

Resources list for C and D 25/26 - Websites, Books, and Suppliers

Websites

- www.RSNstitchbank.org – free online source of stitches.
- www.gutenberg.org Project Gutenberg – free online resources
 - Ada Wentworth Fitzwilliam “Jacobean Embroidery: Its Forms and Fillings, including Late Tudor.
 - Thérèse de Dillmont “Encyclopaedia of Needlework” (*Needlelace, drawn thread, pulled thread, counted satin patterns, monogramming, net embroidery etc*).
- www.antiquepatternlibrary.org Free source of patterns (not just embroidery)
- www.needlenthread.com Mary Corbet – blog and stitchbank

Books

It is not necessary to buy lots of books for the C&D course. If you like to have your own sources then the list below is of some of the most useful books. Some are out of print but can be sourced secondhand.

RSN publications

- RSN Essential stitch guides and RSN Series – Search Press
The “Essential” series includes the following titles: Jacobean, Blackwork, Canvaswork, Silk Shading, Goldwork, Stumpwork, Whitework, Bead Embroidery. There is also a compendium volume The RSN Book of Embroidery ISBN: 978-1782216063
- A later RSN Series “Techniques, Projects and Inspiration” includes; Applique, Raised Embroidery, Embroidered Boxes, Goldwork and Fine Whitework. Details of individual books are in the relevant sections.

General

- “The Royal School of Needlework Embroidery Techniques” ISBN 978-0713488173 (includes Crewelwork, Blackwork, Silk Shading and Goldwork)
- Betty Barnden “The Embroidery Stitch Bible” ISBN 978-0785831068
- “Erica Wilson’s Embroidery Book” ISBN
- Yvette Stanton “The left-handed embroiderer’s companion” ISBN 9780975767733
- Valerie Campbell Harding “Textures in Embroidery” Batsford ISBN 10: 0713446250 ISBN 13: 9780713446258
- “Constance Howard’s Book of Stitches” Batsford ISBN 10: 0713467800 ISBN 13: 9780713467802
- Anne Butler “Embroidery Stitches” ISBN 10: 0713438495 ISBN 13: 9780713438499

Jacobean

- RSN Essential stitch guide –Crewelwork – Jacqui McDonald ISBN 978-1782219224
- Tracy A Franklin “Crewel Work” ISBN 978-0-9566388-0-9
- Erica Wilson “Crewel Embroidery” ISBN 978-0684106731
- Anchor Book of Crewel Work Stitches ISBN-13 978-0715306321
- Barbara Snook “Embroidery Stitches” ISBN 13 978-0713426106
- Joan Edwards “Crewel Embroidery in England” ISBN 978 0688029197
- Marion Nichols “Encyclopaedia of Embroidery Stitches, including crewel”. ISBN0-486-22929-7
- Becky Quine “Crewelwork Embroidery” ISBN 978-1785005435

Canvas Stitches and Canvas Shading

RSN Essential stitch guide –Canvaswork – Rachel Doyle ISBN 978-1782219316

- “The Anchor Book of Canvaswork” ISBN 978-0715306314
- Mary Rhodes - “Dictionary of Canvas Work Stitches” ISBN 978-0713433012
- Jo Ippolito Christensen “The Needlepoint Book” ISBN 978-147654086
- Owen Davies & Gill Holdsworth - “Embroidered Knot Gardens” ISBN 978-0713489668

Silk Shading – Botanical/Bird/Animal/Tapestry Figure

- Marg Dier “Thread Painting and Silk Shading Embroidery: Techniques and Projects” ISBN 978-1-78500-477-3
- Thomasina Beck “The Embroiderer’s Flowers” ISBN: 0-7153-9901-2
- RSN Essential stitch guide – Silk Shading – Sarah Homfray ISBN 978-1800920187

N.B. There may be other Silk Shading books available, but be aware that often long & short stitch is not described in the same way as it is taught at the RSN; if in doubt check with your tutors.

Goldwork and Creative Metal Thread

- RSN Essential stitch guide – Goldwork – Helen McCook ISBN 978-1800920170
- RSN Series “Goldwork: Techniques, projects & pure inspiration” Emi Nimura ISBN 978-1-78221-703-9
- Jane Lemon “Metal Thread Embroidery” ISBN: 0-7134-5577-2
- Tracy Franklin “New Ideas in Goldwork” ISBN: 0-7134-8780-1
- Hazel Everett “Goldwork” ISBN 978-1844486267
- Alison Cole “The Midas Touch” ISBN 978-1920892418
- Alison Cole “All That Glitters” ISBN 978-1844483136
- Mary Brown “Goldwork Embroidery Designs and Projects” ISBN 978-1863513661
- Lizzy Pye “Goldwork Embroidery: Techniques and Projects” ISBN 978-1-78500-647-0

Blackwork

- RSN Essential stitch guide – Blackwork – Becky Hogg ISBN 978-1782219323
- Jen Goodwin “Blackwork Embroidery: Techniques and Projects” ISBN 978-1-78500-775-0
- Elizabeth Geddes and Moyra McNeill, “Blackwork Embroidery” ISBN 978-0486232454
- Marion Scoular “Why call it Blackwork?”

Appliqué

- RSN Essential stitch guide -Beadwork – Shelley Cox ISBN 978-1782219309
- RSN Series “Applique - Techniques, projects and pure inspiration” – Kate Cross ISBN 978-1782211884
- Juliet Bawden “The Art and Craft of Appliqué” ISBN 0-80311455-5
- The Art of Annemieke Mein. ISBN – 0-85532-775-8

Stumpwork

- RSN Essential stitch guide – Stumpwork – Kate Sinton ISBN 978-1782219231
- Helen Richman “Stumpwork Embroidery: Techniques and projects” ISBN 978-1-78500-294-6
- Barbara and Roy Hirst “Raised Embroidery” ISBN 978-1853915789
- Barbara Hirst “Raised Embroidery: A practical guide to decorative Stumpwork” ISBN 978- 1853912030
- Ros Hills & Pat Gibson “Needlelace Stitches” ISBN: 0-85219-758-6
- Xanthe Brooke “The Lady Lever Art Gallery – Catalogue of Embroideries” ISBN: 0-7509-0149-7
- Jane Nicholas “Complete Book of Stumpwork Embroidery” ISBN: 978-1863513418
- Alson Cole “Stumpwork Masterclass”
- Sophie Long – Ribbonwork Embroidery – Techniques and Projects” ISBN 978-1782211884

Creative Box

- RSN Series – “Embroidered Boxes: Techniques, projects and pure inspiration” Heather Lewis ISBN 978-1782216520
- Jane Lemon “Embroidered Boxes and Other Construction Techniques” ISBN: 0-571-11606-x

Whitework – Broderie Anglaise & Richelieu/Pulled & Drawn/Shadow work/Fine Whitework

- RSN Essential stitch guide – Whitework- Lizzie Lansbury ISBN 978-1782219217
- RSN Series “Fine Whitework: Techniques, projects and pure inspiration” – Jenny Adin-Christie ISBN 978-1782217022
- Barbara Dawson “Whitework Embroidery” ISBN 978-0713439502
- Tracy A Franklin & Nicola Jarvis “Contemporary Whitework” ISBN 978-0713490664

- Agnes F Bryson “Ayrshire Needlework” ISBN: 0-7134-5928-X
- Margaret Swain “Ayrshire and Other Whitework” ISBN: 0-85263-589-3.
- Heather Toomer “Embroidered with White – The 18th century fashion for Dresden lace and other whiteworked accessories ISBN: 978-0-9542730-2-6.
- Heather Toomer “Baby Wore White – Robes for special occasions” ISBN: 0- 9542730-I-X
- Nellie Ó Cleirigh “Carrickmacross Lace” ISBN: 0 85105 436 6.
- Anchor Manual of Needlework, published by Batsford. (*Drawn thread, pulled thread, counted satin patterns, cutwork, needlelace, net embroidery*)
- Pat Earnshaw “Embroidered Machine Nets, Limerick and Worldwide” ISBN: 0 9513891 7 3. (*Very useful for net darning patterns*).
- Moyra McNeill “Pulled thread Embroidery” ISBN: 0-486-27857-3.
- A-Z of Whitework, Book 1 – Surface Embroidery, Inspirations Books. ISBN: 0- 9757094-9-6.
- The Anchor Book of Counted Thread Stitches, ISBN 0-7153-0630-8.

Historic

- Gail Marsh “18th century Embroidery Techniques” ISBN 978 1861084767
- Gail Marsh “19th century Embroidery Techniques” ISBN 978 1861085610
- Gail Marsh “Early 20 century Embroidery Techniques” ISBN 978 1861088208
- Jacqui Carey “Elizabethan Stitches” ISBN
- Jacqui Carey “Sweet Bags” ISBN 09523225-7-9

Suppliers

The following list gives information about suppliers that students have found helpful. The list is not intended to be comprehensive. Please also bear in mind:

- Jacobean, Blackwork and Certificate Goldwork have starter kits. Do not buy anything until you know what is in each kit. Other modules, such as the whitework techniques, tassel, do not have kits but all the necessary threads and fabric can be obtained from the RSN. For techniques such as Applique student need to source their own fabrics.
- Some RSN tutors have online shops supplying specialist items that otherwise can be hard to get.
- see also [RSN Shop | High Quality Embroidery Kits and Supplies \(royal-needlework.org.uk\)](http://royal-needlework.org.uk)

Threads	
Oliver Twists www.olivertwists.co.uk	Spaced dyed yarns and threads
Stef Francis www.stef-francis.co.uk	Spaced dyed yarns and threads
Benton and Johnson via www.toye.com	Goldwork threads and other metals

Golden Hinde www.golden-hinde.co.uk	Goldwork threads and other metal and coloured threads
Handweavers Studio www.handweaversstudio.co.uk	Yarns
Mulberry Silks www.mulberrysilks-patriciawood.com	
21 st Century Yarns www.21stcenturyyarns.com	Variety of natural fibres – silk, wool, cotton.
Paintbox Threads www.paintboxthreads.co.uk	Mainly silks and cottons in self colours
DeVere Yarns www.devereyarns.co.uk	
Piper's Silks www.pipers-silks.com	Many different types of silk thread
Out of Africa www.outofafricaquilts.co.uk	Stocks House of Embroidery space dyed perlés, ribbons etc

Fabrics	
The Silk Route www.thesilkroute.co.uk	Silk dupion in a wide range of colours and small amounts
MacCulloch & Wallis www.macculloch-wallis.co.uk	Silks, fabrics, haberdashery London shop
Creative Quilting www.creativequilting.org.uk	Patchwork and quilting fabrics and supplies inc. muslin. East Molesey shop
Woolfelt Company www.woolfeltcompany.co.uk	Felt
Empress Mills www.empressmills.co.uk	Calico, Mountmellick threads and fabric. Haberdashery. Colne shop
Whaleys Bradford www.whaleys-bradford.ltd.uk	Wide range of specialist fabrics
Dalston Mill Fabrics www.dalstonmillfabrics.co.uk	Good for silk dupion
Identitycraft www.identityleathercraft.com	Leather

Miscellaneous: Ribbons, wires, beads, card etc.	
V.V. Rouleaux www.vvrouleaux.com	Ribbons Central London shop
EKA www.ekaservices.co.uk	Double sided tape, thinner card for mock-up boxes, stationery and art materials. East Molesey shop
Barnyarns www.barnyarns.co.uk	Haberdashery
Sugarcraft Shop www.sugarcraftshop.co.uk	Stumpwork wires (Hamilworth) Glasgow shop

John James Needles www.ijneedles.com	Vast range of needles
Lovecrafts www.lovecrafts.com	General embroidery threads and fabrics and haberdashery
Totally Beads www.totallybeads.com	
Spoilt Rotten Beads www.spoiltrottenbeads.co.uk	
Spellbound Bead Co. www.spellboundbead.co.uk	
Halfpenny's www.halfpennys.co.uk	Beads
Restore Products www.restore-products.co.uk	Curved needles. Invisible thread (Ultrafine) Conservation fabric cleaner
Lorna Bateman www.lornabatemanembroidery.com	Silk ribbons
Scientific Wire Company www.scientificwire.com	Various wires, knitted mesh etc for creative metal work
Lionpic UK www.lionpic.co.uk Canadaoncanvas www.canadaoncanvas.com Redimat - USA www.redimat.com	2mm mountboard – for mounting or box making.

If you would like to add anything to this list for the next update please email details
certificate@royal-needlework.org.uk