

Class 5  
Handcraft



Term 2  
Making at Home

Dear Class 5, I will miss seeing you all for our lessons. I know that we still need to finish our Elephants and we will when back at school, however, we are going to make a chain stitch ball while you are at learning from home. I have hand felted all the balls ready for you to cover in lots of chain stitches.

This is an instruction sheet for the next two weeks. Our Handcraft lesson usually goes for 80 minutes on a Monday. However, please do the work in the times that suits you and your family. Handcraft is supposed to be enjoyable and if there is any frustration or tears, then please put the work down, take a break and come back to it later. I will be providing a sheet every two weeks with the instructions for the next steps. If you can send me a photo of your work as it progresses I would love to see it my email address is:

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Over this term I can be available to help if you need. I will be at school and able to talk at different times through the weeks, during school hours. Send me an email and we can setup a time to chat.

## Supplies List

- Craft Bag
- Needle
- 8 ply Wool
- Felted Ball

## Keeping our Handcraft Safe and Clean

- Please make sure that you keep your craft bag in a safe place and just like our lessons keep all your materials protected in your craft bag.
- Make sure you tuck your needle into your work. I will need the needle back when we return to school.
- Before you start working please wash your hands, the felt is white and can mark very easily.

## Verse to begin

Like at school, if you would like you can say the verse before starting the lesson:

*“I think about the world  
I hold it in my Heart  
My hands I use for work  
May these three play their part”*

# Chain Stitch Ball

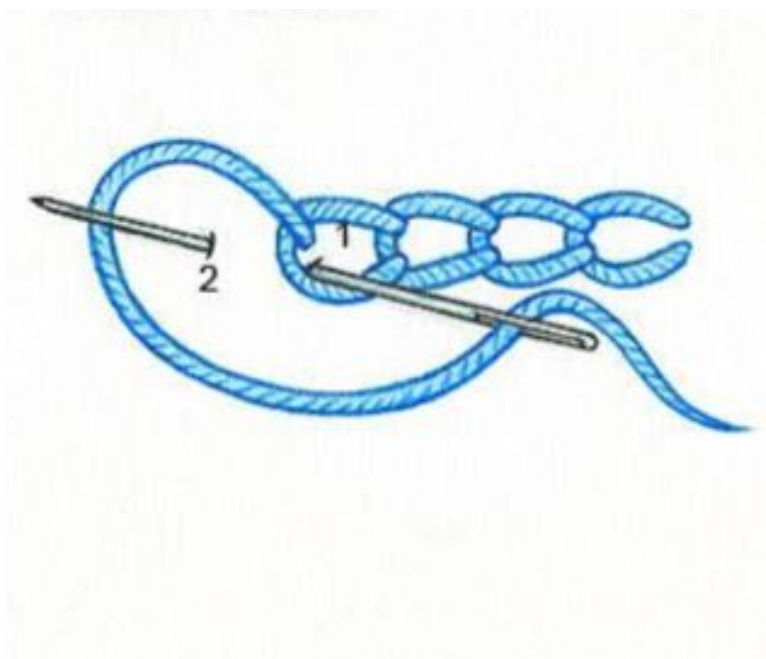
**Step 1:** Thread your needle, cut your wool measuring hand to heart and thread your needle.  
Hide your tail in the ball, like below.



**Step 2:** Pull it right through



### Step 3: Make your first chain stitch



**Step 4:** Continue making your stitches, try to keep them the same length



**Step 5:** Stop when your thread is about to run out



**Step 6:** Finish the chain and hide your thread again.



**Step 7:** Make sure you cut nice and close to hide the end



**Step 8:** Continue with different colours and try to make the lines of chain stitches nice and close together. Try swirls, circles, tear drop shapes or spirals with your stitches. Take your time and watch the white slowly being covered in your beautiful stitching.



Verse to finish

*“Bless my work so beauty stands  
In all that I make with my hands  
Bless my hands that all they do  
May be beautiful strong good and true  
Now I put my work away and let it sleep to my next day”*