



Textiles – Comforters

Textiles are flexible, soft materials that are sewn together. They can be used for lots of different purposes, including for comfort. Examples of this include blankets, cushions and teddy bears. There are many famous textile designers including Andrew Martin. He designs patterns and textiles for home furnishings. His designs can be found in many well-known shops.

Key Vocabulary	
seam	a line where 2 pieces of fabric are stitched together
running stitch	a line of stitches (loops of thread) in a piece of fabric
sew	to join or fasten by using thread and a needle
pattern	a shape template that is drawn around to get the correct shape and size
applique	a method of stitching to join a pattern onto another piece of fabric to provide decoration
aesthetic	describes how the finishing product looks



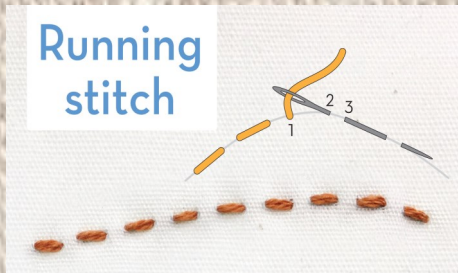
A pattern is similar to a stencil; it is drawn around then cut out of the fabric. It is important to place the pattern at the edge of the fabric when drawing and cutting it out so that material is not wasted. Patterns can be different shapes and sizes depending on the design of the product.



Tying off is done at the end to secure the stitch. The thread is looped and the needle is pulled through the loop.



Double threading a needle means you have 2 lengths of thread with a knot at the end.



This is the simplest stitch and it looks like a dotted line. First you thread your needle. The needle and thread start on the back of the fabric and get pulled through to the front. The needle then goes back through to the back. This is repeated over and over.