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# Curtains & Draperies







## Hand Embroidered Curtains and Draperies

From the early Egyptian use of animal hides to hang in doorways as protection, to the first use in the late 16th century of fabrics to adorn windows and beds, curtains and draperies have shielded us from cold and light and defined the richness and character of our private spaces.

Curtains, defined as single panels of fabric, and Draperies, defined as lined panels of fabric, add a finishing touch to soften and frame the architecture of a room - be it a window, a door or a bed.

Our first collection of curtains and draperies begins with the most classic form of hand embroidery...the hemstitch...which we call our Whitework Collection. This embroidery technique is more precious than ever as the skill becomes harder and harder to find.

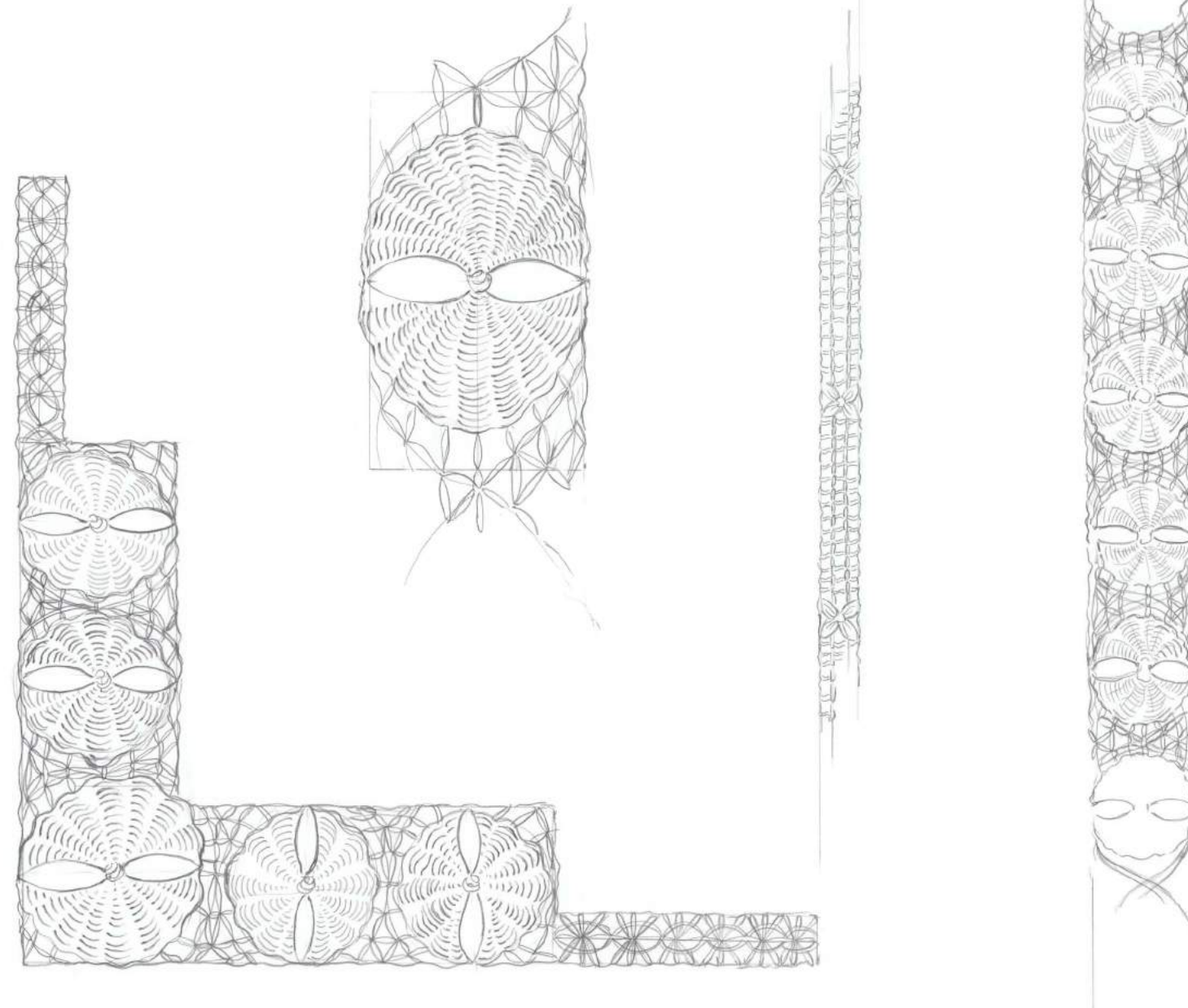


## Whitework Collection, Hand Drawn Hemstitches

### The process...

We are lucky to have been working in Vietnam for over twenty years and we have established a full time embroidery group who specialise in this traditional skill and who are determined, with us, to keep it alive. The design process begins with a pencil drawing. It's a slow, low-tech approach, but these pencil strokes

are what translate into our hand embroidered designs. This hands-on approach – and the unique finish it produces – is the key to everything we do. Our craftsmen and women know us; we know them, and this collaborative spirit enables us to push the boundaries of our craft.



### Whitework Curtain and Drapery...a Custom Collection

To create a hand drawn hemstitch, a single thread is pulled from the fabric; as the exposed threads are revealed they are gathered and wrapped with another thread to create a pattern.

Each of our hand drawn hemstitch patterns are numbered. You select the pattern, the fabric and the application for a fully customised curtain or drapery design.



Hand Drawn Hemstitch Sampler







Design: Whitework #43  
Fabric: 100% Belgian Linen in 'Fog', backed with Ivory Silk Taffeta  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered hemstitch #43 in DMC thread







Design: Whitework #42  
Fabric: 100% Belgian Linen in 'Optical White', without backing  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered hemstitch #42 in DMC Blanc or custom colourway









# Sheers

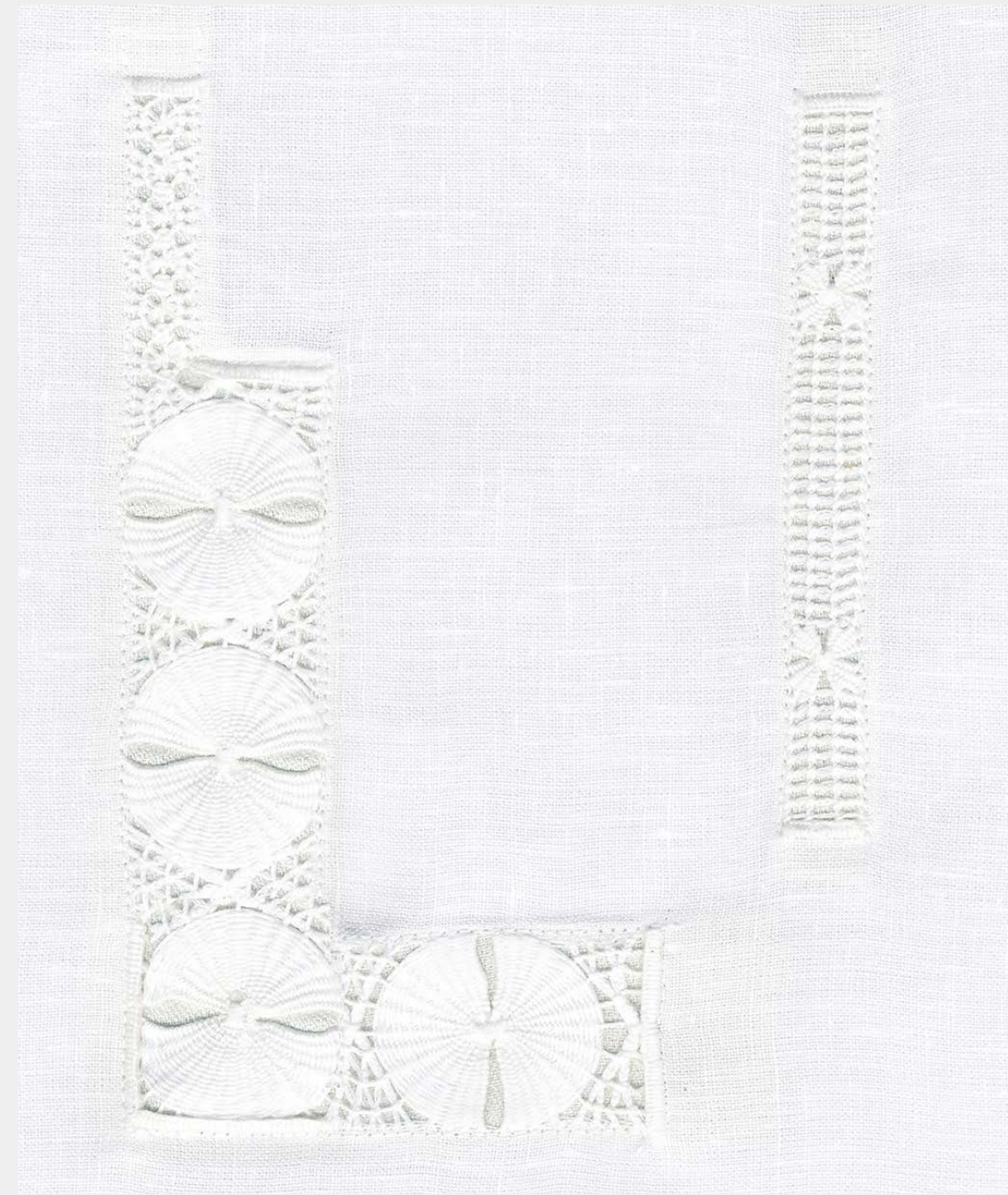






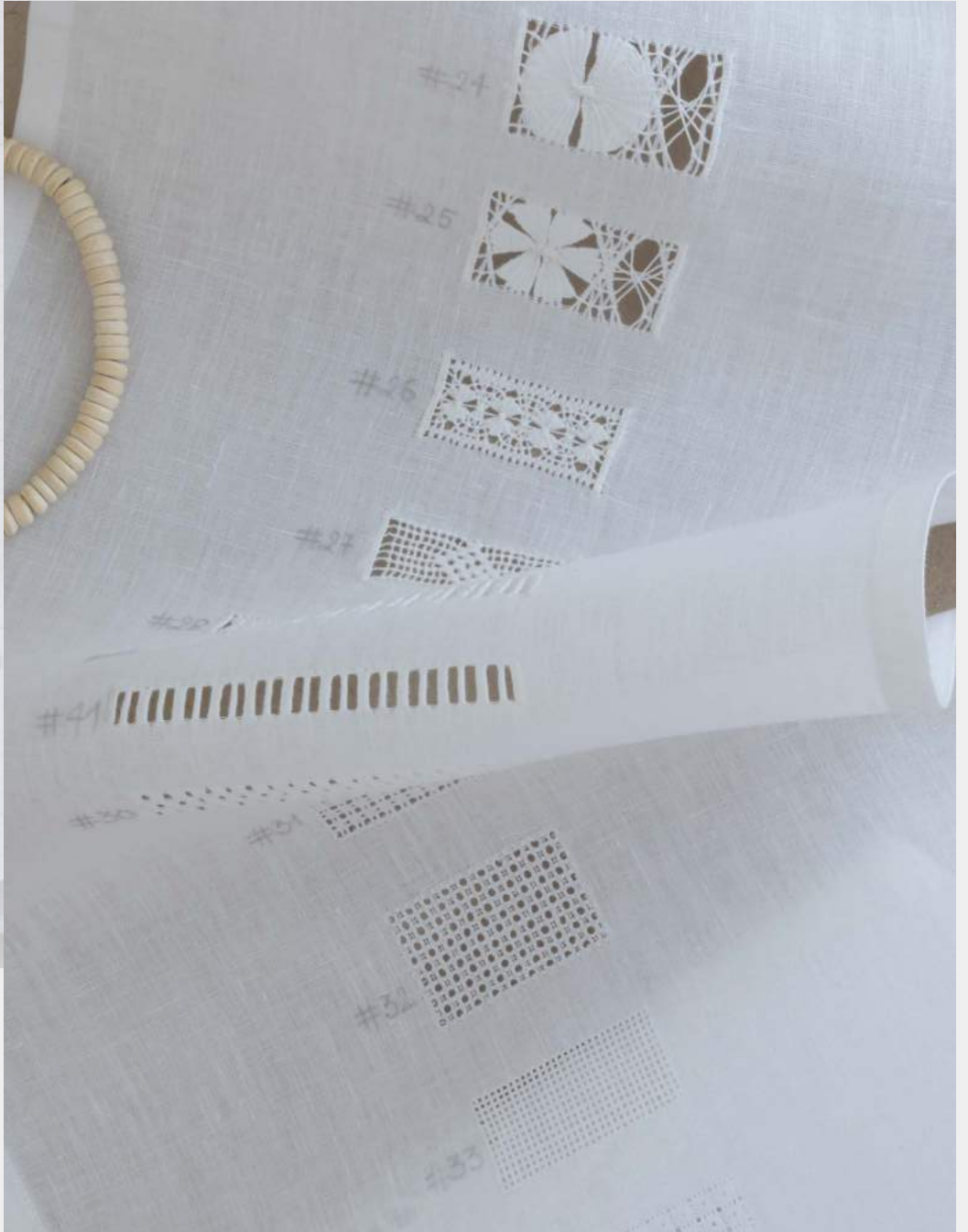
### Whitework Sheers

- Design: Custom selection of Whitework hemstitches  
Fabric: 100% Irish Linen or Swiss Cotton Mousseline, without backing  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered hemstitch rows in DMC Blanc or custom colourway



Shown left and above: hemstitch #14 and hemstitch #24



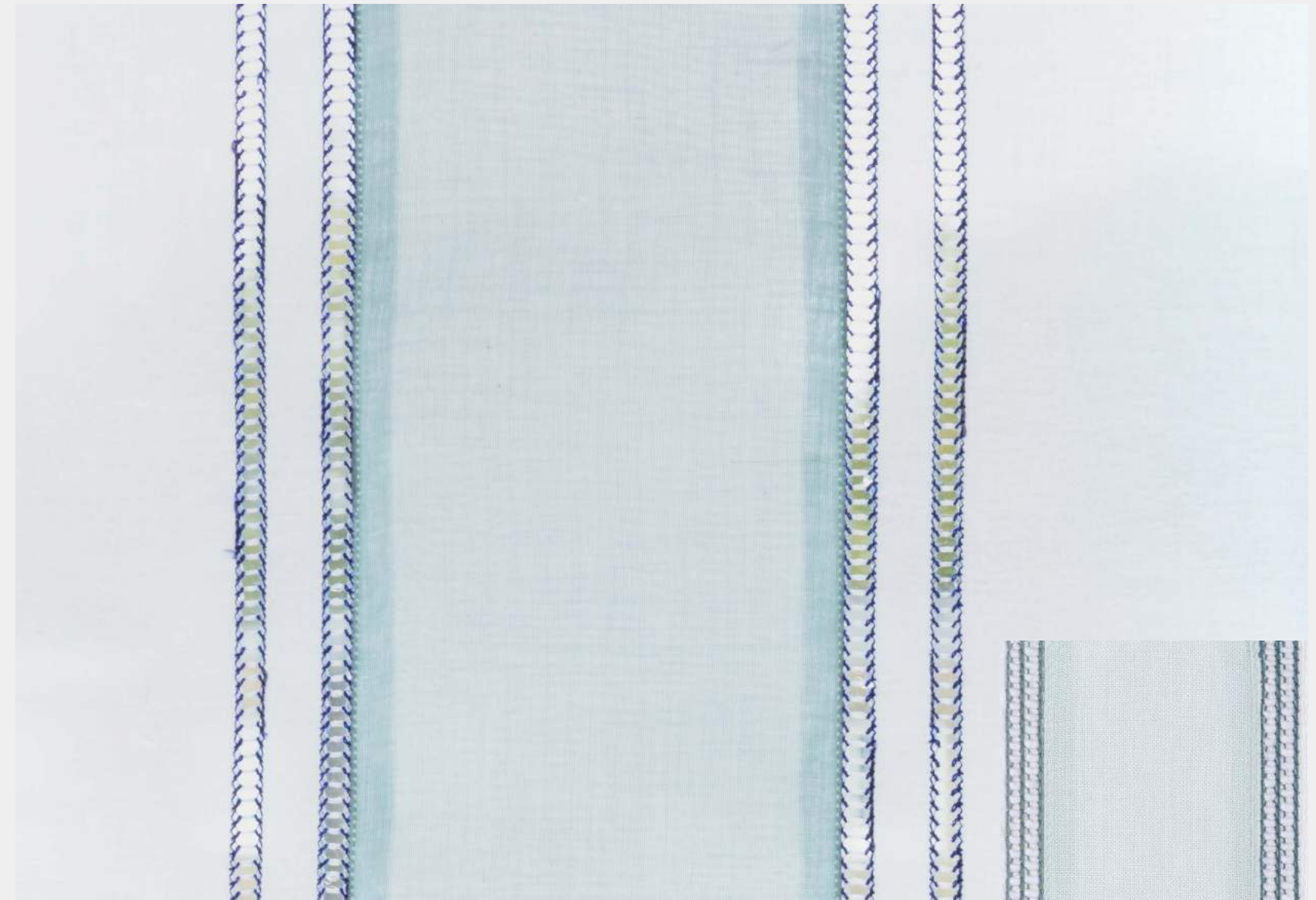


No machine can match the delicacy  
and complexity that is achieved when working by hand.

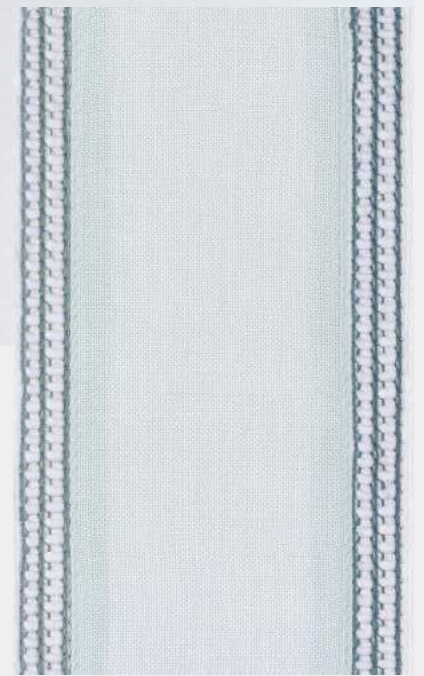




Design: Le Voile  
Fabric: 100% Swiss Cotton Mousseline with Italian Cotton Voile Applique in Jade, Truffle or Blanc  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered hemstitch #44 in custom colourway



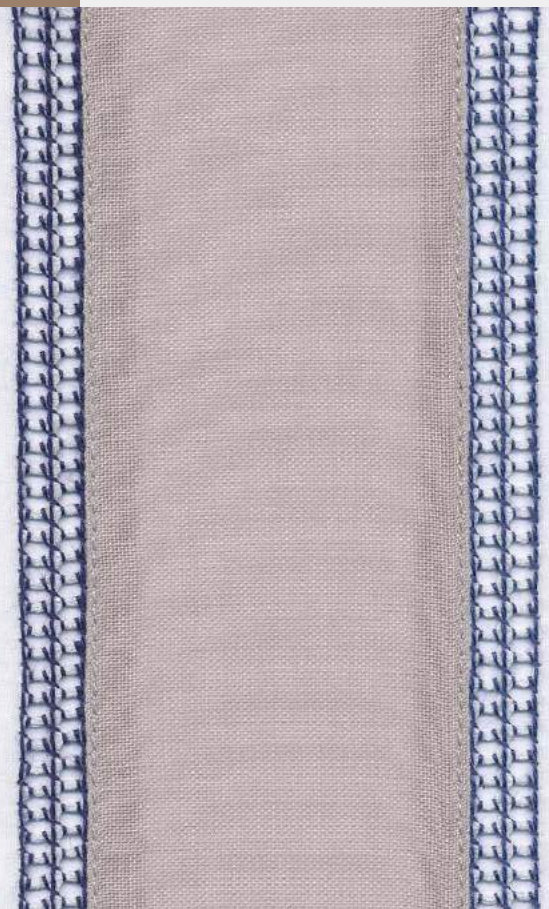
Jade







Truffle

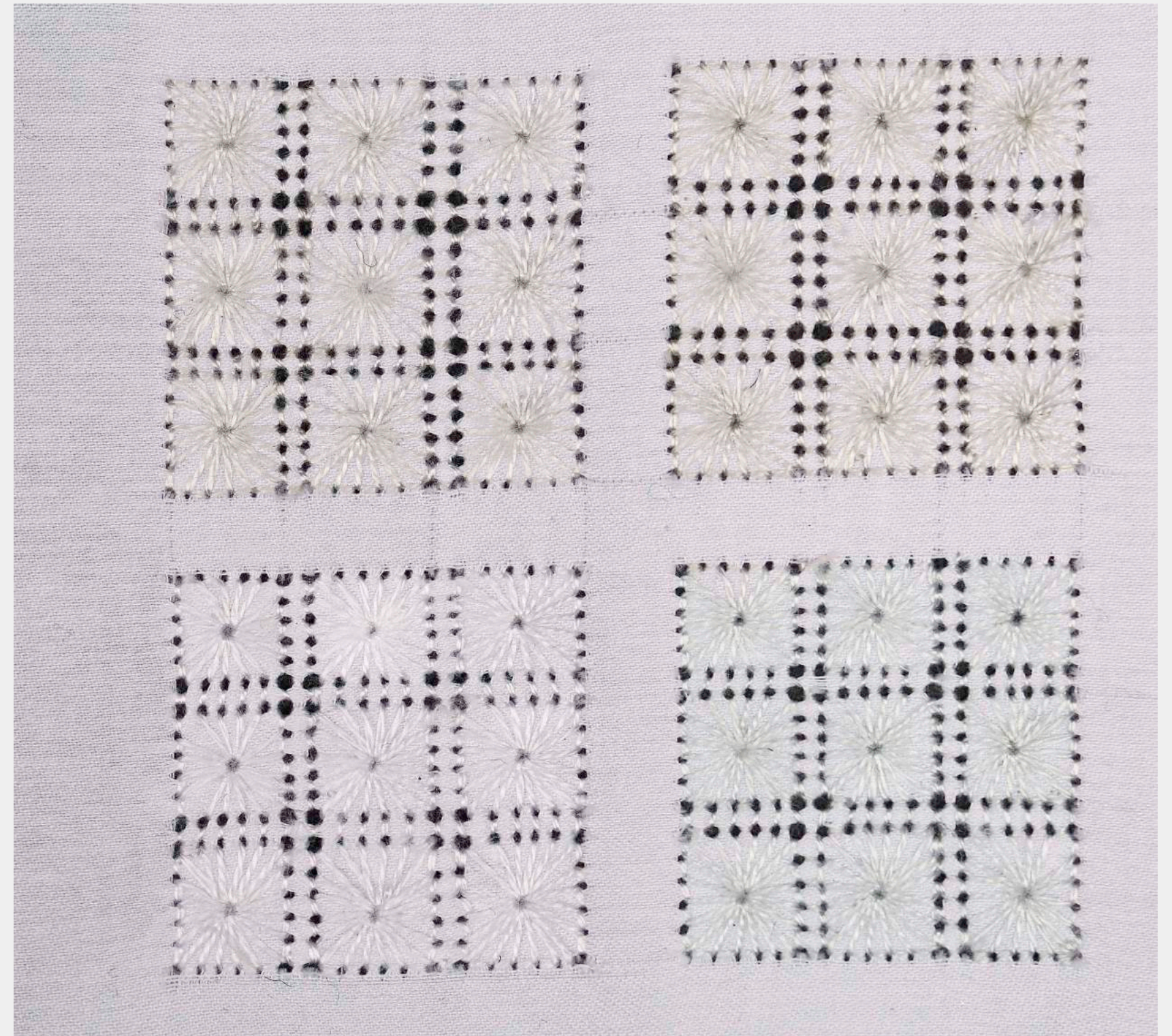


Blanc





Design: Delicate boxes of Whitework #35  
Fabric: 100% Irish Linen, White, without backing  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered hemstitch #35 in DMC Blanc or custom colourway





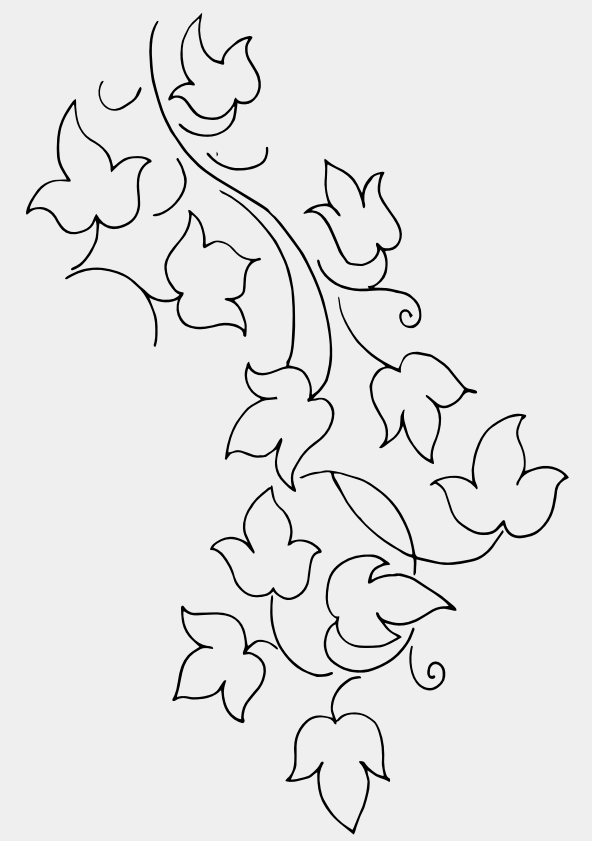
The image features a close-up of several vertical fabric panels. The central panel is a light beige or tan color with a subtle, hand-embroidered floral pattern in a slightly darker shade. To the right, there are two cushions with a bold, dark blue and white floral pattern. The background shows a portion of a room with a window and a grey fabric item.

Hand Embroidery





Design: Les Vignes  
Fabric: 100% Belgian Linen in 'Natural'  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered Les Vignes leading edge



DMC Thread Colours







One of our favourite early designs was Les Vignes. Over the years it has evolved for different projects and different applications. As a leading edge for draperies it can be what you need it to be... a pared back classic style...or an elaborate, embellished, more baroque treatment.



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Design: Dynasty  
Fabric: 100% Silk Taffeta in 'Ivory'  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered Dynasty leading edge





...a richly textured cascade of foliage that features several different embroidery techniques...



Dynasty is evocative of the graceful decorative patterns found in the art and architecture of 11th Century Vietnam - entire walls of Ly Dynasty pagodas and palaces were often covered in elaborate floral motifs...







Design: Summer Landscape  
Fabric: 100% Belgian Linen in 'Natural'  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered Landscape in Summer colourway







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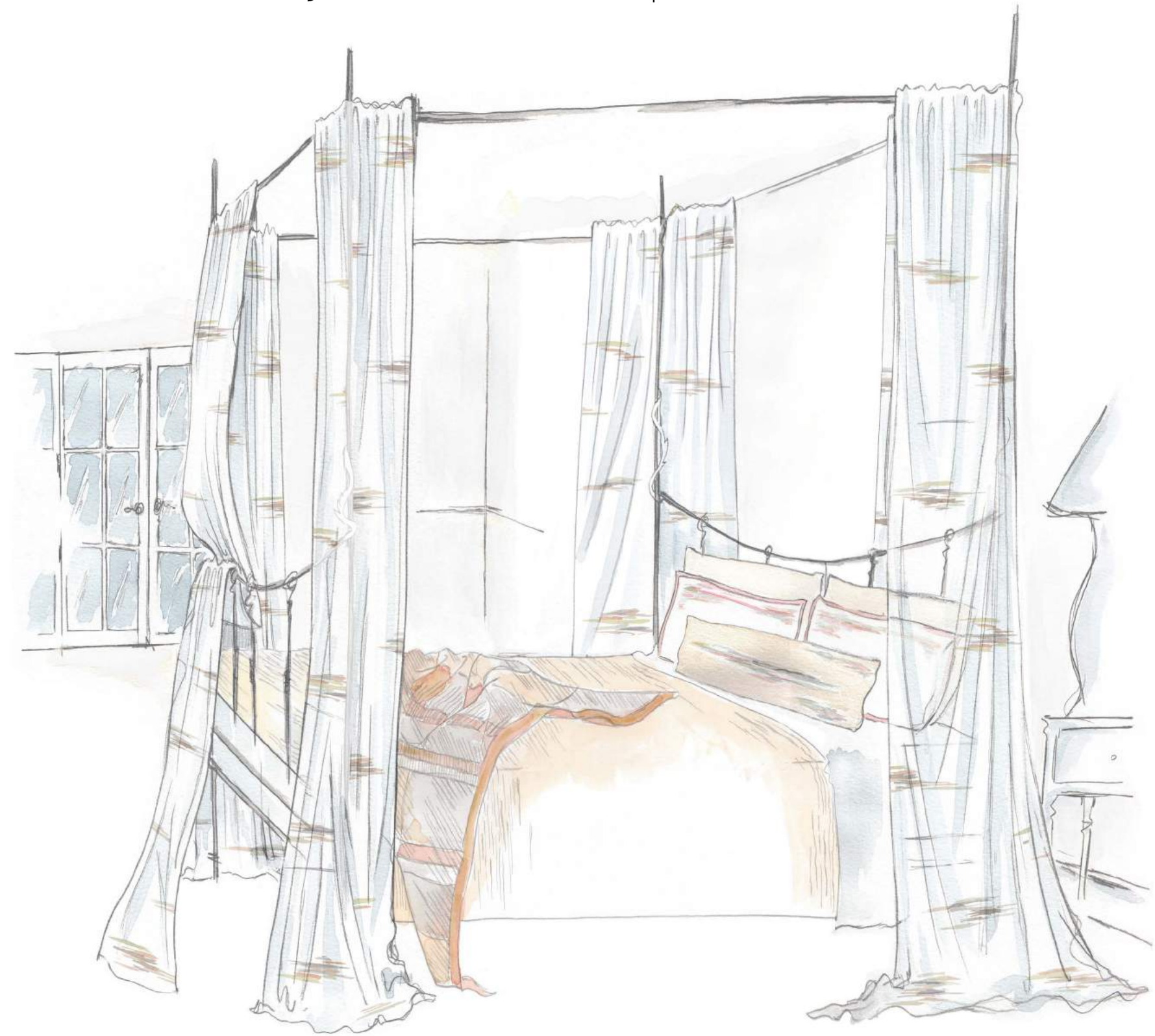
...this design captures a moment in time - as the endless salt marshes of the Camargue in France fade into the distance, and the horizon melts into slivers of light and colour...



Our custom service enables you to add a personal touch to any of our designs. Our hand embroidered Landscape design can be adapted to bed linen, drapery or used to upholster a headboard. Choose your own palette from our selection of over 500 coloured threads. The possibilities are endless!



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Design: Sweet Pea  
Fabric: 100% Belgian Linen in 'Optical White'  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered Sweet Pea leading edge





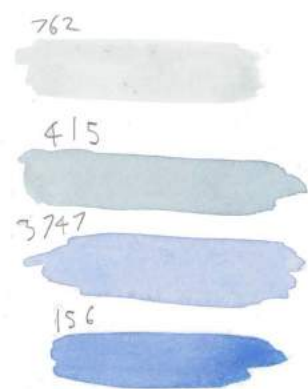


...delicate petals brought to life by  
our embroiderers' skilful blending  
of multiple thread tones...





Lilac



White



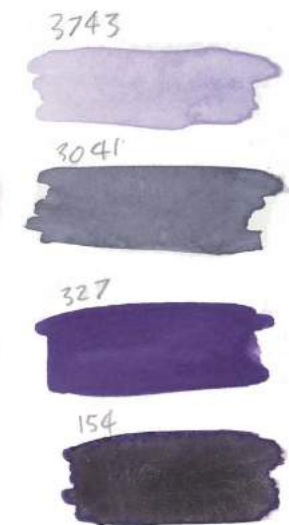
Orange



Pink



Purple



Yellow







Design: Angelica  
Fabric: 100% Silk Taffeta, Ivory or Steel Grey  
Embroidery: Hand embroidered Angelica leading edge





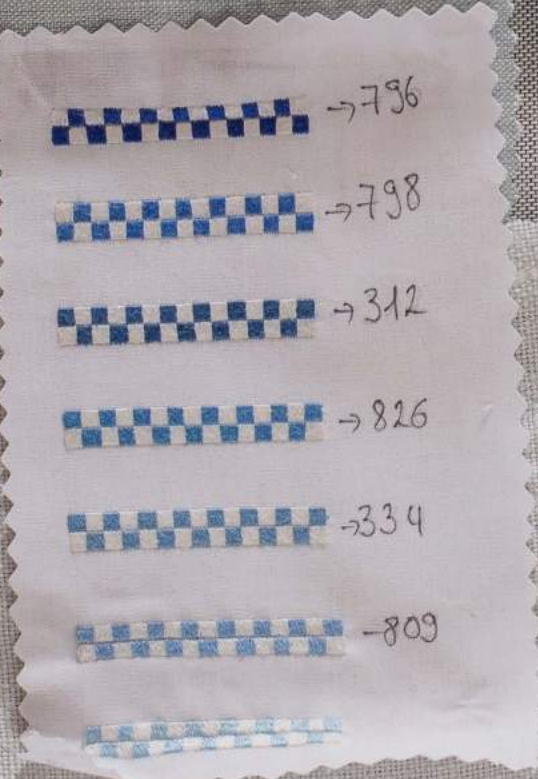


## Our bespoke service...

Our custom service enables you to add a personal touch to any of our designs – or even commission your own. Whether you're an interior designer dealing with large-scale international projects or a homeowner on the hunt for something that feels uniquely 'you', the possibilities are limitless. Adapt one of our existing designs by choosing your own palette

from our selection of over 500 coloured threads; commission a hemstitch design to complement other patterns in the room; or design a special motif that's tailored to fit your scheme perfectly. We'll work alongside you to create something beautiful and memorable, using our extensive fabric and embroidery archives.









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