

North Kent Embroiderers

Hello Everyone,



Here you can see two examples of the embroidery done on our recent mini workshop sessions. Sue D was leading the needlelace group and you can see Fiona's work in progress here. Most of the group had not used the needlelace technique before but were enjoying the challenge of learning something quite different from the usual idea of stitching onto fabric. Needlelace is an old type of lace created using small stitches (often buttonhole) to construct the structure of the design. Over the centuries many styles and traditions have developed. As far back as the 1400s

Venice was established as the centre of this kind of lace making, with lace listed in people's assets as a prized possession.



Our second mini workshop, this time on Blackwork was taught by Veronica. Blackwork is a very old technique first done in England during the Tudor period. Pictures of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I can be seen with elaborate blackwork embroidery adorning sleeves, cuffs, collars etc. This style of embroidery is usually done using black thread although other colours are sometimes used. It is known as a style of counted thread embroidery and nowadays is stitched on an even-weave fabric to form very precise patterns. You can see Anita's blackwork here.

For our upcoming meetings and workshops please look at the website (see below) or check out our QR code. If you are looking for a new hobby or would like to pick up an existing pastime there might be something that would interest you.

If you would like to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please pay us a visit - look at our website

<https://northkentembroiderers.co.uk/>

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or contact our Chairman, Eileen on 01474 324734

Happy stitching, *Karen*

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