

Making a Bag

Design and Technology KS2 Years 3 and 4



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Learning Objectives:

- to make a bag

Curriculum Links:

- the Design, Make and Evaluate aspects are covered

Design

- use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups

Make

- select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately

Evaluate

- evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work

Keywords

Fabric. Template. Knot. Needle. Running stitch. Sew. Thread. These can also be found at the end of this PDF.

Fabric

Template

Knot

Needle



Before this lesson you will need:

- Bag template and instructions (which you'll find on the following pages of the PDF)
- Needle (and needle-threader if you have some)
- Thread, a selection of colours
- Fabric – a practice sample
- Fabric – a selection of colours for the children to make a bag
- Scissors
- Ribbon (about 1 metre per bag)

This is a largely practical lesson.

The teacher can give the children a practical demonstration on threading a needle, and remind them why they should knot the thread. It is possible that you may want to run this over two lessons: one to plan the bag design and to practice running stitch, the second to make the bag and then ask the children to evaluate their work.

PowerPoint Presentation

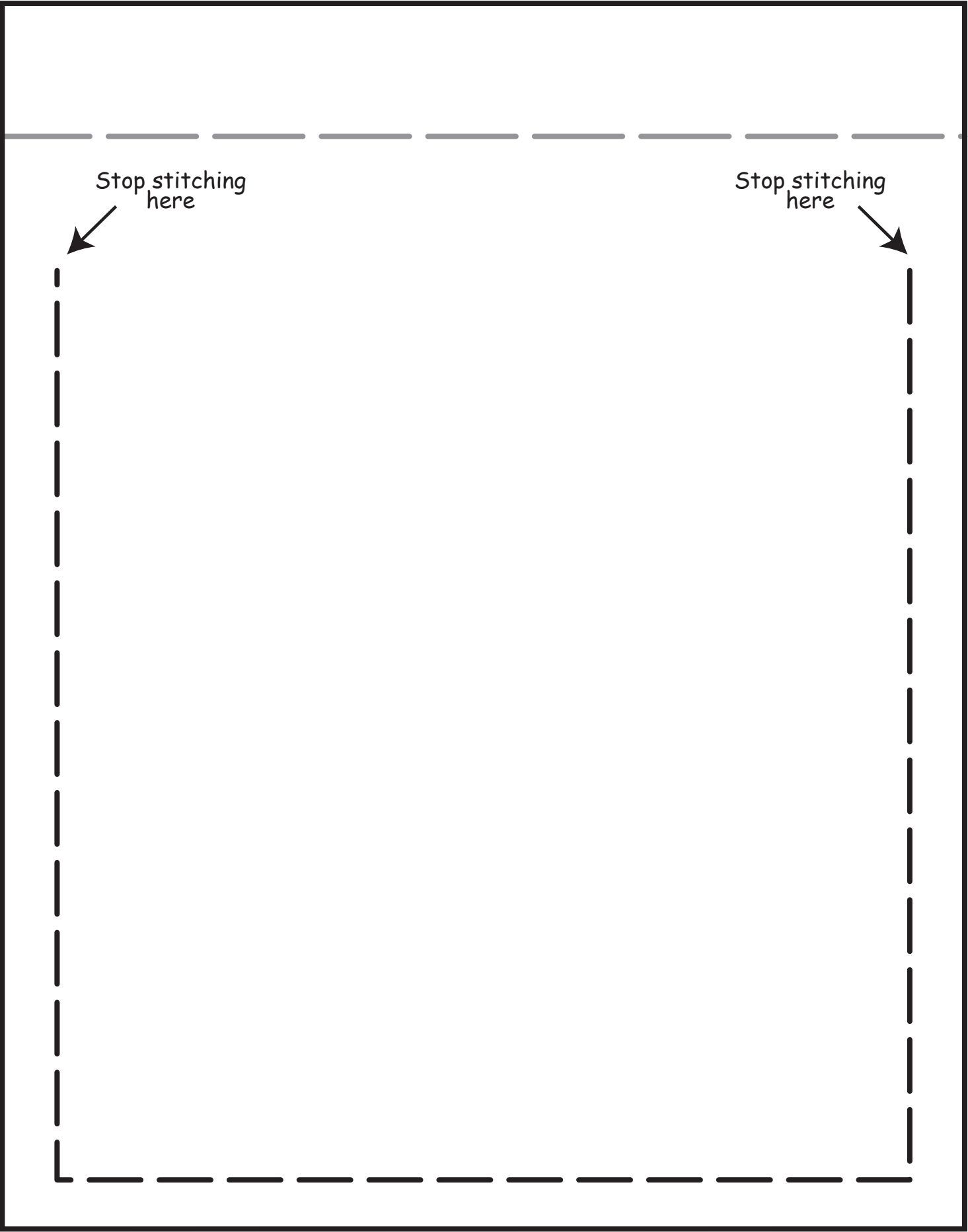
The accompanying PowerPoint has 14 slides with the following learning points:

- Slides 1 and 2 introduce the lesson and the learning objectives.
- Slide 3 discusses the safety elements of using needles and scissors.
- Slide 4 threading a needle.
- Slides 5 to 8 talk children through running stitch.
- Slides 9 and 10: design the bag
- Slides 11 and 12: making the bag (this may have to be carried over until the next lesson).
- Slide 13: the children evaluate their work
- Slide 14 is the closing slide.



Bag template

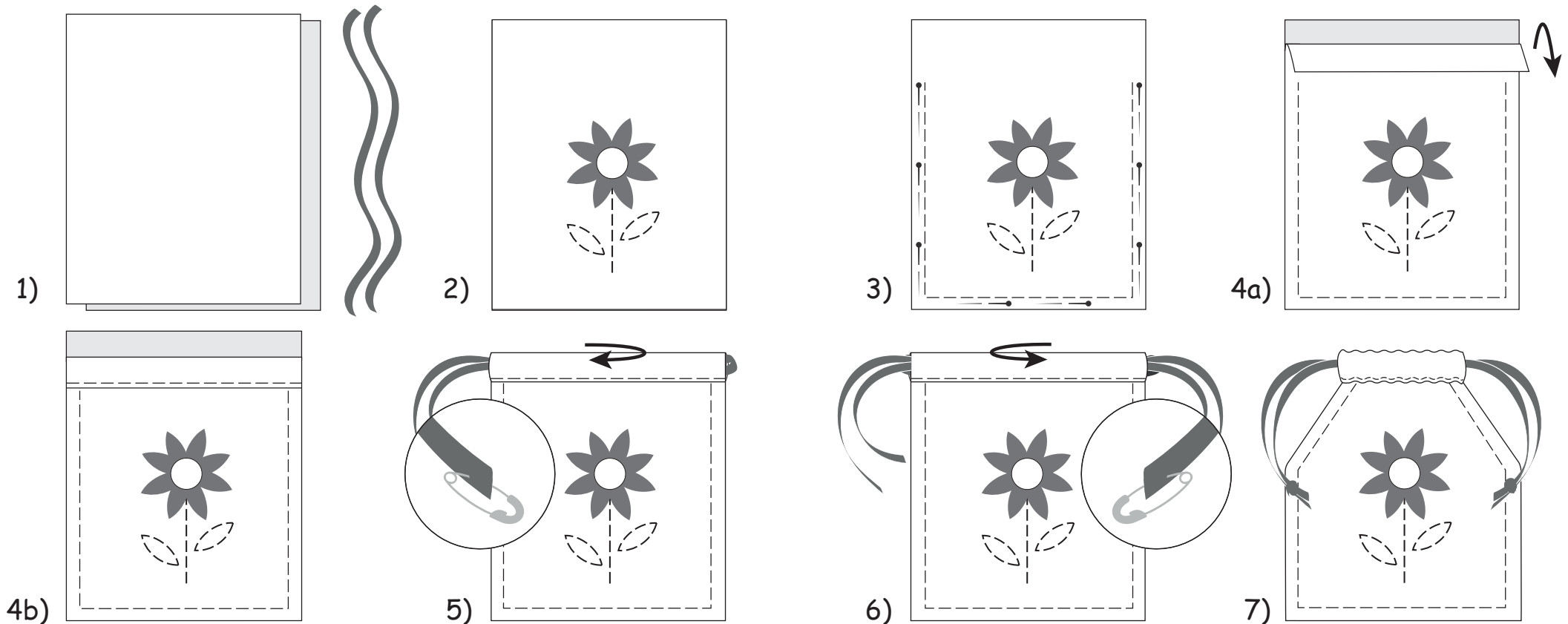
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STITCH GUIDE
CUTTING GUIDE



Bag instructions

- 1) Cut out 2 pieces of fabric, using your template as a guide. Cut 2 lengths of ribbon about 2.5x the width of your bag.
- 2) Add whatever decorations or embroidery you would like on the front of your bag.
- 3) Pin your 2 pieces of fabric together at the edges and then sew along the edge, inside the pins. Sew about 1cm away from the edge to make sure you have a strong border. Make sure you don't sew right to the top as this will be your bag opening (check your template for guidance).

- 4a) Fold down the top part of your front piece of fabric to where your stitching ends.
- 4b) Sew along the bottom edge of this fold, this is the front channel for your ribbon. Repeat for the back channel. Be careful not to sew through the back of your bag.
- 5) Attach a safety pin to the end of one of the lengths of ribbon and pull it through the back channel first (left to right). Then pull it through the front channel, (right to left).
- 6) Repeat the process in reverse with the other length of ribbon pulling it through the back channel (right to left) and then the front channel (left to right).
- 7) Tie the ribbon ends together and test your drawstring.



Making a Bag: Keywords Flashcards



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