

# ARCHITECTURE IN STITCH

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## Preparation for Workshop.

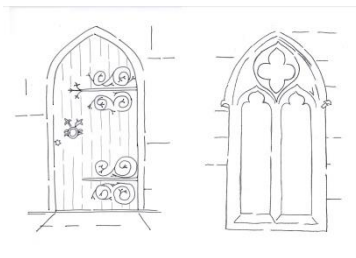
You may wish to prepare and trace your design before the workshop.

### Materials:-

- Calico for main backing fabric, (approx 32 x 26 cms) and for a sample.
- Selection of plain coloured fabrics, in shades of one colour. *See photo*
- Stitch 'n Tear or Vilene – backing stabiliser - This should be a medium weight, or use it double.
- Threads to match fabrics. *See photo*
- Dark coloured thread for design outline – navy, dark brown, dark grey.
- Contrasting/complimentary coloured threads for highlighting and background texture/ foliage etc.
- Pins, scissors.
- Tracing Paper – ideally as transparent as possible (not baking parchment)
- Marker pen, pencil.
- Wooden skewer or cocktail stick – useful for holding fabrics in place while stitching.

### Design

- Select a photo or sketch for your design. Keep it simple – a door or window. Enlarge/reduce your image to **A5**. You may wish to use one of my designs. *See attached photo.*



- Trace your image onto tracing paper, using a fine black marker pen, simplifying the design as you go. Don't draw in every line or brick! Attach at the top with masking tape to prevent slipping. Mark the right side. *See attached photo.*



### Selecting Fabrics

- Select a few coloured fabrics within a limited colour scheme. These could be cotton, linen, dupion silk etc. Don't cut anything yet!

#### Avoid: -

- Anything too lightweight or slippery – satins, fine silks, muslins (*although these could be added later*).
- Anything too thick or bulky – furnishing fabrics, velvets, hessian.

Fabrics that are too light or too dark.



## Selecting Threads

- Select threads that match your chosen fabrics as close as possible. These will be used to hold down the fabrics and want to be as invisible as possible.



- You will then need a dark coloured thread for outline stitching the image. Choose a dark brown, navy , green, grey - which is relevant to your chosen colour scheme  
Contrasting / complimentary threads can be used later (Navy, Terracotta/Orange)



**Look forward to working with you for a fun day of stitching**