



KEY VOCABULARY

cushion

a bag of fabric stuffed with soft material **used to lean or sit on**, with two sides which are joined by a seam (a cushion can be decorated with appliqué)

fabric

**cloth** made from threads – **clothes** are made from fabric

natural fabric

fabric which is made from **natural materials**, such as plants or animals – for example, **cotton** is made from plants, **wool** is made from sheep's wool

synthetic fabric

fabric which is made from **man-made materials**, like **polyester** or **nylon**

felt

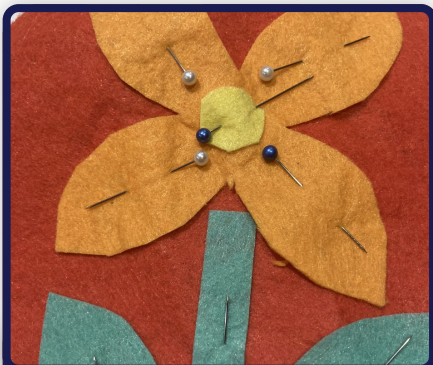
**fabric** which is made by **pressing materials together** – felt is often made from wool (a natural fabric)

appliqué

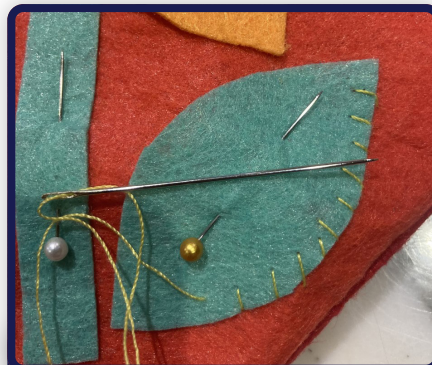
where **pieces of fabric are sewn onto a larger piece** to create a picture or a pattern – **overcast stitch** can be used to make appliqué

seam

a line where **two pieces of fabric are joined together**, usually by **stitching** – running stitch and backstitch can be used to create a seam



appliqué decoration pinned onto a layer of fabric



appliqué decoration attached with overcast stitch

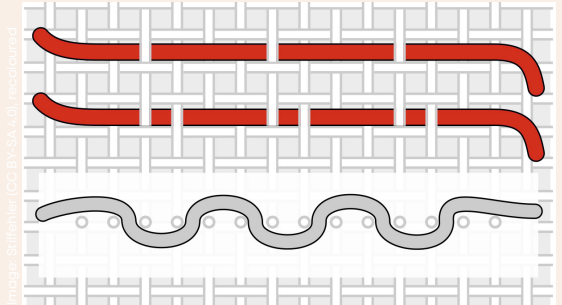
design criteria

**user**  
who is the product for?

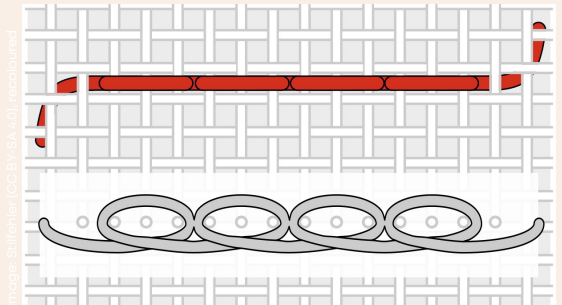
**purpose or function**  
what is the product for?

**aesthetic appeal**  
how is the design of the product pleasing to look at?

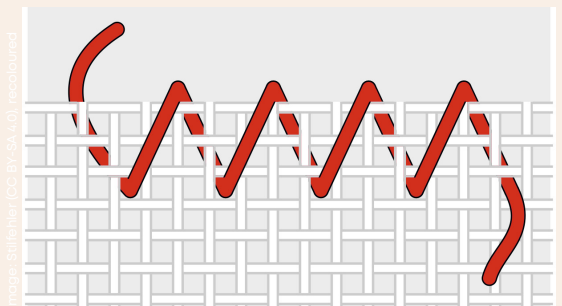
stitches



running stitch



backstitch



overcast stitch (or whip stitch)