

INTRO TO COTTON LESSON PLAN NSW PRIMARY YEARS K-2		
Objective	For the students to learn the cotton story, from the field to the fabric.	
Syllabus links	HSIE and Science and Technology	
Focus area's	 Hands-on and sensory based eg: feeling the boll and seeds The processes involved in growing → end product, with least emphasis on ginning and spinning/weaving stages. Cotton grows on a plant The needs of a cotton plant eg: sunlight, water, nutrients. Make connections about how their needs for cotton products are being met. 	
Materials	Lesson steps	Extension activities
 Video Cotton samples* Presentation Magic box* Optional Give-aways*** Cotton boll worksheet and ginned cotton (if applicable) Visual arts activity 2 Instructions and resources. (If applicable) 	 Introduction (5min) Introduce self. Start with asking the students "What is cotton-What do you know about cotton?" Discuss. "Who is wearing cotton?" Discuss how many students are wearing cotton and the variety items there are. Cotton Story (10min) Using a combination of the presentation and the samples, tell the cotton story from the boll/seed to the end products. 	Worksheet The cotton boll worksheet can be done with the students, or left with the teacher for later.
* To have samples sent to you send this form to Cotton Australia *Magic Box - Fill up a cardboard box with cotton and non-cotton products eg. Socks, paper, oil products, pen, woollen jumper, synthetic articles. ***Request Giveaways from Cotton Australia	 Video (5-10min) Before showing video ask the students to look for something in the video to be discussed afterwards eg: "What are the cows eating?" Magic Box (5min) Take items out of box asking, "Is this made from cotton?" Choose a child to come out the front to hold each item in cotton and noncotton groups. Particular focus is on products containing the oil. Conclusion (5min) Quick quiz eg: "What does cotton 	
Education kit for teachers	grow on?", "What is inside the seeds?"	

THE COTTON BOLL

