

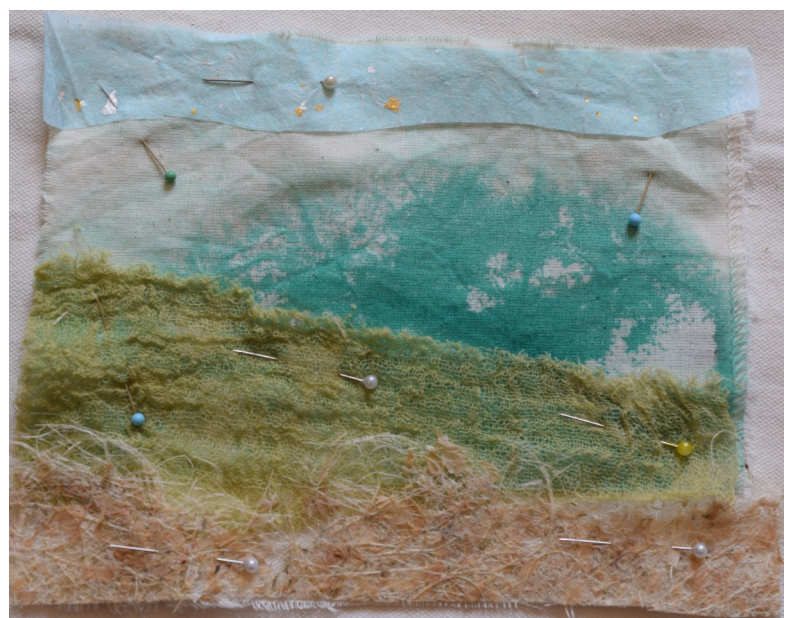
# Starting to make a stitch story

It is always good to start with some inspiration. It can be a picture you have drawn, a memory or picture that you have in your head, or maybe something in your house that has a story attached. Look around you. It could be a mug that was given to you by someone special, a beautiful shell that you found on a beach when you were on holiday, or a photo of a place that you have been or a card sent by someone who is far away. Here are some ideas for how to start. First try to find a plain piece of backing fabric about postcard size or a bit bigger to lay your picture out on. Think of it as a sheet of paper.

You can start by gathering together some materials and threads that may work for your chosen picture. There is no right or wrong. Be creative. Use old pieces of fabric, pieces of paper, muslin, torn up bits of paintings, bits of text. Anything goes. It is your story.

It could represent how you are feeling, or something you find inspiring, or a walk you have been on..

You can tack your pieces together using stick glue or pins. Your stitches can be simple running stitch, or you can experiment and learn to do different embroidery stitches. You can vary the colour and thickness of your threads.



You could start with a drawing you have done in your art sketch book. Feel free to use hand sewing or machine sewing if you have access to a machine, or a combination of both. No specialist materials or techniques are required. Use what you can find. Be creative and have fun.

Take photos of the process along the way and post them in our classroom. We will bring everything together into a whole school installation when we get back to school

