

# Have a go at ..... Creating a stitched sign

You will need:

Embroidery hoop (12inch)

Fabric of choice for the wording (each letter could be different if you wished)

Double sided fusible bonding web (should you wish to fuse your letters first onto your background fabric)

Colour thread

Sewing needles

Ribbon to hang sign up with

Download “Have a go at – double sided fusible bonding web” project as you can fuse your letters onto your fabric first, although you can pin your letters if you prefer. I find it easier to fuse shapes and letters first as this gives me more flexibility when stitching, although not everyone would agree!

You can create your own lettering as you may need to make a sign for something other than a raffle.

You can draw your own or buy a plastic template. (There are some wobbly hand drawn letters to download from the Moodle if you wish!)

If you are using fusible bonding fabric please follow the “Have a go at.....” instructions.

Mark out the outer edge of your hoop onto the fabric and place your letters within the circle. When you are happy either pin them in place or peel off the paper backing and iron them onto your background fabric.



Insert your fabric into the hoop with the wording side being pushed upwards creating a “lip” of fabric around the hoop. Manoeuvre the fabric until it is tight, like a drum, making sure that you are happy with the placement of the wording. **Please note that if you don't have time you could leave your sign at this stage, cut off the remaining fabric at the back of your hoop and just hang it up – although please do be aware that your letters might not stay put forever, however, for display purposes only it should last several meetings/shows.**

The sample used for this project has been hand stitched using an over and over, whipping stitch to applique down the fabric letters. Bring up your needle and thread from the back and making the first stitch as straight as possible continue to stitch around each letter. (Button hole stitch would work just as well)

Continue around all your letters, cut off the remaining fabric around the hoop and then to finish tie a ribbon around the screw fixture on the top of the hoop and hang up. Keep a bull dog clip to hand as this is a brilliant way of attaching your sign to odd surfaces! Enjoy.

