



KEY VOCABULARY

cushion

a bag of fabric stuffed with soft material **used to lean or sit on**, with two sides which are joined by a seam (a cushion can be decorated with appliqué)

fabric

cloth made from threads – **clothes** are made from fabric

natural fabric

fabric which is made from **natural materials**, such as plants or animals – for example, **cotton** is made from plants, **wool** is made from sheep's wool

synthetic fabric

fabric which is made from **man-made materials**, like **polyester** or **nylon**

felt

fabric which is made by **pressing materials together** – felt is often made from wool (a natural fabric)

appliqué

where **pieces of fabric are sewn onto a larger piece** to create a picture or a pattern – **overcast stitch** can be used to make appliqué

seam

a line where **two pieces of fabric are joined together**, usually by **stitching** – running stitch and backstitch can be used to create a seam



appliqué decoration pinned onto a layer of fabric



appliqué decoration attached with overcast stitch

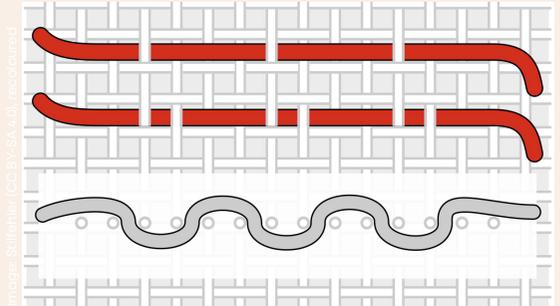
design criteria

user
who is the product for?

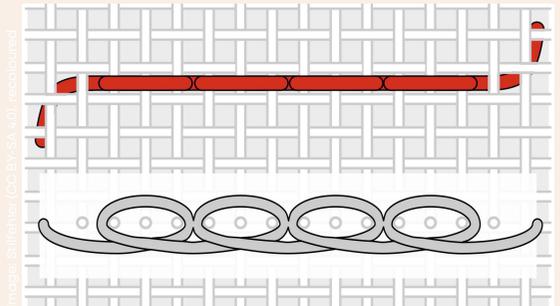
purpose or function
what is the product for?

aesthetic appeal
how is the design of the product pleasing to look at?

stitches



running stitch



backstitch



overcast stitch (or whip stitch)