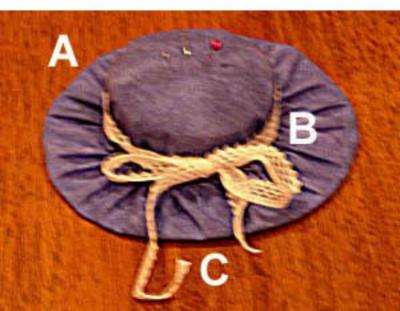
Home Economics: First Year

TASK	Make a pin cushion	
TOPIC	Students will demonstrate an ability to work basic hand stitches in assembling and completing a simple household item of choice.	
LEARNING INTENTION	Students will be introduced to sewing and textiles. They will develop the skills of measuring thread, threading a needle and making a knot. They will make a pin cushion to exact instructions and within a defined time frame. They will use recyclable materials only.	
TASK DESCRIPTION	Make a pin cushion using only recyclable materials (coffee jar lid, scraps of fabric, ribbon, lace, etc. Use gathering stitch to make the fabric fit the coffee lid. Use polyester fibre to fill the centre of the cushion. Assemble the pin cushion using fabric glue. The pin cushion will be made during class time	
CRITERIA FOR SUCCESS	The pin cushion should be: fit for the purpose and usable neat, tidy, robust and safe attractive and as far as possible, the pin cushion should be made using recycled materials.	
WORK SAMPLES	HIGH SUCCESS Michelle	MEDIUM SUCCESS

Michelle's pincushion



Feedback for student		
A.	This is a very good piece of work. It is certainly usable as a pin cushion.	
B.	It is fairly robust and safe. However, the base is a little weak. Perhaps, next time you might use stronger card.	
C.	Your work is fairly neat although if you were to do this again you might try to cover up the gathering stitches. This would also make your cushion stronger.	
D.	You have used all recycled materials to make a lovely pin cushion.	

Commentary for teachers

This is a very good attempt for the student's first piece of sewing work. She clearly has met all of the criteria for success; however there are areas she could improve on. Using an AfL approach the student is made aware of these areas and can work on them for her next project.