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## EBJ Knowledge Organiser Design Technology Year 3

Autumn 2  
Textiles - Cushions



### Learning objectives

- Designing and making a template from an existing cushion and applying individual design criteria.
- Following design criteria to create a cushion.
- Selecting and cutting fabrics with ease using fabric scissors.
- Threading needles with greater independence.
- Tying knots with greater independence.
- Sewing cross-stitch to join fabric.
- Decorating fabric using appliqué.
- Completing design ideas with stuffing and sewing the edges.
- Evaluating an end product and thinking of other ways to create similar items.



### Key facts

- Appliqué is a way of mending or decorating a textile by applying smaller pieces of fabric.
- When two edges of fabric have been joined together, it is called a seam.
- It is important to leave space on the fabric for the seam.
- Some products are turned inside out after sewing so the stitching is hidden.

D&T - Cushions	
accurate	Neat and correct, with the right shape, size, pattern and with no mistakes.
appliqué	A type of textile art where small pieces of cloth are sewn or glued onto a larger piece to make a design.
cross-stitch	A two-stitch style of sewing which forms a cross pattern.
cushion	A soft, stuffed shape made of fabric used to make sitting more comfortable.
embellish	To add decorative details or features to something.
fabric	A natural or man-made woven or knitted material that is made from plant fibres, animal fur or synthetic material.
patch	A piece of fabric sewn onto a larger piece, sometimes for decoration and sometimes to cover a hole in the material underneath.
running stitch	A basic sewing stitch made in a straight line with spaces between stitches.
seam	The line where two pieces of fabric are sewn together.
template	A tool used to make copies of a shape or to cut a material accurately, such as a biscuit cutter.
stuffing	Soft material used to fill cushions and stuffed toys.

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### Key Vocabulary

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- appliqué
- cross-stitch
- cushion
- design
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- running stitch
- seam
- stuffing
- template
- thread

