

Lesson Number	Title of the Lesson	Skills	Activity
28B	Creative Hand Embroidery	Creative thinking Decision Making	Select a famous embroidery of India and find out the following details about it: Its origin, procedure and common designs
		Problem-solving Critical Thinking	

## **Summary**

Embroidery has played a very significant role in the lives of Indian people. It is an art which both men and women practice satisfying their creative urges as well as to earn a living. It is used to adorn everything from personal things like handkerchiefs to bed and table linen, cushion covers, curtains and apparel. A few tiny stitches in a variety of threads can magically transform a plain fabric into an artistic creation.

## **Principal Points**

### **Meaning of Embroidery**

- Art of creating a decorative effect on the surface of the fabric
- Needle and thread are used to embroider a design
- It can be described as a painting with a needle

## **Build your understanding**

### **All about Embroidery Needles**

- Size 1 is coarse, size 10 is very fine
- Fine needles for delicate fabrics, coarse needles for thick fabrics
- The thickness of needle more than a sewing thread
- Sharp tip essential to allow free movement in and out of the fabric
- Curved or rusty needles to be avoided
- Needles to be stored in a case

## **What is Important to Know**

### **Equipment needed for Embroidery**

#### **1. Thimble**

- Used to protect the finger
- Small, lightweight, metallic
- Worn on the middle finger

## 2. Scissors

- Embroidery scissors - small in size
- Have sharp, narrow, pointed blades
- Used to cut and neaten the loose ends of the thread
- Clippers can be used as an alternative
- Scissors to be kept in a case or sheath

## 3. Threads for Embroidery

- Different kinds of threads used for different embroideries
- Can be cotton, silk, wool or synthetic
- Can have more or less twist
- Some threads are available in ply
- 1 ply for fine embroidery and 6 plies for bold embroidery

## 4. Embroidery Frames

- Frames are used to hold the fabric tightly and evenly
- Helps to embroider evenly and neatly
- Two types: Round and Rectangular
- Frames are either of wood or metal

## 5. Fabric

- Embroidery can be done on any fabric

## Did you know

### Design

- Can be copied or original
- Different designs for different materials
- Can be transferred on the fabric using carbon paper, butter paper, tracing paper, pencil, rubber, kerosene oil, cotton

## Extend your Horizon

### Famous Traditional and Indian Embroideries

Embroidery	Region
Phulkari	Punjab
Kantha	Bengal
Kasooti	Karnataka
Chikankari	Uttar Pradesh

Zardosi	Kashmir
Sindhi & Kutchi	Gujrat

### **Evaluate yourself**

- What is the importance of embroidery?
- List the characteristics of an embroidery needle.

### **Maximize your marks**

- Attempt all the exercises given in the lesson.
- Mention the names of six famous embroideries of India.