

Funky furnishings
Textiles joining
Design and make a cushion for the royal throne

DT Theme: Cushions
(Textile unit)

Teaching focus: Making Cushion

Learning Lens: Textiles

Class: Year 5

Previous Knowledge

Year 1 Puppets & Y3 Money Bags

Project Hook or 'Wow' memory

Look at different cushions/Pillows Children to bring in different cushions/pillows to look at and talk about how they are made.

Learning Steps

Key Knowledge

To investigate and analyse different types of cushions

There are different types of cushions from different time periods around the world, leading up to the present day and the wide and varied range we have now.
Cushions can be both be designed to have both 'functional' and 'aesthetic' features.

To explore different ways to join fabric using sewing skills

Know what a hidden and visible stitch are.
Know the difference between a running stitch, backstitch, overstitch or zigzag stitch and a blanket stitch

To explore different ways to decorate fabric using sewing skills

Aesthetics of a design refers to how appealing it is to look at.
Know some aesthetic features such as buttons, beads, ribbons, bows, tassels and frills and skill of appliqué can be used to make a cushion cover visually attractive.

To explore different ways to create fastenings

Know that most cushions have a re-sealable opening on one side, where a filling can be added or removed. Know different fastening for our cushion covers: the envelope fold, snap fasteners and buttons with button holes.

To design a cushion cover

Design using a design criteria

To make and evaluate a cushion cover

Use design criteria
Use a range of skills that have been taught in this unit
Chose appropriate equipment.
Evaluate work.

Key skills

Design a cushion

Join fabric in a variety of ways. (backstitch, overstitch, zigzag stitch, blanket stitch, running stitch)

Evaluate the final outcome

Key vocabulary

Functional	overstitch	appliqué
Aesthetic	zigzag stich	
Stiches	blanket stitch	
Fabric	needle	
Running stich	cushion	
Backstitch	hidden stitch	

Final outcome
Cushion structures

Design and make a royal cushion.

1:1 support to follow design plan.
Mixed paired work/support during design and make process.

