

Design Brief

Design, make and evaluate a seasonal gift, using quality products. It will evidence a range of textile skills of a particularly high standard, incorporating the opportunity to incorporate a range of stitches previously learnt.

Key Vocabulary

cross-stitch	A stitch formed of two stitches crossing each other.
blanket stitch	This is useful for sewing a fabric edge or attaching other objects to fabric. It is a stitch used to reinforce the edge of thick materials.
seam allowance	The small strip, or section, of fabric that is on the inside of a textile product when a seam is stitched.
embellish	To make something more attractive by the addition of decorative details or features.
applique	Ornamental needlework in which pieces of fabric are sewn or stuck on to a larger piece to form a picture or pattern.
tacking	This is used to hold fabric in position while it is being permanently stitched.

Key Skills

- Choose the correct equipment for the task.
- Choose a suitable material(s) for the task.
- Choose the best stitches for the task.
- Measure and cut accurately using a pattern.
- Decorate the material.



What I Should Already Know

- How to sew using running stitch.
- How to sew using back stitch
- How to sew using blanket stitch.
- How to sew using cross stitch.
- How to cut around a template.
- When it is appropriate to use glue or other techniques to attach things to fabric.
- How to attach a button to a piece of fabric.
- How to prepare a seam.
- Needles are sharp and must be used carefully



Key Information

- Sewing is a valuable life skill and during years 1-5 you will have learnt a range of stitches. These include the running stitch, back stitch, blanket stitch and cross-stitch.
- Sewing enables you to express yourself through your creations. From selecting the pattern and fabric to putting on the finishing touches, every aspect of this activity allows you to be creative.
- Sewing is a life-long skill which will enable you to make your own clothes and customise and create gifts/decorations.

Links to other Learning

- Maths - measures
- Art and Design
- D & T- Textiles all year groups
- Whole school enrichment - Christmas Fair

Key Questions

- Appearance/aesthetics - how will it look? Can you say what you are making?
- Cost - how much will it cost to make?
- Customer - who might use your product and what for?
- Environment - can it be recycled?
- Size - how big or small is it?
- Safety - how will you make it safe to use?
- Function/purpose - how will it work?
- Materials - what will you make it from? Have you planned your design and how you will create it?
- Manufacture - how will you make it? Do I like what I have made? Why or why not?

