

This wall hanging, 'From Midnight to First Light', by Prudence Mapstone on a first glance appears to look like coral on a sea bed or giant flowers on tiny fields. If this piece was a garment you could expect it to be a soft and cosy woolly jumper. Made up of harmonic and contrasting colours of purples, blues, greens and oranges, with the purples and blues harmonising one and other while contrasting the harmonising greens and oranges. The subtle shades of these colours almost give a dark and depressing feel, when actually in the artist own words she says that the piece was "inspired by the changes in light just before the crack of dawn", which almost gives the piece a sense of celebrating new life after loss. The purple and blue tones are clustered together as are the orange and green tones, which represent the rising of the sun and the going down of the moon. The orange tones give a sense of warmth and welcoming as do the greens, whereas the blue and purple tones give a sense of doom and gloom as if to say that the previous days occurrences are in the past and that the beginning of the new day brings with it the prospect of happiness. The orange tones are busy giving the impression that the sun is rising, whereas the green and blue tones are quieter and give the impression that they are being eaten up by the sun. The 'field' areas have the appearance of brail, and you can tell that if you run your hands over the piece it could tell you a story about life and death. The 'flowers' appear to be in different stages of opening, ranging from tightly closed buds to fully flourishing opened flowers showcasing their intricately detailed petals. The materials used in this piece are wool, mohair, cotton and lurex, but from looking at the piece you would not instantly know that not all of these materials are being used. You can tell that the wool and mohair are being used from the outset, whereas you need to look deeper and into more detail to see that the cotton and latex are being used. I know that these materials are present because of the information given on the sheet provided.