

Design Brief

Design, make and evaluate a seasonal gift bag, by creating and piecing a pattern together and demonstrating an awareness of seam allowance. Your design should incorporate the cross-stitch.

Key Vocabulary

cross-stitch	A stitch formed of two stitches crossing each other.
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.
fastening	How the bag closes.
felt	Felt is a non-woven textile and because of this it does not fray when cut. It is available in a range of bright colours.
calico	Calico is a plain-woven natural textile made from unbleached cotton. It is inexpensive, durable, washable and has good strength.

Key Skills

- Choose the correct equipment for the task.
- Choose a suitable material(s) for the task.
- How to sew using cross stitch.
- 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 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.
- Needles are sharp and must be used carefully



Key Information

- A textile bag or pouch is used so that people can safely store and transport their belongings.
- Therefore, bags must be strong enough to sustain the weight of their contents. They should also be comfortable for the wearer. They can be held in hands or carried over the shoulder.
- A bag can also be a fashion choice/accessory item so they must be suitably designed.
- The most common joining method used for fabrics is stitching.

Links to other Learning

- Maths - measures
- Whole school enrichment - Christmas Fair
- Art and Design
- D & T -Textiles years 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 bag and what could they place inside it?
- 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? How will you know that your bag is strong enough?
- 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?

