

Project glossary

appliqué

Decorative needlework in which pieces of fabric are sewn or stuck onto a larger piece to form a pattern.

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Binca

The trade name given to a form of embroidery canvas that has lots of holes and is used to practise sewing.

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designer

A person whose job it is to imagine how something could be made and draw or create plans for it.

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embellishment

A decorative feature added to something to make it more attractive, such as sequins, appliqué, buttons or motifs.

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fabric

A material that can be natural or human-made and is used for making items such as clothes, curtains and cushions.

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motif

An image or design that can be repeated to create a pattern.

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needle

A thin, solid piece of metal with a sharp point at one end to go through fabric and a hole at the other end to hold the thread.

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running stitch

A basic sewing stitch that is used to join pieces of fabric together.

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sequin

A small, shiny metal or plastic disc.

sewing pattern

A template of the parts needed to make a product.

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textile

A fabric made by hand or machine.

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thread

A length of very thin fibre, such as cotton or nylon, that is used in sewing.