

FABRIC DESIGNER

Read the text below and choose the best word for the gap.

Vera Neumann was a designer and businesswoman whose products (1) _____ their way into the homes of people across the USA.

Vera was born in Connecticut in 1907 and showed artistic (2) _____ from an early age. After attending art college in New York, she got a job as a textile designer, but didn't like being (3) _____ what to do. Determined to develop her own styles, Vera started to produce tablecloths each item printed by hand in her kitchen.

But it was her scarves that (4) _____, Vera's name. Good fabric was in short (5) _____ during the Second World War, but Vera was lucky enough to (6) _____ across some silk left over from the manufacture of parachutes. Vera used it to design scarves with floral, abstract and geometric designs. These were an (7) _____ success when they appeared in department stores and during the 1950s they were the (8) _____ of fashion, being worn by celebrities such as the film star Marilyn Monroe. By 1960, the company which Vera had (9) _____ was employing 200 staff and producing 130 patterns per season.

