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stitching the pieces



Took part **5**
Where aikyam space, Fort Kochi
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Facilitators **2**
Club Stitching Club
Facilitated by Shabana K H

Input

What went in

Materials : Prepared 6cm-wide fabric strips, A4printed designs from the kantha app needles and thread.

Time

4 hours

Cost

₹0

Collaboration

Craft precision (Kantha)

Activity

We continued our Kantha work by joining the fabric strips prepared in earlier sessions. The aim was to practise following a design, aligning fabric strips and keeping hand stitching even.

Each participant used their design from the Kantha app, printed on A4 paper, to select and arrange the matching 6 cm-wide fabric strips. The printouts helped them check the colour order and placement before stitching the strips side by side into fabric panels.

Participants then added rows of Kantha running stitches along the panels. We focused on consistent stitch lengths, even spaces between rows and thread tension, particularly at the thicker seams.

Craft precision (Kantha)

Output

- 3 Fabric Panels assembled and embroidered with kantha stitches.

Craft precision (Kantha)

Outcome

Craft precision (Kantha)

Participants followed the printed designs to arrange and join their fabric strips. They added Kantha running stitches across the joined sections, producing aligned strips and neatly spaced stitching.

(We observed it)

Learnings

Laying the fabric strips directly over the A4 printouts helped participants check the colour order and alignment. Keeping thread tension even was harder at the thicker seams, where pulling too tightly could gather the fabric. Next time, we will try securing the strips with tailor pins before stitching to help keep the seams aligned.

Craft precision (Kantha)

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