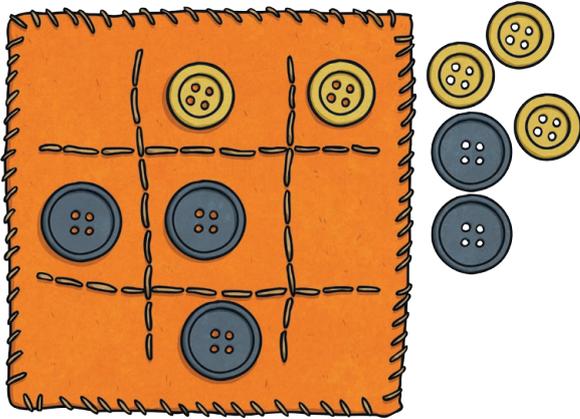


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Sewing Club

Noughts and Crosses Game

This is a great starting project to introduce two different types of stitches (and you get to make a game to play afterwards too!)



You will need:

- A square of felt (approx. 10cm x 10cm)
- Needle and embroidery thread
- Two different coloured buttons (5 of each colour)
- Fabric scissors
- Pencil

Instructions

1. Thread the needle and tie a knot in the end of the thread. It is advised to pull the thread half way through and tie the two ends together as the needle won't fall off whilst sewing and the sewing will be stronger and more durable.
2. Sew an **over stitch**¹ around the edges of the square, leaving roughly half a centimetre between each stitch.
3. When you have reached the end, you will need to securely knot your thread before cutting off any excess. To do this, pass your needle through the same hole as the last stitch two or three times. (Remember to leave enough tread to complete this step before you reach the end.)
4. Using a pencil, lightly mark out a 3x3 grid on the felt square.
5. Now sew along the lines with either a **running stitch**² or **back stitch**³.
6. Once completed, use your buttons to play on your very own handmade noughts and crosses board!

1) Over Stitch

This is where the needle comes up through the fabric and then wrapped over the edge before coming back up for another stitch.

2) Running Stitch

Your needle is directed up and down to create a dashed line.

3) Back Stitch

Similar to running stitch, however, once you have come up through your fabric you go back on yourself by threading through the previous hole to fill in the gaps.

Variations

- Try using different colours to mix and match the design.
- Why not create a grid by using a patchwork?