some products are made both ways.
- Factories meet large-scale needs efficiently.
- Handmade production preserves traditional skills.
- Both types of production are important for society.

## Practice Questions

- 1 Find a factory-made and a handmade item at home.
- 2 Compare the two items' qualities and uses.
- 3 Research a traditional handmade craft.
- 4 Discuss why some people prefer handmade items.
- 5 Discuss why factories are useful for everyday products.
- 6 Draw or describe the production process of an item you choose.