

# Design Technology Year 5 Autumn: Christmas All Sewn Up!

## Key Knowledge to know and use

- Back stitch can be used to strengthen and secure sewing. The back stitch runs along the seam (the edge where you have sewn previously). Begin the backstitch by poking the needle up through the fabric, and then back down to make a single stitch. Then poke the needle back up through the fabric a space away from the first stitch, as if you were doing the running stitch.
- Chain stitch is used to fill in gaps and to leave a thicker, more interesting line of sewing (it can have a 'rope like' effect to add texture to work). You make a small stitch, then come up a short distance away from the end of the stitch, and pass the tip of your needle through it. Pull the thread all the way through, and then re-insert your needle into the same hole that your thread exited. Pull all the way through and you have made the first stitch in the 'chain'. Repeat, passing your needle through the last loop.
- Applique is the process of decorating a product by layering different types of fabric on it for effect. First, the fabric is shaped. Then, this is attached using an appropriate stitch.



### Chain stitch

This stitch fills in the gaps of a running stitch. You need to go back towards your previous stitch, making sure you put the needle exactly into the hole you previously made. You must be precise but the final effect looks great when stitching an outline!



### Applique

You will be practicing this skill when you make your product. The word is from the French verb 'appliquer' (to attach).

## Key Vocabulary to learn and use in your learning

Word	Definition
applique	The craft of decorating material with fabric to make an image or pattern using needle and thread.
back stitch	A stitch where you go backwards on the top of the fabric but forwards underneath, coming out in front of your previous stitch.
chain stitch	A decorative stitch which is made by creating a series of looped, connected stitches that look like the links in a chain.
modify	To modify is to make small and gradual improvements to a product without having to start again from scratch.