


Year 3 Cushions / Christmas Decorations

Key Skills

1. Observe - how a 'cross stitch' is done .
2. Practise - the new skills of 'cross stitching' on a piece of fabric.
3. Design - my cushion template (2D shape, patch, fabric choice, etc).
4. Procedure - followed so that the cushion is assembled correctly and is functional.
5. Accuracy - in aligning and cutting the fabric.
6. Applying - the new 'cross stitch' technique to the cushion's /decorations' seam. 
7. Choosing - a patch and decorations to finish the cushion.

Vocab/Key Words

- Accurate** - Neat, correct shape, size and pattern with no mistake.
- Applique** - is a type of textile work where small pieces of cloth are sewn or stuck onto a larger piece.
- Cross-stitch** - a two stitch style of sewing which forms a cross pattern.
- Cushion** - a stuffed shape of fabric, used to make sitting more comfortable.
- Decorate** - to add small details to a design to improve its appearance.
- Detail** - the small features of an object.
- Patch** - a piece of material sewn over the top layer of a larger piece, sometimes for decoration and sometimes to cover a hole.
- Running Stitch** - a simple style of sewing in a straight line with no overlapping

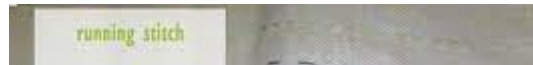


Respect, Believe, Achieve

Key Knowledge

It is very important to tie a knot at the end of your thread when stitching.

When sewing the seam, it's important to leave a 1cm gap so that it's not too close to the edge (and you get unwanted aps).



It's important to leave a gap when sewing the seam so that the cushion can be turned inside-out and then stuffed. The gap will be closed after this.

Appliqué is when you stitch a piece of fabric onto another piece of fabric.

Previous Learning

- ◆ Threading and weaving - Nursery Rhymes (year R)
- ◆ Puppets (year 1)
- ◆ Pouches (Year 2)

What I will know/be able to do by the end

I know what the purpose/function of cushions are.

I can safely thread my own needle and remember to tie a knot at the end of the thread.

I can do a 'cross stitch'.

I can select a 2D shape for my cushion design.

I can select an interesting 'patch' to sew onto my cushion (appliqué) .

I can think about who my cushion is for when designing it and add details that would appeal to them.

I can design and cut out my template which I will then use to cut the fabric out carefully (by tracing around it like a stencil).

I can identify which areas will need cross/running stitch.

I can sew a seam using the correct stitch and then leave a gap, so that I can turn the cushion inside-out (for stuffing and finishing).

I can sew on the patch (appliqué).

I can select decorations and join/attach them using a chosen method.

I can evaluate my finished cushion/ decoration and make any adaptations necessary.