



1. sewing machine
[ˈsəʊɪŋ məˌʃiːn]
2. needle [ˈniːdl̩]
3. frame [freɪm]
4. embroidery
[ɪmˈbrɔɪdəri]
5. canvas [ˈkænvəs]
6. embroidery floss
[ɪmˈbrɔɪdəri flɒs]
7. scissors [ˈsɪzəz]
8. knitting needle
[ˈnɪtɪŋ ˌniːdl̩]
9. ball of wool [wʊl]/
yarn [jɑːn]
10. thimble [ˈθɪmbəl]
11. cotton reel
[ˌkɒtən ˈriːl̩] UK,
spool of thread
[ˌspuːl əv ˈθred] N. Am.
12. pincushion
[ˈpɪn,kʊʃən]
13. pin [pɪn]
14. tape measure
[ˈteɪp ˌmeɪʒə]
15. crochet hook
[ˈkrəʊʃeɪ hʊk]
16. safety pin
[ˈseɪfti pɪn]

cast: ~ on and off [kɑːst]
 ➤ (Strickmaschen) aufnehmen
 und abketten

knit stitch [ˈnɪt ˌstɪtʃ]
 ➤ rechte Masche

purl stitch [ˈpɜːl ˌstɪtʃ]
 ➤ linke Masche

VOCABULARY

Needlework

Knitting, crocheting and other types of needlework are popular pastimes during the colder time of the year.

ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents the relevant language.

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Knitting fellows

Alan: What are you doing, Mark?

Mark: I'm **knitting a jumper**.

Alan: Good for you! I didn't know you enjoyed **doing needlework**. Most men don't even know how to **darn a sock** or **sew on a button**.

Mark: I know. My girlfriend gave me a voucher for a **taster workshop** a while ago. I've been **knitting away** ever since. I do get the odd funny look on public transport, but who cares? It's the most relaxing pastime I know.

Alan: And I guess you're never short of ideas for Christmas presents.

Mark: Exactly. Would you like me to teach you?

Alan: No need — I've recently **taken up knitting** myself!

Mark: Seriously? That's fantastic!

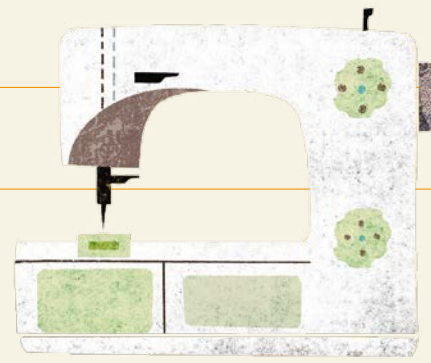
Alan: I'm not very good at it, but I can **cast on** and **off**, and I know the difference between a **knit stitch** and a **purl stitch**.

Mark: Great! You should try **crocheting** next.

Alan: (laughs) I might just do that.

PRACTICE

Now, try the following exercises to practise talking about needlework.



Exercise 1		E
Match the words in the two columns to create six compound nouns.		
A. knitting	1. cushion	
B. crochet	2. needle	
C. sewing	3. pin	
D. pin	4. hook	
E. safety	5. machine	

Exercise 2		M
How to knit a simple scarf: Complete the paragraph by underlining the correct words.		
Use thick (A) thread / yarn in the colour of your choice and knitting (B) needles / pins of the correct size. Cast (C) on / off 30 stitches. Knit two, then (D) crochet / purl two across row. For row two, purl two, then knit two across row. Repeat until your scarf has the required (E) length / width and you have about 40 centimetres of yarn left. Cast off and (F) darn / sew in the ends.		

Exercise 3		M
Cross out the verb in each line that is not normally used with the noun on the right.		
A. darn / knit / sew	a sock	
B. do / embroider / take up	needlework	
C. cast on / crochet / embroider	a tablecloth	
D. cast off / drop / sew on	a stitch	

Exercise 4		A
The tools of the trade: Complete the sentences with the words from the list.		
reel safety pin scissors tape measure thimble		
A.	Can you pass me the _____? I need to cut out this <u>sewing pattern</u> .	
B.	Ouch! I've <u>pricked</u> my finger again. I'd better use a _____.	
C.	Oh, no — I'm running out of <u>thread</u> . I'll have to go and buy another _____.	
D.	Let's check if this is the right length. Where's my _____?	
E.	I haven't got time to sew on your button. You'll have to use a _____.	



Making a patchwork quilt

Patchwork is a type of needlework in which small pieces of cloth in many different colours and patterns are sewn together. **Quilting** is the work of making a bedcover that consists of two layers, with soft padding in between. Patchworking and quilting are often combined to make decorative **patchwork quilts**. This was and still is a popular communal activity in the US, done in so-called **quilting bees** — gatherings of people working together to create a quilt.

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| cloth [klɒθ]
• Stoff | padding ['pædɪŋ]
• Füllung, Füllmaterial | sewing pattern ['səʊɪŋ ,pætə'n]
• Schnittmuster |
| compound noun
['kɒmpaʊnd naʊn]
• zusammengesetztes Substantiv | pattern ['pætə'n]
• Muster | thread [θred]
• Faden, Garn |
| needlework
['ni:dlwɜ:k]
• Handarbeit | prick [prɪk]
• stechen, piksen | sew [səʊ]
• nähen |

Answers

- A-2, B-4, C-5, D-1, E-3
- A. yarn, B. needles, C. on, D. purl, E. length, F. sew
- A. sew, B. embroider, C. cast on, D. sew on
- A. scissors, B. thimble, C. reel, D. tape measure, E. safety pin