

Space blankets

Space blankets are an incredibly multisensory resource, easily found online and are cheap and expendable if there are participants whose way of exploring something is by crumpling and tearing. They look amazing when they catch the light, particularly if lit by two or three different colours. For those who are sight/hearing impaired, they have a variety of sound and textural qualities that can be explored either in the space around them or using hands and feet. Space blankets come in silver or gold and can be used for:

- Creating sets - space blankets create textured, visually arresting backgrounds, either smooth and shiny, crumpled and catching the light or stripped i.e. for a shower/waterfall.
- Multisensory props - attached to the edge of clear umbrellas, this shimmering silver material sounds and looks like ribbons of rain falling around participants.
- They can be cut up to make silver fish, wrapped around stones to make gold nuggets, or laid whole over someone's lap like liquid metal.
- Encouraging movement - kept whole, these sheets can float, fall and ripple around the space. Held over people's heads, they encourage going under and around.
- Placed on the floor they can be stepped or stamped on to create sound rhythms, used to delineate a working space or simply to lie on, roll over or hide beneath.
- Costume - as they don't tear too easily, space blankets can be easily turned into costumes or accessories, or to make puppets and masks.

Links

Fishing (Activity)
Umbrellas (Prop)

Workshops - Gold Mine, Snow Queen, Science Lab, Weather forecast

Videos

Under the space blankets
Rustling space blankets
Colour changing space blankets