

Funky Furnishings : DT : Year 5/6

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	To investigate and analyse different types of cushions	In the first lesson, children will learn more about the history of the product that they will be making in this unit. As a class they will begin to analyse a range of cushions based on their functional and aesthetic features. In their independent activities, children will either further analyse a cushion, or match up different products to people, depending on the user's needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand the terms 'functional' and 'aesthetic'? Can children analyse an existing product in detail? Can children compare and contrast existing products? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Cushion Picture Cards Worksheet 1A/1B/1C Product User Description Cards (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 2	To explore different ways to join fabric using sewing skills	Children will investigate how to join two pieces of fabric together. They will learn about the right and wrong sides of fabric, and how to secure their first and last stitches with a knot. In their independent activities, children will explore a range of either hidden or visible stitches, and discuss which would be the most suitable when making their cushion cover.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know how to sew different stitches? Can children join two pieces of fabric together using their sewing skills? Can children explain which stitch is best for a particular purpose? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Stitches Instruction Sheet A/B/C/D Stitches Instruction Sheet E (FSD? activity only) Squares of fabric, approx. 10cm x 10cm Thread, needles, scissors
Lesson 3	To explore different ways to decorate fabric using sewing skills	Children will recap on the meaning of 'aesthetic features', and then discuss the different ways in which cushions can be made visually appealing. They will explore how the use of adornments and the skills of embroidery and appliqué can be used to decorate a cushion cover in the independent activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children use stitching for decorative purposes? Can children sew a button/bead/ribbon onto fabric accurately? Can children see how to combine these skills to create a design for a product? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Decorative Skills Instructions Cards Simple Picture Cards (FSD? activity only) Squares of fabric, approx. 10cm x 10cm Needles, thread, fabric pencil marker Buttons, beads, smaller scraps of fabric
Lesson 4	To explore different ways to create fastenings	In this lesson, children will explore the different fastenings that could be used for cushion covers, and discuss them in terms of secureness, durability and aesthetics. They will explore how to create some of these fastenings in their independent activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children talk about the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of fastenings? Can children use their sewing skills to create a secure fastening? Can children assess which fastening would be the most suitable for a particular product? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Instructions Sheet A/B/C Fabric Snap fasteners, buttons, VELCRO™. Needles, pins, thread, fabric marker pencil
Lesson 5	To design a cushion cover	Children will use their knowledge of joining techniques, decorative sewing skills and fastenings to design their own cushion cover. They will be encouraged to think through the different steps of the making process, and plan ahead for any of the aspects that they might find challenging. Alternatively, each child could design an individual patch for a class patchwork cushion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children create a design according to specific criteria? Can children explain their design and the techniques they will use? Can children explain the process they will need to undertake to make their product? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Design Sheet 5A/5B Coloured pencils Patch Design Sheet (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 6	To make and evaluate a cushion cover	In this lesson, children will make their cushion cover. They will be encouraged to regularly check their design, and make changes to it if necessary. Once completed, children will evaluate their finished product by answering a range of questions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children follow a design to create a finished product? Can children successfully use a range of sewing techniques? Can children evaluate their own and others' work? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Fabric Buttons, snap fasteners, beads, ribbon Scissors, thread, needles, pins Teacher Notes (FSD? activity only) Evaluation worksheet 6A/B