

Beginners Range of Courses

A new range of courses, certificated by ourselves, and providing wonderful introductions for those just starting out. They are delivered online via pdf download and, rather than send work back in for tutor's comments, students are invited to send digital images instead. This eliminates the need for expensive postage but still gives the student the feedback and support from an experienced tutor regarding their work. When the course is completed we issue the student with a certificate of achievement from the School of Stitched Textiles upon receipt of images of their work via our online secure portfolio as well as giving feedback and suggestions for ongoing work. As an extra bonus for having completed we also offer those students who wish to continue on to one of our other courses a discount on their new course and we will send details of this with the modules.

Each course takes the student through the craft from the very beginning - perfect for those who are complete beginners. Six samples are produced for each topic and it is images of these that need to be sent in to us to achieve a certificate. A sewing machine is, of course, required for the machine embroidery course but the other courses can be completed with the minimum of equipment - really just a basic sewing basket of items. Details of what is covered in each subject are show below in the tables.

Beginners Felt	
Developing a design to work from	Patterned on both sides
A Plain piece of flat felt	Felt balls
A Patterned piece of flat felt	Part felt for Inlay
Beginners Hand Embroidery	
Straight stitch sample	Straight, herringbone and chain
French Knot and Blanket Stitch Sample	Cut away sample
Chain, Detached Chain and Herringbone	Hand embroidered cushion
Beginners Patchwork	
Strip Piecing	Nine Patch Block
Irish Chain	Variable Star
Grandmothers Garden	Octagonal English pieced cushion
Beginners Machine Embroidery	
Foot on	Cut away
Foot off	Dissolvable fabric
Automatic	Book or album cover

The emphasis is on giving beginners to the craft a good skills grounding so that they are able to either go on to another course or continue on to do more themselves at home. Time estimate is 30 hours to complete each beginners course. We offer support for 6 months after the time of purchase.

The cost of each course includes support from a subject tutor if needed and the final feedback and certificate upon completion from the School of Stitched Textiles.