**METHOD STATEMENT: SEWING LABEL ON A TEXTILE OBJECT**

*Purpose*

* To directly identify museum objects
* To be used on textiles

*Materials*

* Cotton tape or Tyvek (cotton tape is preferred but for extra fine textiles, Tyvek)
* Permanent archival ink pens (Pigma Micron from P.E.L.)
* Unbleached washed cotton tape in various widths
* Soft cotton or polyester thread
* Fine sewing needles

*Method*

1. Make certain cotton tape is washed with very hot water and dried completely
2. Write number on label with pen and check number is correct. Allow to dry and then iron to set the pen
3. Tuck in any raw edges then sew label onto fabric using running stitches around edge running straight with the grain or weave. Make sure the larger stitches are at the back of the fabric, shorter at the front. The cotton thread is best matched in colour to the textile if possible

FOR EXTRA FRAGILE TEXTILES OR ANY QUESTIONABLE MATERIALS ALWAYS CONSULT A CONSERVATOR



Direction of stitches to weave:

