

VICTORIAN CRAZY PATCHWORK

Introduction

A wonderful technique where anything goes. It presents a great opportunity to use up some of those bits and pieces of fabric, ribbon and lace and to raid the button tin. By making a small sample in the workshop you will be able to try all of the techniques. I will show you the stitches needed if you have never done embroidery before. You will be hand sewing but I will show you how this technique can be done by machine.

Requirements

- Piece of fabric about 12" square for the foundation – this won't show at all and needs to have a loose weave.
- Tacking thread
- Pins
- Hand sewing kit including embroidery needles and needles with larger eyes
- Fabrics – small pieces of assorted fabrics – cottons, silks, velvet for example. You don't have to mix fabrics if you don't want to. Large patterns, on the whole, don't work very well as they can overpower the embellishments but mottled and subtle prints can be used. A 'fussy cut' patch or two can be good though
- Threads – embroidery threads, fancy yarns.....
- Embellishments – now you can really go to town. Ribbons, bits of lace, organza, cords to couch, beads, buttons, sequins, charms.....