

Selby District Community Patchwork

This could take quite a few hours to do properly so tackle each section at a time. Don't try to do it all together and take plenty of time to do a really good job. If this looks too difficult you can try the easy-peasy kit version.

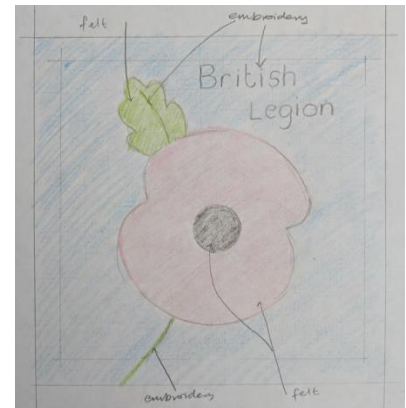
Draw your design

You will need:

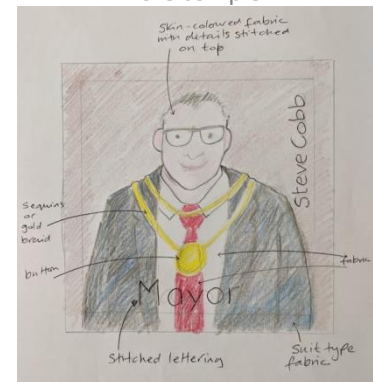
- Paper, pencil, ruler, eraser
- Coloured pencils if possible
- A picture to look at or copy will make it easier

1. Draw a box which is 15 x 15 cm (6 x 6") on a piece of paper. (You could do it on a computer but make sure it will print out the right size)
2. Draw a line 1cm (1/2") all the way round just inside the box (to create a seam allowance)-
3. Think of a design that that represents what you want to make. You might want to look at a picture or mirror to help you.
4. Draw the design to fill the big box, (but don't put lots of detail around the edges in the seam allowance where it won't be seen.) It must be suitable to be re-created in fabric and stitches so keep it simple. Shapes smaller than a 5p coin are better made by embroidery, buttons, sequins etc. Bigger shapes can be cut out of fabric, ribbon or lace etc
5. Add a name to the design in some format (eg J Smith, JS, Smithy, Joe S or Josie)
6. Label the main features so that everyone can understand what it will look like and what it will be made out of.
7. If you need advice or materials, take a picture of your design and send it to tadcrafter@outlook.com. We will tell you if we think it will work ok. Let us know what supplies you will need.

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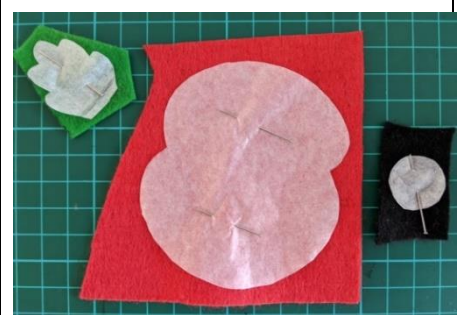
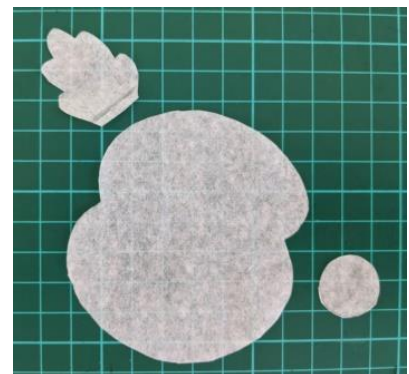
Your design can be simple or much more complex



Prepare your materials

You will need:

- Your design drawing
 - Tracing paper (If you don't have tracing paper you could improvise with other thin paper such as baking paper, tissue paper or even loo roll)
 - Scissors
 - A 15x15cm (6x6") piece of medium weight fabric (eg suitable for trousers, jackets, curtains).
 - Small pieces of coloured fabric depending on your design (fabric that doesn't fray too much is easier e.g. felt)
 - Different coloured thread.
 - Pins (You could improvise with paper clips or hair grips if necessary)
 - A bag or box to keep your little bits of work in
1. Using thin paper, trace the shapes from your drawing to make templates for any fabric you need to cut out. NB do not just trace your drawing, you are looking at the shapes.
 2. Cut out the traced paper shapes. NB where we have added a little extra for fabric that can be tucked under other pieces of fabric



when finished. This isn't essential but gives a neater finish.

3. Pin them to the fabric you want to cut out. (You can draw round if you have no pins). Cut out the shapes in fabric.
4. Cut out a 15cm/6" square of medium weight fabric for your background fabric

Make your square

You will need:

- A hand sewing needle
- A few pins
- A sewing machine if available but hand sewing is fine
- If you need help to sew you could look at.
 - How to blanket stitch:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=159&v=bqi86fVpJ1o&feature=emb_title
 - How to sew by Hand: <https://youtu.be/-xEYMT8QRyg>

1. Start with the back or larger pieces first.
 - a) Pin in place.
 - b) Tack (temporary) stitch. Remove pins.
 - c) Final stitch around the edges.
Hand stitching: Blanket stitch if you can, failing that use small stitches around the edge of each piece.
Machine sewing: Zig zag stitch, width 3, length 0.2
 - d) Neaten the edge of your square with a zig zag or blanket stitch to stop it fraying.
2. Add any buttons, beads etc. Remember you will not see the 1cm around the edge when the squares are stitched together. Do not put anything bulky (like a button) within 2 cm of the edge of your square as they will get in the way when stitching the squares together at the end of the project
3. Add the tiny details by stitching. This could take quite a long time. If you go wrong just unpick your stitches carefully and do it again. Don't hurry.
4. Add your name. If you find this tricky you might want to write this on lightly in pencil/chalk first then stitch over it using a back stitch.
5. Take a photo of your finished work to keep and let everyone see what you have done. Hand your finished square in to Community House, Selby, Sherburn Old Girls School or post to Selby District Patchwork, The Barn, St. Joseph's Street, Tadcaster LS24 9HA **before 12th April.** so they can be sewn together to create a display.



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"I look forward to seeing the finished product" Steve Cobb
Tadcaster Town Mayor

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