

# 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



Above is a special picture drawn by my daughter, when she was small, of a heart and some flowers. I have started to lay out some pieces of fabric to make it into a stitch story. I have started to stitch into the heart in the middle to hold it in place on the pink backing and yellow felt square.



This is another of my daughters drawings of a field with the sun peeping behind a cloud, a wooden fence a flower and a sheep. I have started to lay out a stitch story of the picture using some green dyed muslin, some felted wool clouds and sheeps body and a paper sun. I stuck them down with pritt stick to keep them in place ready to start stitching. You all know how to do running stitch and that is all you need. Choose some nice colours and start stitching the pieces down.



This is as far as I have got with this stitch story. I just wanted to give you an idea of the process. You can interpret it in any way that you like and use any theme or stitching technique that you enjoy.

The idea is to have fun.

If you have any questions then please ask me during our live meet sessions.

Best wishes,

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