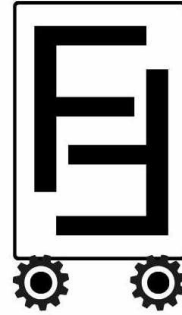


# FIX FORWARD LESSON PLAN



**Name:** Stuffie Hospital

**Grade(s):** K - 4

## Lesson Focus and Goals:

This lesson will center on the idea of repairing a broken toy instead of throwing it away. Students will learn to thread a needle and make a basic stitch.

## Materials Needed:

- ripped plush toys - one per student
- needles & needle threaders
- extra stuffing
- thread in a variety of colors

## Learning Objectives:

Students will be able to repair a stuffed toy. Students will use a simple sewing stitch to close a hole in the seam of a stuffed animal or doll.

## Structure / Activity:

The instructor reads *The Doll Hospital* by Kallie George and Sara Gillingham to the gathered students. The instructor leads a discussion about the idea of repair as opposed to disposal of a broken toy. Pre-ripped stuffed animals in a “waiting room” box or basket are presented to students.

The students are divided into smaller groups with one adult leader per group. Group size varies depending on the age of the students. Group leaders demonstrate threading a needle and sewing a simple whip stitch to close a torn seam in a stuffed toy. Contrasting thread may be used to emphasize the repair.

Group leaders assist each student in the process of threading a needle and making a simple stitch to close the hole in each stuffie “patient.”

## Assessment:

At a later time the instructor can facilitate a discussion with the same students about fixing broken items to evaluate their connection to the repair mindset.

The instructor may review the stitches on the stuffed toys to determine the success of the sewing lesson.



4 year old Ezra  
repairing a bee stuffie

*The Doll Hospital* by Kallie George  
and Sara Gillingham

