

## Year 5 - Cushion Covers

## Concepts



Finding out about what already exists and how things work



Using a range of skills and tools to design and make



Evaluate success of own and others' design

Within this D&T unit children learn about the work of Kaffe Fasset and use her work as inspiration for their own textile design. Building on previous sewing skills, including stitches to embellish, children will design and make a cushion cover. The children will be inspired by the Mexican tradition of the Day of the Dead, as well as doing product analysis of cushions, looking at their materials, embellishment and fastenings.

## National Curriculum

- I can use my research into existing products and my market research to inform the design of my innovative product
- I can create prototypes to show my ideas
- I can make careful and precise measurements so that joins, holes and openings are in exactly the right place
- I can produce step by step plans to guide my making, demonstrate that I can apply my knowledge of different materials, tools and techniques
- I can make detailed evaluations about existing products and my own considering the views of others to improve my work

## Learning Overview

- Explore the work of Kaffe Fasset (knitting, needlepoint, patchwork) especially those focused on the Day of the Dead <a href="http://www.kaffefassett.com/about/">http://www.kaffefassett.com/about/</a>
- Evaluate different designs of cushions e.g. decorative, shapes, materials, usage, designers, the way they are fastened
- Look at images from the Mexican Day of the Dead and set the brief to design a cushion inspired by Mexican art
- Drawer sketches of possible ideas for the front of the cushion cover
- Consider ways for fastening the cushion-button, Velcro, envelope cushion, etc
- Learn how to create a seam by folding the fabric and securing with a running stich
- Design a cushion, thinking about how it will be sewn together-will it use a fastening or have an envelope fastening?
- Use a range of fabric paints/dyes to design front of cover
- Follow design to sew cushion cover together
- Evaluate end product