

Hand
Stitched
Pictures



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TASK:

Create an illustrative art work using thread/ embroidery.

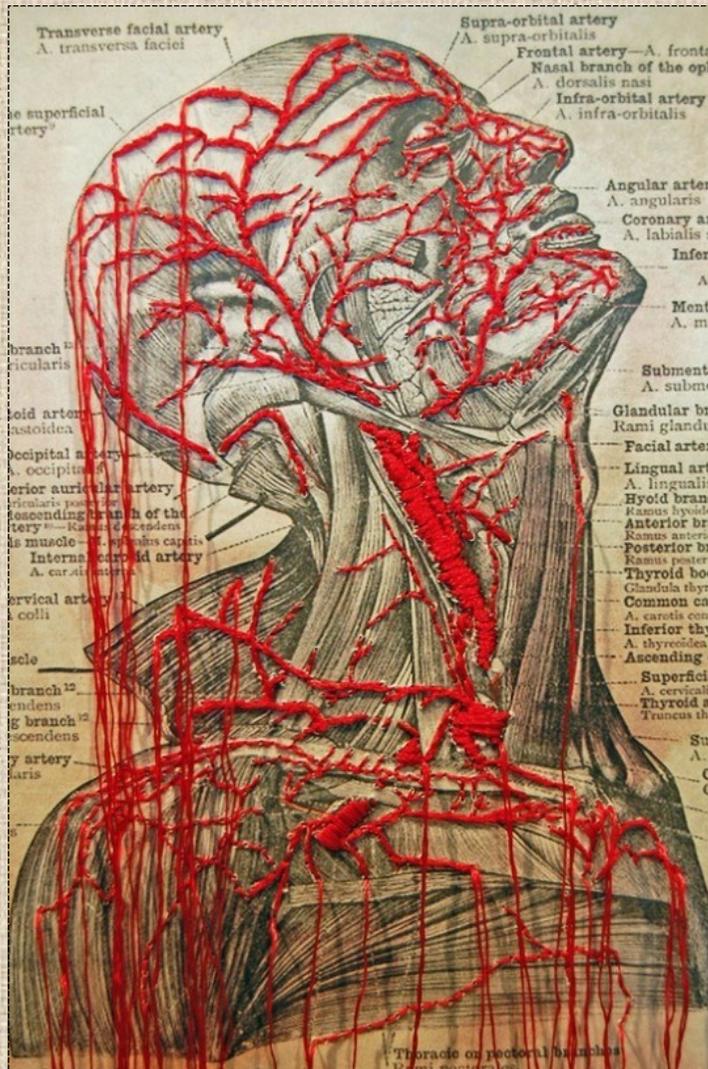
You can use a drawing, a found picture or a photograph as your background.

You can use cotton thread or embroidery yarn to sew onto your lines.

You can add other fabrics.

For some inspiration on contemporary artists incorporating textiles into their work check out TextileArtists.org [here](#).

Some inspiration from other artists...



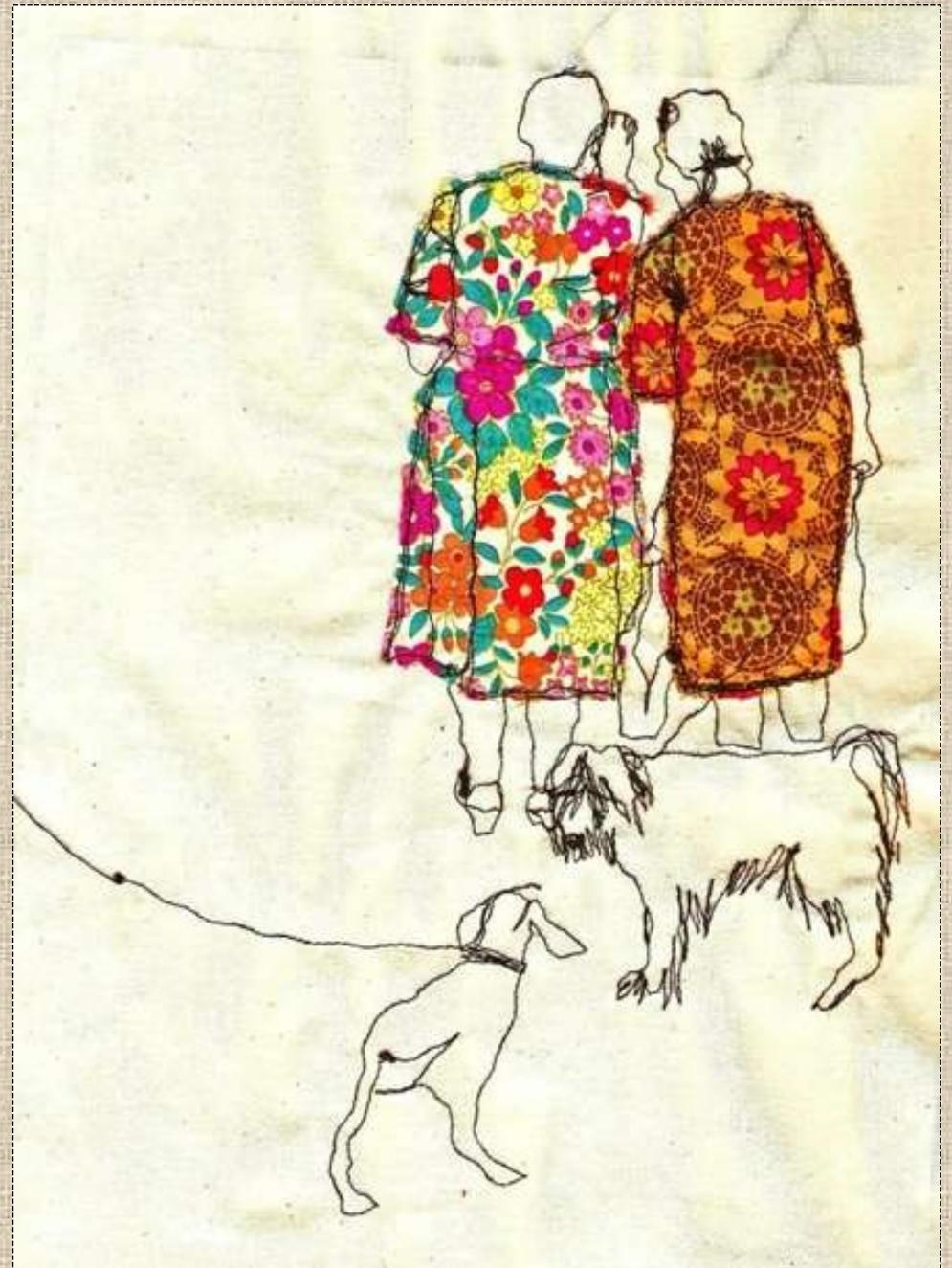
Lynn Skordal– Stitched Medical Diagram.

This artist has used a picture of a medical diagram from a book and sewn embroidery thread over it. You might like to use a picture you have found to add colour or extra lines to.

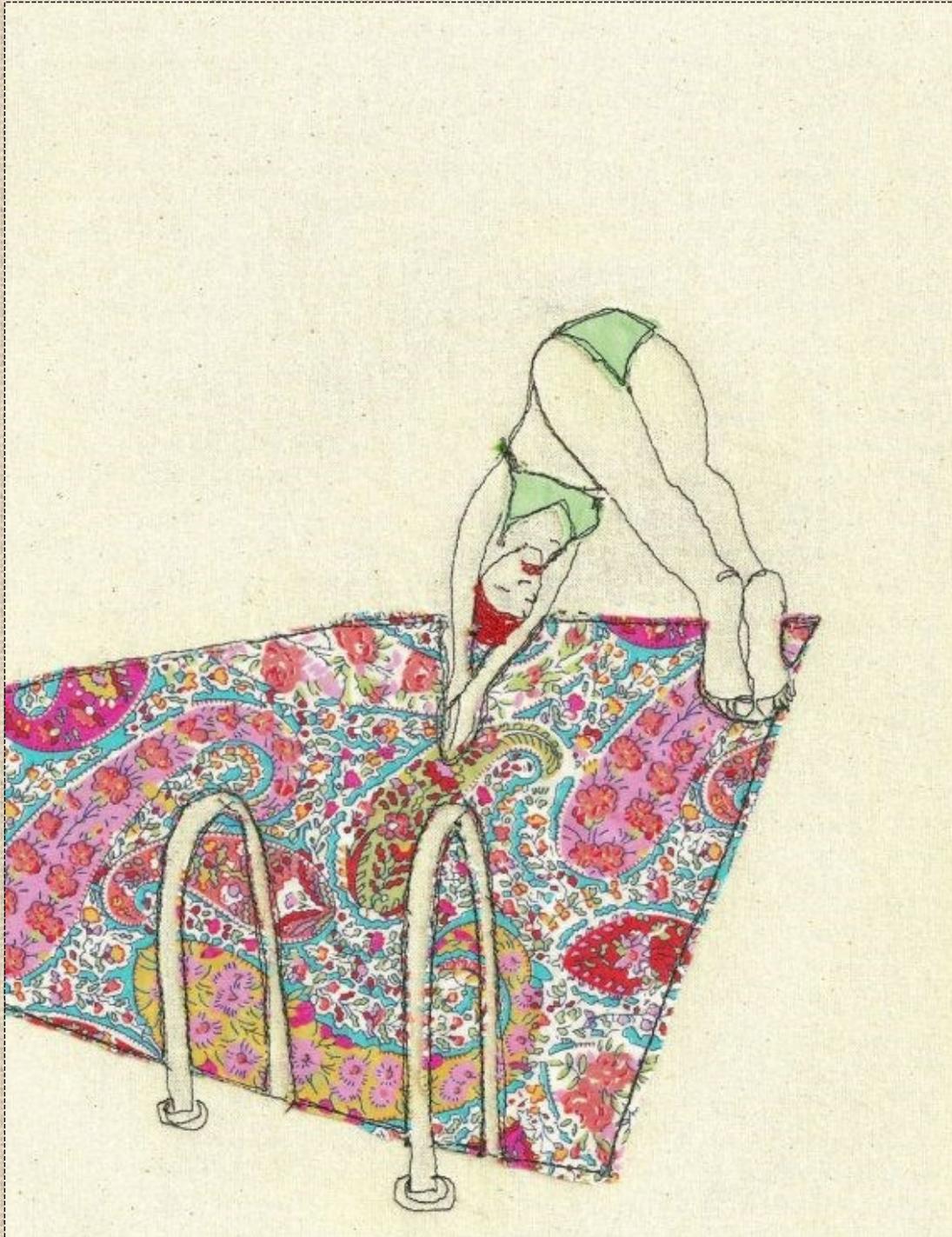


Izziyana Suhaimi.

This artist has done a simple line drawing with pen or ink and then sewn embroidery thread to create the scarf and glasses in the picture. You might like to do a drawing and add to it with threads.



Sarah Walton– Embroidered Illustrations... Sarah Walton creates simple line drawings using cotton thread and pieces of fabric. You might like to create something inspired by Sarah's work... see more examples of her work on the following pages.

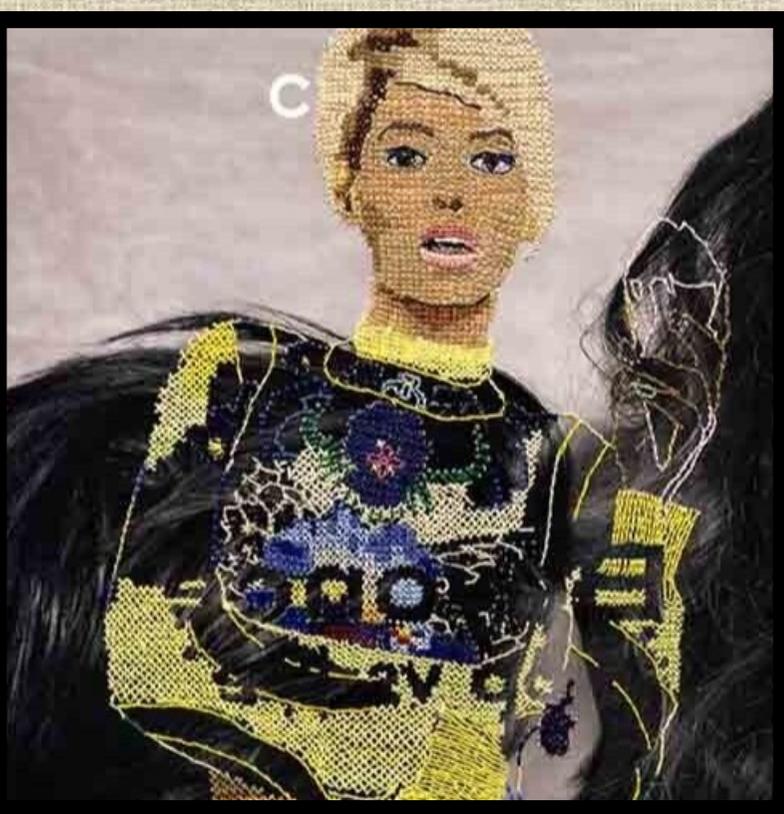
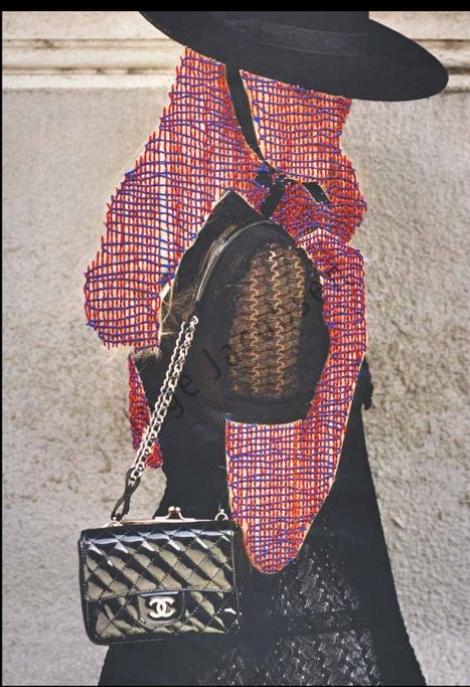
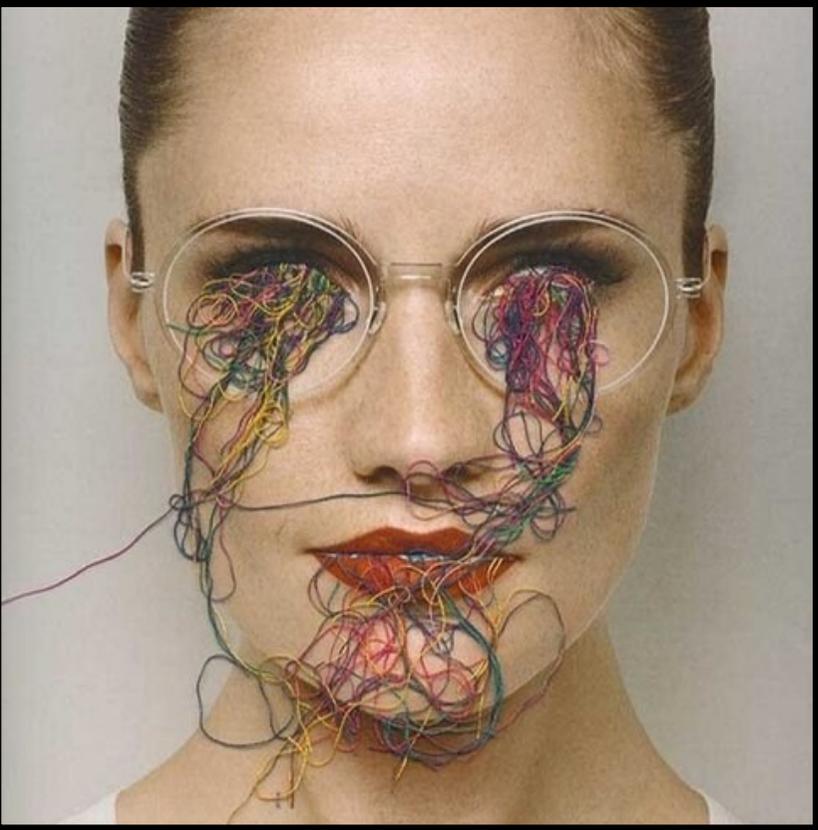


If you want to create a simple line drawing with thread such as the one above, you could trace an outline of a photograph you have or do a simple line drawing in light pencil as a guide to follow.



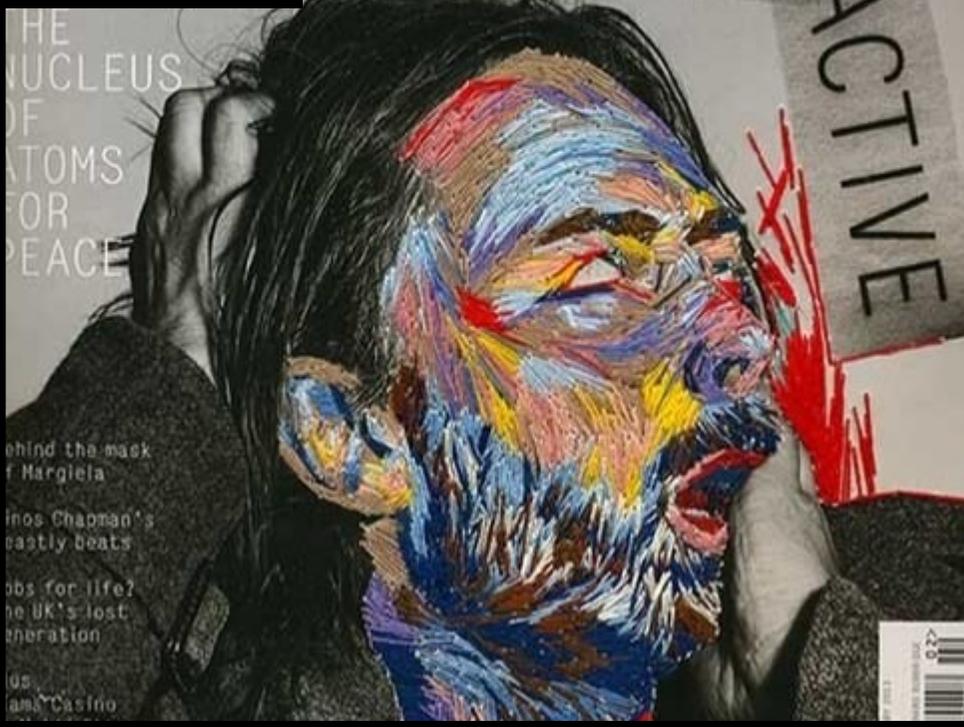
More works from Sarah Walton. Notice how there is not much detail in her lines and the figures are made up of one continuous line.





Inge Jacobsen.

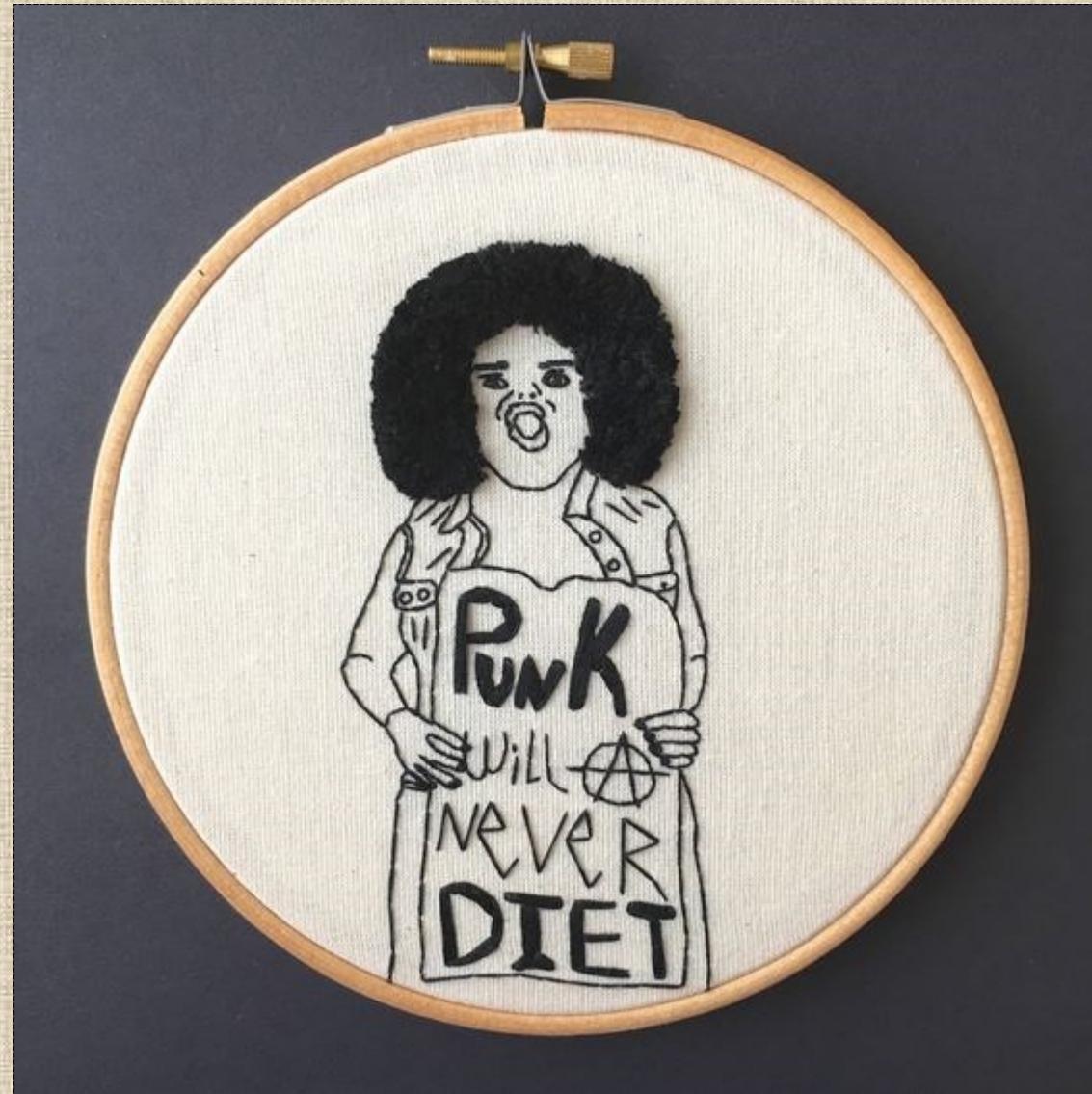
Inge uses found images from magazines and advertising and adds threaded elements of line and colour to create art works.





Detail of embroidery art with drawing. Lines have been done with thread and colour added using paints or texters.

You may want to incorporate some text as this artist has done here.



YOU WILL NEED:

- Embroidery thread and/ or cotton thread
- Sewing needle
- Scissors
- A line drawing or printed photograph
- Calico fabric / hessian or netting
- Glue (photograph option)
- Other Fabrics (optional)
- Texters/ pens/ pencils (optional)
- Embroidery hoop to help hold your fabric while you sew (optional, but does make it easier).





Line drawing

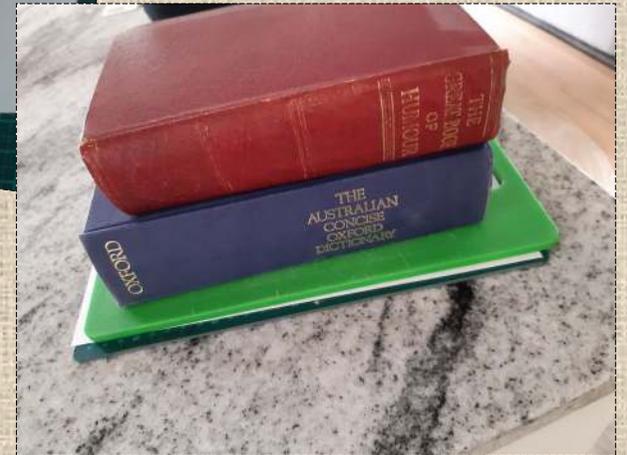


Photograph

STEP 1: Find/ Create a Picture

Find a picture/ photograph you would like to do or do a drawing. This could be a simple line drawing or you might find a picture you would like to use from a book or a magazine or perhaps a photograph you can print out on paper.

When looking for a suitable picture/ doing a drawing, think about what the thread lines will do in your design. Will you simply follow the outlines of the picture creating a simple line drawing (such as Sarah Walton's work), or will you add some new colours or a new element to the picture (such as Inge Jacobsen's work)?



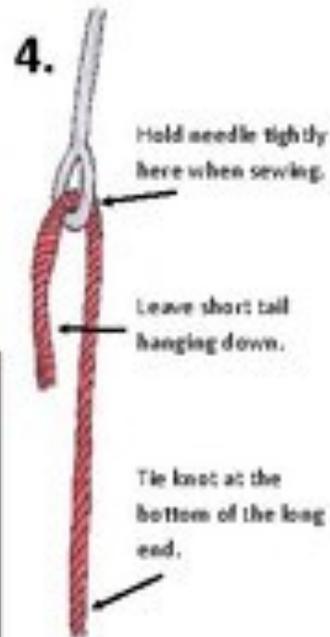
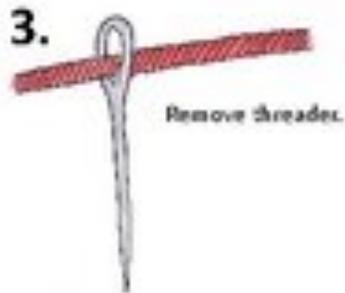
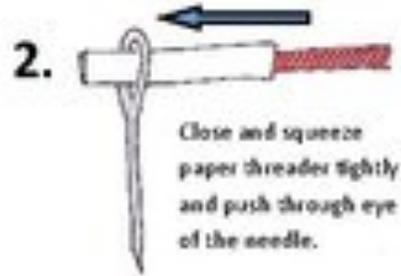
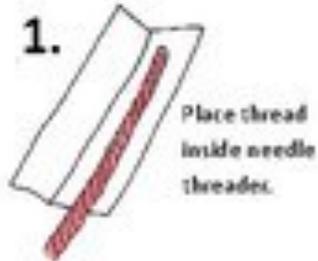
STEP 2: Reinforce

If your picture/ drawing/ photograph is on paper you will need to stick a backing of calico or netting to the back of the paper to strengthen it. Apply glue all over and leave to dry under a flat weight (such as books) overnight.

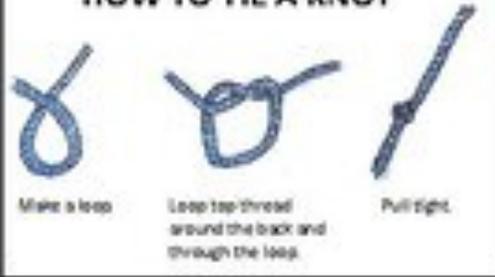
*If you have done a drawing directly onto calico you will not need to do this step.

HOW TO THREAD A NEEDLE

WITH A PAPER NEEDLE THREADER

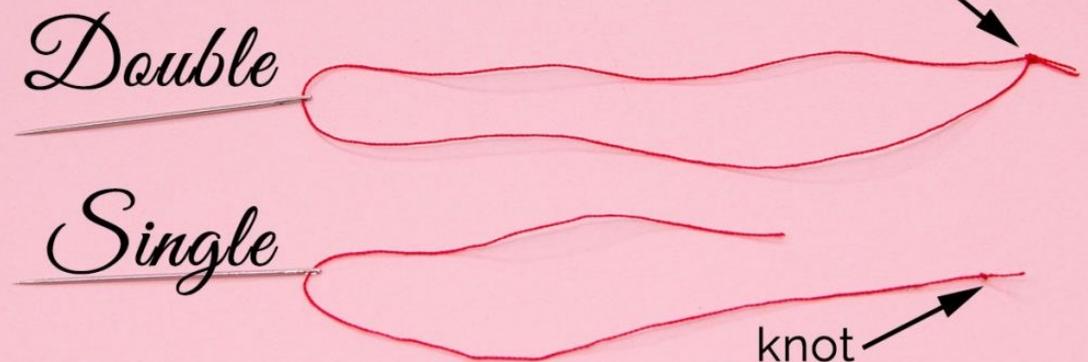


HOW TO TIE A KNOT

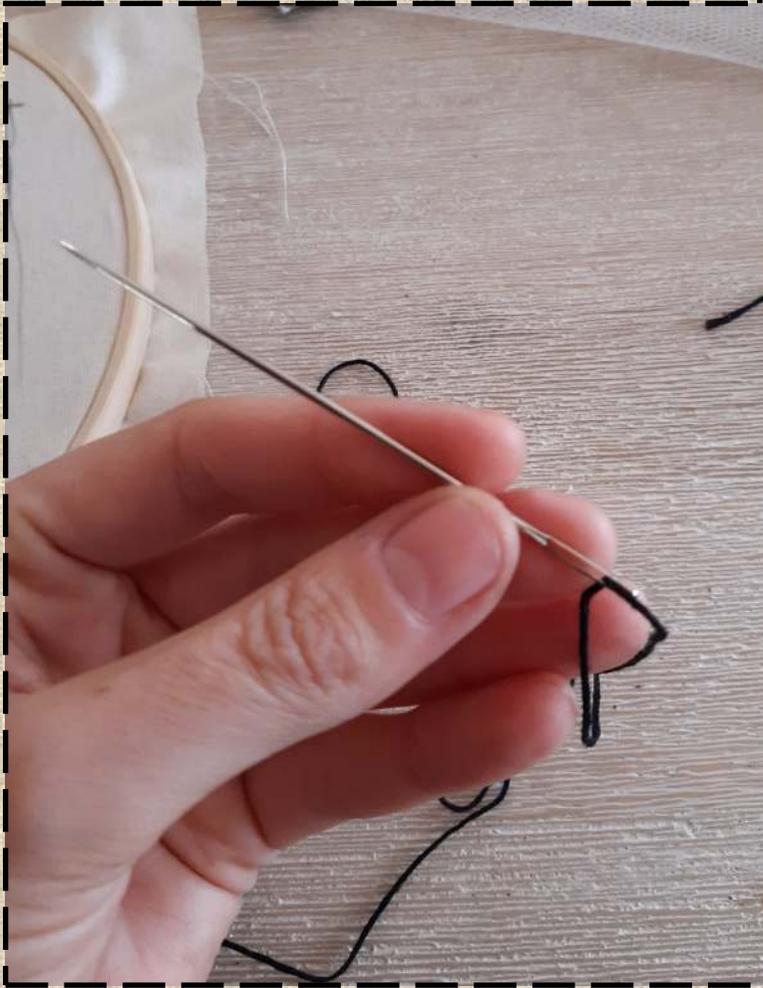


STEP 3: Start Sewing

Choose your first colour of thread and thread onto your needle. Put a knot in the end of your thread and start sewing from the back of your picture so your knot is hidden behind.



Thread cotton through your needle



Tie a simple single knot in the end of your cotton. Leave the end threaded through the needle hanging down.





My line drawing held in place for sewing by an embroidery hoop. This helps to hold the fabric tight while sewing. Remember to start your sewing off from the back to hide the knot in your thread. Each time the line changes direction you need to do a stitch.



Progress...





My Line Drawing Hand Stitched Picture



Sewing onto a photograph- reinforced with netting





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