
*Search guide Design & Applied Arts Index
(DAAI)*

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Design & Applied Arts Index (DAAI)

The Design and Applied Arts Index (DAAI) is a database with references to articles in all aspects of design and crafts, from textiles and ceramics to vehicle design, advertising and sustainability. The database includes journal articles, exhibition reviews and news from 1973 to the present.

Access

On site at Konstfack you have access to Design and Applied Arts Index (DAAI) by clicking the name of the database in the list of databases on the [library's website](#). As a student or staff at Konstfack, you also have access from outside the university. Click the name of the database and then fill in your login details in the login box that appears.

Search example

We want to find articles on *fashion* and *sustainability*. Suggested search terms:

Fashion: textile, clothes, clothing, textiles...

Sustainability: recycling, environmental impact, sustainable design...

Please note that the search language is English. This also applies if you want to find articles in other languages.

Free text search

Click **Advanced search**. We will perform a search by combining the two search terms (fashion and sustainability) of our search query:

The screenshot shows the ProQuest Design & Applied Arts Index (DAAI) Advanced Search interface. The search query is: `textile OR clothes OR clothing OR fashion` AND `sustainability OR recycling OR "environmental impact" OR "sustainable design"`. The Boolean operator is set to **AND**. The location for both search terms is set to **Anywhere**. The interface includes a **Search** button and a **Clear form** button.

In the drop-down menu, you can choose to combine search terms with **AND**, **OR** or **NOT**. These are called **Boolean operators** and are a type of search command used in most databases to specify how different search terms should be combined. In this example, we choose **AND** as we want to get search results including both *fashion* **AND** *sustainability*.

AND limits the search as both search terms must be included in the search results:

fashion **AND** sustainability

OR provides a broader search as at least one of the terms must be included:

fashion **OR** sustainability

NOT is used to exclude terms:

fashion **NOT** sustainability

It is recommended to use the **NOT** operator with caution as this might exclude relevant articles.

In the drop-down menu different search fields can be selected:

Abstract AB Your search terms must be found in the abstract of the articles retrieved.

Document title TI Title Search terms must be found in title.

Author AU Search for a specific author.

Phrase search

In this example, we choose to place some of the search terms within quotation marks, i.e. "environmental impact", "sustainable design". This is called **phrase search** and is used to search for terms that consist of more than one word. Searching for "environmental impact" gives results where environmental and impact are next to each other in specified order

Search with subject terms – Thesaurus

The articles in the database are indexed, meaning they are tagged with descriptive words from a controlled vocabulary, a list of subject terms, which correspond to what the article is about. In the DAAI database, the list of subject terms is called **Thesaurus**:

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textile OR clothes OR clothing OR fashion in Anywhere

AND in Anywhere

sustainability OR recycling OR "environmental impact" OR "sustainable design"

Limit to: Peer reviewed

Publication date: All dates

Search Clear form

ProQuest Thesaurus

Search terms: fashion

Contains word(s) Begins with (enter at least 3 characters)

Browse terms: All 0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Click a term in the list below to see available narrower, broader, and related terms.

Designers, Fashion

Fashion Fashion designers Fashion models Fashion shows

Models-Fashion

1 terms selected view

Combine using: OR AND NOT

Search for *fashion* in the search field for **Thesaurus**. Click **Find**.

Tick the box for the chosen subject term:

The subject term is now selected. Search for the other subject words (for example Clothing, Textiles) and select these as well.

When you have searched for the subject terms you want to combine within the same search, select **Combine Using: OR** (at least one of the selected subject terms will be included in the search results) and click **Add to search**:

The screenshot shows the ProQuest Thesaurus interface. At the top, the title "ProQuest Thesaurus" is displayed. Below it, there is a search bar with the text "fashion" and a "Find" button. To the right of the search bar is a "Clear" button. Below the search bar, there are two radio buttons: "Contains word(s)" (selected) and "Begins with (enter at least 2 characters)".

Below the search bar, there is a "Browse terms:" section with a list of letters from A to Z, and "All 0-9". Below this list, there is a instruction: "Click a term in the list below to see available narrower, broader, and related terms."

Underneath, there are two sections of subject terms. The first section is "Designers, Fashion" and contains four items: "Fashion" (checked), "Fashion designers", "Fashion models", and "Fashion shows". The second section is "Models--Fashion".

At the bottom of the interface, there is a button that says "1 terms selected view". To the right of this button, there is a "Combine using:" section with three radio buttons: "OR" (selected), "AND", and "NOT". Below this section are two buttons: "Add to search" and "Close". This "Combine using:" section is circled in red.

Place the cursor in the second search field. Click on **Thesaurus** to search for keywords for *sustainability* in the same way as above.

The difference between searching with free text and subject terms

A subject term search often gives more relevant search results than a free text search. The reason why a subject term search assist you in creating a more targeted search is that it searches only the field for subject terms, i.e. only returning results that have been tagged with the specific subject term you searched for.

Free text searching is a search mode in which titles, abstracts or full texts fields of bibliographic or source metadata are searched for the search terms entered. A free text search consequently often yields numerically more but less specific search results than a subject term search. Free text search is preferably used when a subject term does not give any useful results, or when subject terms are missing for a certain topic or concept.

When you have searched for the subject terms that capture your field of interest and combined them in an appropriate way (see above), it will look like the picture below.

If you only want search results that have undergone peer review, i.e. material that has been reviewed by other researchers in the same field, tick the **Peer Reviewed** box.

Click **Search**:

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' page of the Design & Applied Arts Index (DAAI). The search criteria are entered in two rows. The first row contains the search terms: MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Clothing") OR MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Fashion") OR MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Textiles") in Anywhere. The second row contains: AND MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Sustainable design") OR MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Environmental impact") OR MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Sustainability") in Anywhere. Below the search criteria, there is a section for 'Limit to:' with a checkbox for 'Peer reviewed' which is circled in red. There is also a 'Publication date:' dropdown set to 'All dates'. On the right side, there is a 'Search' button and a 'Clear form' button, both of which are circled in red.

Search result

We have now performed a subject term search on:

MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Clothing") **OR** MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Fashion") **OR** MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Textiles")

AND

MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Sustainable design") **OR** MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Environmental impact") **OR** MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Sustainability")

Below the search box, you will find the search results, thus articles indexed with the subject terms *Fashion* and *Sustainability*.

Full text

Sometimes an article is directly accessible from the database as a PDF for downloading. Sometimes you get information that will help you find the article (title of journal, publication date, issue, pages). Check if the article is accessible, printed or electronic, via Konstfack's library. At <https://www.konstfack.se/en/Library/Search-and-renew-loans/Electronic-and-printed-journals/> you will find a link to a searchable list of all journals that the library subscribes to. Search for a journal's title and see if Konstfack's library has access to it and in what form. If the library does not have the

journal or the issue you are looking for, contact the library and we can help you order copies from another library.

Refine results – limit your search

To the left of the list of search results is the heading **Limit to**. Use these different filters to narrow your search:

Peer Reviewed The filter limits the search result to articles that have undergone peer review, i.e. articles that have been reviewed by other researchers within the same field.

Source Types Limit the search result based on the type of publication they are found in, for example scholarly journals, newspapers, etc.

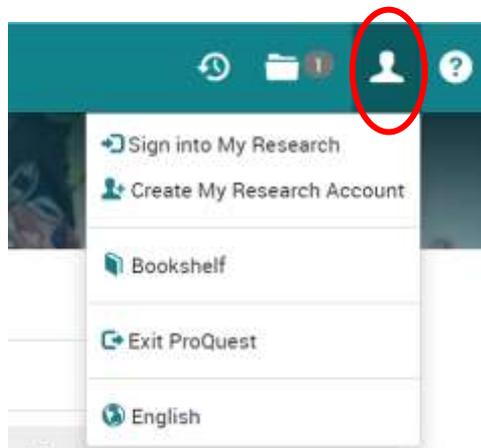
Publication date Here, the search result can be limited to articles from certain years, for example, material published before a certain year can be deselected, if considered outdated.

Publication Title List of publications where search results are published.

Location Specific geographic areas the search results address.

Language List of languages in which the search results are written.

Sign In – save searches and articles



To save a search or articles, you need to create an account and log in to the database. This is free of charge.

Click **My Research and Language selection** in the top right corner to log in or create an account.

Folder – save articles

To save articles in a folder, you need to be logged in to the database (see above). Then click the folder symbol **Save to My Research** above each article in the list of search results:



The screenshot shows a search results interface. At the top, there is a selection bar with a checkbox, the text "Select 1-20", "1 Selected item", and a "Clear" button. In the top right corner, there are four circular icons: a quote mark, an envelope, a folder (highlighted with a red circle), and a three-dot menu. Below the icons is a dark button labeled "Save to My Research".

The first article is selected (checkbox checked) and has a blue header. It is titled "Sustainable Design: Circular Economy in Fashion and Textiles" by Moorhouse, Debbie; Moorhouse, Danielle. It is from "The Design Journal; Oxford Vol. 20, Iss. sup1, (Jul 2017): 1948-". Below the title are links for "Abstract/Details", "Get full text", and "Cited by (3)". A "Show Abstract" link is on the right. The source is identified as "Scholarly Journals".

The second article is not selected (checkbox unchecked) and has a grey header. It is titled "Garment label design and companion information to communicate fashion sustainability issues to young consumers" by Perez, Ana; Lonsdale, Maria dos Santos. It is from "Visible Language, suppl. Student Special Issue; Cincinnati Vol. 52, Iss. 3, (Dec 2018): 115-139.". The source is identified as "Scholarly".

The references you save end up in the **Selected Items** folder in the top right corner.

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