

# KS1: Sewing- Finger Puppets

## Key Vocabulary

Stitch	A single turn or loop of thread
Under stitch	A line of straight stitching that helps to keep facings lying flat and hidden from view
Running stitch	A line of small even stitches which run back and forth through the cloth without overlapping
Purpose	Purpose- the reason why something is made and how this changes depending on who it is created

## Research

Although you will be using felt, finger puppets can be made from a variety of different materials including knitted wool or the cheaper material of polyester.

Most finger puppets are used either as toys or to be visual aids in story telling

Designers



Polyester  
*Ikea*



Wool  
*Susie Johns*

Key Research Questions

- How do different materials create different **effects**?
- What is the **purpose** of a finger puppet?
- How important is **interesting design** when it comes to a finger puppet?
- What different **methods** are used in joining the materials together?

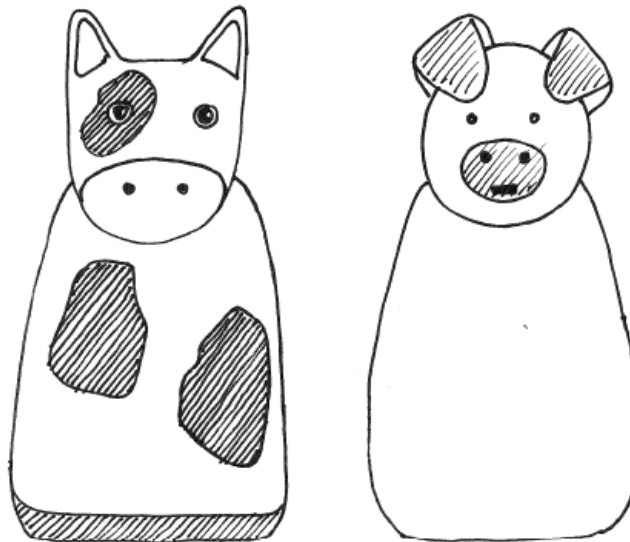
## The Project

Introduction

This project is designed to introduce you to sewing, focusing on how to use a needle and thread and practicing two different types of stitch to help make a finger puppet.

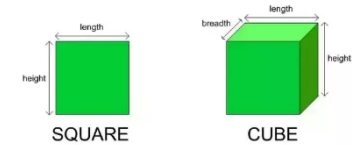
Purpose for Project

To design and make a finger puppet to be available for a special story time for EYFS children and to be available as a resource at the Eco Hub.



## Design

Two dimensional (or 2D) drawings, help you draw a design as if you were looking down on it. The image on the left is 2D as it only includes length and height.



2D Drawings and Stitches

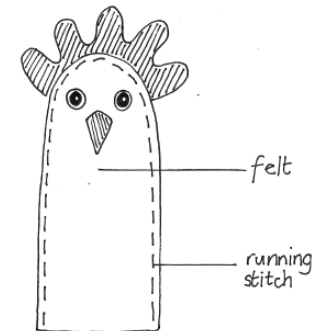
The design you use for you puppet will need to include a running stitch.

To draw a running stitch you create a dash pattern along the edge of your puppet to show where the thread goes in and out (use the below image as an example)

Using the key vocabulary, label the key components of the puppet with a ruler, describing how the finger puppet will be used.

Labelling

Chicken



This puppet will be used in the story

Old Macdonald had a farm.

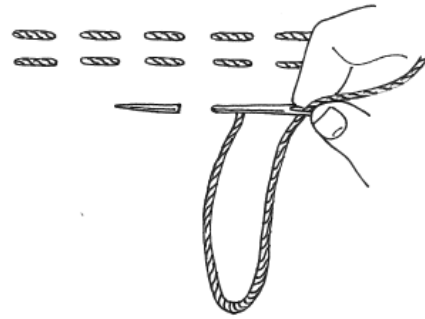
## Make

### Running Stitch

Running stitches are simple stitches to help join two pieces of material together.

1. Begin the running stitch by poking your threaded needle up through the fabric.
2. Poke the needle back down through the fabric next to where you just came up, and pull the thread down into your first stitch.
3. Now poke your needle back up through the fabric, leaving a space from the previous stitch.

running stitch



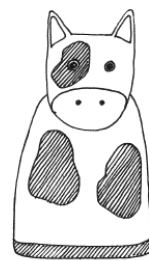
### Making Templates

Finger puppets are not made from one piece of fabric hence why you will need to use a running stitch.

1. Before sewing, mark and then cut out your template for the different parts of your finger puppet.
2. Next place these pieces of card onto the fabric, draw around them and cut them out.
3. You will then be ready to attach these together using your running stitch



Template



Cow Finger Puppet

## Evaluate

### You will learn how to

Use your own opinion to decide if you like your project and why

Use some the design criteria, based on your research and designs, to think how successful you have been.

Begin considering what you could have changed based on your on design criteria