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Breaking the Impasse: Local Artisan Insights Yield a 90% Precision Fit



Took part **10**
Where aikyam space, Fort Kochi
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Facilitators **2**
Club Stitching Club

Input

What went in
6 cm fabric strips with 4 cm guidelines, paper and an iron

Outside help
A seasoned Mattancherry tailor and a textile designer

Activity

We faced persistent structural issues, so we consulted a seasoned Mattancherry tailor and a textile designer to reassess the Kantha assembly process. Implementing their feedback, we cut fabric strips to 6 cm with internal 4 cm guidelines, then stabilized them with paper and ironed at the overlaps before reverse stitching and trimming. This collaborative adjustment eliminated previous alignment flaws, yielding a clean, highly precise finish that brings the project within 90% of its final targeted design standard.

Confidence and ownership

Outcome

Craft precision (Kantha)

The adjusted method removed the earlier alignment flaws and brought the project within 90% of its target design standard.

(We observed it)

Learnings

Advice from an experienced tailor and a textile designer solved the alignment problem the team had been stuck on.

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