

## Thread It

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For some stitching is about making clothes, for some it is about making beautiful embroidery, of embellishment that's a celebration of life or even just the means to earn a livelihood. Some artists share stories of their world - they paint with the needle. Thread also has metaphysical meaning for many like Sants Kabir and Namdev, or the sages who penned the Vedas. For me, thread, stitching and textiles are part of a language....

I keep collecting all kinds of fabric to facilitate collage-work at my teaching workshops. And yes you're allowed to cheat a bit by sticking if you cannot sew well enough. I enlist the support of my generous fashion designer friends, who despite the deadlines of fashion week, sent me gorgeous cuttings for this workshop. Stuff I'll probably never find in the market – to feast your eyes and get the creative juices going.

This workshop was open to all age groups from 5 yrs to 60 + yrs [For ages 12 yrs and below, a parent was required to accompany the child, to assist/participate]

It was a fun-filled afternoon of fabric and thread magic. The participants were introduced to the language of thread and fabric as art, through a slide presentation showcasing the work of international artists. The participants also explored the medium of fabric and creativity with it, through exercises and demonstrations. Each participant also made a completed art work during the 4 hour session, which they proudly took home with them.

I have found that when parents participate with kids, a whole different dynamic develops between the parent and child. And the parents always tell me that they had a ball, that it was a great experience.

One mother, even went so far as to say that she hated embroidery in school and would get her sister to complete her assignments but after attending one of my workshops, she felt as though she had found her calling. I don't know if it was the way she felt because she was helping her child or the way the workshop was conducted - but either way it was heartening to hear those words and see that broad smile on her face.

For more details:

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