

North Kent Embroiderers

Hello Everyone,



Some of our group recently took part in a day school run by Roz and Judy, two sisters who call themselves "The Woolly Felters" www.woollyfelters.com

The class was an introduction to the art of needle felting and by the end of the day our members had produced the adorable little bears that you can see here. Despite a certain amount of finger pricking, everyone had a very enjoyable time.

A different kind of technique was described by Christine Seymour-

Godwin who came to talk to us about the art of needle weaving with a painted silk background. Christine told us how as a child she had been fascinated by watching her grandmother darning, stitching backwards and forwards and then weaving up and down to mend a worn hole in a garment. She said that this memory together with her love of trees had led her to her current embroidery style.

Christine explained how she cuts the weft (left to right) threads of a piece of fabric, usually linen, scrim or hessian and draws them back to leave a gap in the fabric with only the warp (top to bottom) threads remaining intact. She then uses a variety of different wools, silks and other fibres to embroider highly textured scenes of trees and woodland.

The finished pieces are beautiful in themselves but they are usually backed by a piece of silk fabric which Christine has painted and as you can see here, the finished result is stunning.

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



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Happy stitching, *Karen* All photos with permission