



Sewing and other Fabric/Textile Art Some Ideas and Resources

Other Ideas:

You can hand stitch on a t-shirt for a personalized motto or design. Embroidery thread shows up the best and is available in tons of colors.

You can hand stitch on a canvas as part of a mixed-media piece, or have that be the piece itself. See the work of Ghada Amer for an example.

Explore alternative materials. You can stitch latex, plastic, basically anything you can stick a needle through.

A great method for iron-on transfers is Lazertran paper. It can be run through an inkjet printer, and ironed onto any white or light-colored fabric for a pretty seamless look. I think they also make it for dark fabrics. They may have Lazertran at the University Bookstore, but make sure you get the textile kind. If you can't find it there, you can go to the website: www.lazertran.com. Lazertran is also great for making patches to sew onto other stuff.

Resources:

Check out the website for the Museum of Arts and Design (www.madmuseum.org). They have an exhibit called "*Pricked: Extreme Embroidery*" which is pretty neat-o. Some of the artists who are part of it are listed below.

Craftzine (www.craftzine.com) and Supernaturale (www.supernaturale.com) both have great tutorials on DIY sewing and other textile projects.

Artists:

Louise Bourgeois
Janine Antoni
Mike Kelley
Benji Whalen
Andrea Dezsö

Ernesto Neto
Eva Hesse
Ghada Amer
Seth Koen
Freddie Robins