



# Newsletter



4<sup>th</sup> November 2023

There was a last minute change to our billed October Eco Printing but we all thoroughly enjoyed the Transfer Printing. I was chatting to my 15-year-old granddaughter about the transfer printing and said she would have enjoyed it. She replied "oh we did that in art". Things have certainly changed since I was at school! Nevertheless, the BEG members enjoyed the experience and became more and more creative. Imagining the type of stitches you could use when stitching into the printed fabric.



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2 to 4pm.** You will need.....

Holes and the decorative stitches around them.

1. A newly sharpened pencil (for making a hole). An awl is optional
2. A good inky biro which will mark fabric.
3. Sewing kit i.e., needles, embroidery scissors, DMC or Anchor thread to contrast with emerald, green. (we have some thread that you can use until you build up your own stash)
4. Coins - 5p and a penny.

See the last newsletter for more details.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2 to 4pm.**

**Stitch, Sparkle and Trap.**

13 members have booked and there are 7 places remaining. Please email to reserve you place. [begwebmaster@btinternet.com](mailto:begwebmaster@btinternet.com)

You will have the option of creating a dragonfly, owl, chameleon, or small bird.



This workshop was created as a machine embroidery activity, but it is possible to hand embroider. I stitched the owl's eyes by hand.

Your will need.

1. Sewing machine with 90 needle. You need to be able to lower the feed dog and have a darning foot. Several BEG machines, which have been PAT tested, will be available.

OR a number 3 Embroidery needle. Large and with a large eye.



2. Black or dark coloured thread either madeira 40, or Perle thread 8. You can also use two or three strands of embroidery thread.
3. A thick black pen either Sharpies or Faber-Castle. You can borrow.
4. 2 X Scissors for threads and for cutting acetate or paper.
6. 4 to 6 quilting clips or pegs. To hold 2 acetate sheets in place.
7. ORTs. Old Raggedy Threads, all those bits you thought were too small to use and planned to throw away! Thread or wool clippings, scraps of material, sweetie papers, anything sparkly, bits of felt and any sort of small clippings you want to include. I have a box of items for you to use but please bring some of your own.
8. Tracing Paper. Plain white A4 paper.
9. Extension lead. We have 3 but more is always use.

Provided.

1. 3 Extension leads. But bring your own if you have one, it might be useful.
2. 2 Sheets of Acetate each.
3. A large box of ORTs, Old Raggedy Threads and paper for you to dip into, plus shiny sticky backed paper, similar to the owl's eyes, in several colours.
4. Templates for owl, dragon fly, chameleon, and a smaller bird. (You are welcome to create your own creature)
5. Completed examples of 3 creatures indicating possible display methods.
6. 2 or 3 BEG sewing machines will be available for use. Please book if you don't have a sewing machine.