

Learning objective	Success criteria
To sew a blanket stitch.	- I can cut neatly and accurately. - I can thread a needle. - I can use a blanket stitch to join two pieces of fabric.
Before the lesson	
Watch Teacher video: Stuffed toy assembly Have ready <i>Presentation: Noughts & crosses.</i> - Whiteboard and pen (one between two). - Scissors (one each). - Needles (one each). - Scraps of fabric (a selection for the children to choose from). - Thread (a selection for the children to choose from). - Needle threaders (optional - see Adaptive teaching). - Named plastic wallets or zip-lock bags (one each). - The children's design sheets from Lesson 1: Designing a stuffed toy. - Link: Red Ted Art- How to blanket-stitch on Videolink - this is an external website and we do not have control over its content - please check before showing it to the children.	
Recap and recall	
Display the <i>Presentation: Noughts & crosses</i>. Pair the children up and hand out a whiteboard and pen to each pair. Presentation: Noughts & crosses¹ - Ask the children to draw a 3 x 3 grid on their whiteboard and write a different word in each box, ensuring they mix up the words. - Randomly select a vocabulary word and read out its definition. - Explain that the children should take turns to identify the correct word that matches the definition and place either a 'nought' or 'cross' symbol over the word. - Once all nine definitions have been read out, check if any player has won the game by having three of their symbols in a row, either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. - A form of textile work where small pieces of cloth are sewn or stuck onto a larger piece - appliqué. - A shape of outer fabric sewn together and filled with flexible material, also known as plush toys or stuffed animals - stuffed toy. - A style of sewing that forms a cross pattern with two stitches, which is used to add decorative features to fabric - cross-stitch. - A stencil made of metal, plastic or paper used for making many copies of a shape or to help cut material accurately (e.g. biscuit cutter) - template. - To make, draw or write plans for something - design. - A natural or man-made woven or knitted material that is made from plant fibres, animal fur or synthetic material - fabric. - A simple style of sewing in a straight line with no overlapping - running stitch. - A three-dimensional model of a product, person or structure - model. - Soft material used to fill cushions and stuffed toys - stuffing.	

Attention grabber

Hand out the design sheets and the fabric with their templates pinned on from [Lesson 1: Designing a stuffed toy](#). Ask the children to review their design sheets and cut the fabric around their templates. Give each child a named plastic wallet or bag and explain that storing their cut-out fabric and templates is essential so that nothing gets lost.

Show the children some images of blanket stitches (from the internet or your examples if you have them) and ask them to think about how these might be created, comparing them to a running stitch and cross-stitch.

Main event

Model

To teach the blanket stitch, refer to the *Teacher Video: Stuffed toy assembly* and show the children the video on the link: [Red Ted Art- How to blanket stitch](#) on Videolink. Model how to sew a blanket stitch on a scrap of fabric, using contrasting coloured thread to make it more visible.

Practise

Hand out scraps of fabric, needles and thread to each table for the children to practise the blanket stitch as demonstrated by the video.

If they perfect this quickly, ask them to practise using a running-stitch and cross-stitch to add smaller pieces of fabric or decorative stitching they may need for their stuffed toy design.

Allow time for the children to sew scraps of fabric together using a blanket stitch.

Wrapping up

Ask the children to check their designs and ensure they have all the fabric pieces they need, including for decoration. Explain that extra pieces of fabric for eyes or clothes will need to be attached before their toy is assembled and stuffed in the next lesson.

Vocabulary

Accurate

Neat, correct shape, size and pattern with no mistakes.

Appendage

Something attached to a larger or more important thing.

Blanket stitch

A sewing technique that joins two pieces of fabric together.

Sew

To join or fasten by stitches made using a needle and thread.

Assessing progress and understanding

Pupils with secure understanding indicated by:
joining two pieces of fabric using a blanket stitch; neatly cutting out their fabric; threading a needle independently.

Pupils working at greater depth indicated by:
practising other types of stitching (e.g. running and cross-stitch).

Adaptive teaching

Pupils needing extra support

Could need to see a blanket stitch being modelled several times; could be supported by a peer or use a needle threader when threading the needle.

Pupils working at greater depth

Should practise a few different stitches in line with what

they will do for their toy.