

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: Day of the Dead

The Day of the Dead (Spanish: Día de Muertos) is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico, and by people of Mexican heritage elsewhere. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and helping support their spiritual journey. In Mexican culture, death is viewed as a natural part of the human cycle. Mexicans view it not as a day of sadness but as a day of celebration because their loved ones awaken and celebrate with them

It is colourful, bright and cheery but with a theme of skulls and skeletons. The shapes, colours, forms and patterns of the Day of Dead provide us with lots of inspiration to make our textile art.



KEY KNOWLEDGE: Language

- **Designing** – bringing together your skills and knowledge to propose a new idea for a product
- **Making** – using techniques and materials:
 - ✓ **Blanket stitch**: A stitch used to reinforce the edge of thick materials; sometimes also called a "cable stitch" or a "crochet stitch".
 - ✓ **Appliqué**: Ornamental needlework in which pieces of fabric in different shapes and patterns are sewn onto a larger piece to form a picture or pattern.
 - ✓ **Reverse appliqué**: like appliqué but with parts of the fabric cut away.
 - ✓ **Running stitch**: Or straight stitch is the basic stitch in hand-sewing and embroidery, on which all other forms of sewing are based.
 - ✓ **Felt**: A textile material that is produced by matting, condensing and pressing fibres together.
- **Annotating** – labelling, describing, analysing and evaluating your design to help others understand your works

KEY KNOWLEDGE: Techniques

