

**Edward Peake Church of England Middle School**

**Textiles**

**Topic: Hand sewing skills –  
Puppet**

**Year: 6**

What should I already know?

- How to work safely in the textiles room.
- How to use existing products to help come up with ideas.
- How to produce design ideas.
- What felt is and the properties that make it suitable.
- How to follow a set of instructions to make a product.
- How to use a pattern to mark out pieces out.
- How to thread a needle.
- How to join two pieces of felt together with thread.
- How to use a range of different stitches to add embellishments.
- How to use smaller pieces of felt, buttons and ribbon to add embellishments.
- How to finish off a row of stitches.
- How to evaluate a finished product.

What will know by the end of the unit?

- How to develop design ideas into a final working product.
- How to use a prototype to make improvements to a design idea.
- How to make a product suitable to fit the size of the user.
- How to use embellishments to add features to a product.
- How to choose the most appropriate stitches for different jobs.
- How to adapt a set of instructions to make them suitable for a specific design.
- How to evaluate a product against the specification.

**Vocabulary**

Function	What a product does.
Embellishment	A decorative detail to improve the look of something.
Accuracy	How close to being correct something is.
Design Brief	An explanation of what the project should do.
Evaluation	A review of how things have gone.
Prototype	The first version of something to check whether any changes need to be made.
Pattern	A guide that gives you the correct sizes and positioning of things.

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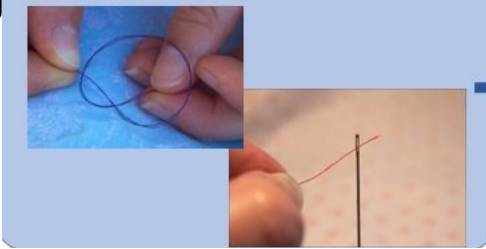
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## Starting and finishing off

### Starting



Tie a knot in the thread and thread your needle.

### Finishing Off



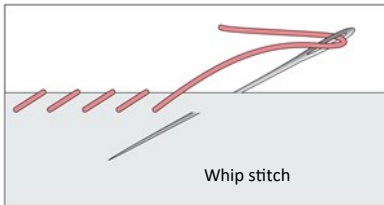
Pass the needle through the loop and pull the thread to tighten the knot.

## Key information

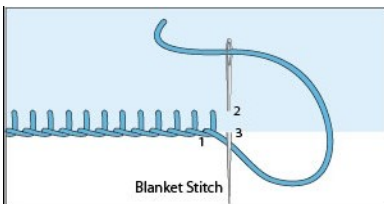
- Thread is used to join two pieces of fabric together.
- A prototype is the first version of something, to see if any changes need to be made.
- A pattern is used to transfer the correct sizes and positioning of embellishments onto the fabric.
- Embellishments can be added to a product using different stitches, buttons, ribbon and buttons.
- Pins are used to hold fabric in place until they are stitched.

## Different Types of Stitches

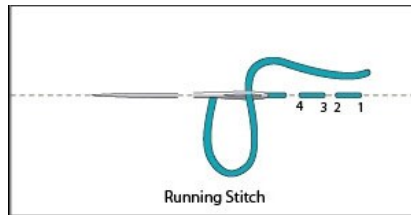
### Stitches used for joining two pieces of felt together.



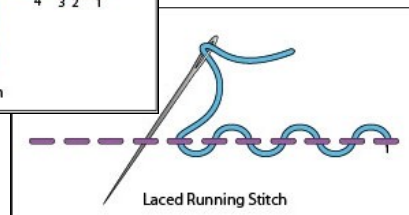
Whip stitch



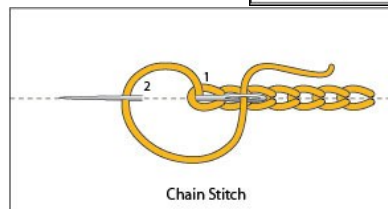
Blanket Stitch



Running Stitch



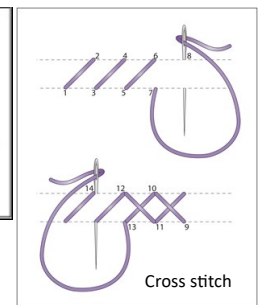
Laced Running Stitch



Chain Stitch

### Stitches used for embellishment.

(Embellishment— a decorative detail to improve the look of something.)



Cross stitch

Buttons, ribbons and sequins are all other methods of embellishment.

## Investigation tasks

1. Can you make a sampler using different stitches?
2. Can you make a guide showing how to sew different stitches?
3. Investigate how different fabric products are made.
4. Investigate new fabrics that are environmentally friendly and write up your findings.