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Digital Visual Planning and Kantha App Pattern Printing

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Club	Stitching Club	Run by	aikyam fellows and Shabana K H
Facilitated by	Shabana K H		

Input

Time
3 hours

Communication

Activity

To bring structured design layouts into our assembly process, we utilized the Kantha App to map out creative pattern variations. The app allowed us to test how different fabric strip widths and color sequences look when paired together, offering a clear digital preview before physical stitching. Once optimal pattern combinations were finalized, we printed these digital design sheets directly onto A4 paper. Each printed page acted as a detailed visual roadmap, guiding artisans on how to align, order, and position their pre-cut fabric strips for the upcoming panel assembly.

Communication

Output

- 4 Kantha Design

Confidence and ownership

Outcome

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Successfully integrated mobile app-based planning into traditional handloom workflows.

(Participants told us)

Learnings

What worked: Laying fabric strips directly over paper printouts before joining prevented color misplacement and misalignment.

What was difficult: Controlling thread tension across thick fabric seams required careful finger control to avoid pucker.

Changes for next time: Pinning strips together with tailor pins prior to machine or hand joining will ensure smoother seam lines.

Confidence and ownership

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