

Autumn 2 Year 3 Design and Technology Knowledge Organiser

Textiles: Cushions

Subject specific Vocabulary		Images/Diagrams/Maps	Important Knowledge
Appliqué	A way of decorating fabric by sewing smaller shapes of fabric onto it.		We can design our own cushion by looking at real examples and planning what fabric, shape, and decoration we want to use.
Cushion	A soft bag filled with stuffing, used to make something comfortable or decorative.		Appliqué and cross-stitch are ways to decorate fabric and join pieces together. Appliqué adds fabric shapes, and cross-stitch is a neat sewing technique.
Design	A plan or drawing made before creating something.		A seam is where two pieces of fabric are sewn together. We need to leave space for the seam so the cushion fits properly.
Embellish	To decorate something by adding extra details like stitching or fabric.		We use fabric scissors, thread, and needles to cut, sew, and join materials. We are learning to thread needles and tie knots independently.
Fabric	Material used for sewing, such as cotton or felt.		Stuffing fills the cushion, and we sew the edges carefully—sometimes turning it inside out so the stitching is hidden.
Patch	A small piece of fabric used to cover a hole or as decoration.		
Running stitch	A basic sewing stitch that goes in and out of the fabric in a straight line.	Writing/Provision/Enrichment opportunities	
Seam	The line where two pieces of fabric are sewn together.	Step-by-Step Instructions Children write clear instructions for how to make a cushion, using conjunctions and descriptive/technical vocabulary.	
Stuffing	Soft material used to fill cushions and make them soft.	Cushion Exhibition Children display their completed cushions with name labels and a short-written description of the process. Invite parents or another class to visit.	
Template	A shape drawn on paper or card that is used to help cut out fabric pieces.		

Presentation	Assessment		
	To learn how to sew cross-stitch and appliqué.	Using a cross-stitch to add decoration or join two pieces of fabric together.	Using neat and considered cross-stitch to join an appliqué patch to another fabric; attempting reverse appliqué.
	To design a product and its template.	Designing and cutting the template for a cushion.	Designing their cushion, considering how the different elements will work together; designing a cushion with an interesting shape; cutting the template for a cushion neatly.
	To decorate fabric using appliqué and cross-stitch.	Using cross-stitch and appliqué to decorate a cushion face.	Using cross-stitch with consistent stitches; attaching appliqué with neat stitches of a consistent size; attaching other embellishments such as beans, sequins or buttons.
	To assemble and complete a cushion.	Making a cushion that includes appliqué and cross-stitch.	Making a cushion that closely matches their design sheet; using small, neat stitches to create and decorate their cushion.