



## Stitch a Selfie

Put down your mobile phone and Stitch a Selfie instead! Whether you choose to stitch a self-portrait, the face of a loved one or your favourite celebrity, this is your chance to be creative and express yourself through hand embroidery. Will your friends be able to guess who it is?

Here are a few top tips in creating your selfie:

1. Whether you have a photograph, painting or something you have drawn yourself, take time to think about the way you want to translate it into stitch.
2. From a simple line drawing rendered in stitch to subtle shading and complex techniques, there are many ways to bring your embroidery to life.
3. Focus on a particular feature like the hair or a pair of glasses to add emphasis to a key area.
4. Remember the image does not have to be facing towards you. It can be just as effective to have an image from a different angle.
5. Have fun with what you stitch onto, from cotton bags to handkerchiefs and even sieves. The aim is to make it personal, but fun!

We would love to see your finished designs. Upload them to social media, tag @royalneedlework and use the hashtag #SipandStitch, so we can share all the wonderful things you create.