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Made <u>of</u>

We use made of when we talk about the basic material or qualities of something. It has a meaning similar to 'composed of':

- She wore a beautiful necklace made of silver.
- This shirt is made of cotton,

TIP: Made of is used when the basic material or qualities remain unchanged.

Made from: If the material undergoes a change or transforms from its original form, we use "made from".

Wine is made from grapes.

Made out of

We use made out of to talk about things that have been changed or transformed from one thing into another in an unusual or surprising way.

- These sandals were made out of old car tyres and are the very best for walking in the bush.
- I was surprised when I saw an aeroplane made out of Coke cans.
- She was wearing a hat made out of plastic bags.

Made up of

We use made up of to talk about the materials or components used to make an item or to talk about the parts that something consists of.

- This medicine is made up of natural herbs that do not have any side effects.
- The C2 Proficiency exam is made up of four papers developed to test your English skills.
- A computer is made up of many high-tech components.

Made with:

We use made with most often to talk about the ingredients of food and drink:

- This dish is made with beef, red peppers and herbs.
- Is sushi always made with raw fish or do the Japanese use cooked fish too?