

WEEKEND WORKSHOP - Report by Hilary Dunnighan

Cross stitch

Our May workshop was a morning of cross stitch embroidery, ably led by Janet Sweeting and Elaine Hicks. Seven members met in the guide HQ, chatting and reminiscing about sewing our initials on Home Economics aprons and PE bags while at school but realising we might be confusing chain stitch with cross stitch.

Janet and Elaine had come extremely well prepared with books full of suggestions, transfers and traceable letters to give us plenty of ideas for our project. They provided thick cards, complete with envelopes, with cut outs to frame our work, different colours of 14-point binca and a myriad of coloured embroidery strands. We were all set to go, and just had to decide on a suitable design for our greeting cards. The fully laden table was attractive and provided plenty of inspiration, as shown in the photograph.

Elaine had provided a completed "letter E" card which quite a few of us attempted to emulate by tracing the letter onto fabric before stitching. She also had a birthday cake card which Annie decided to copy – with great success as shown by the photo.

The two hours went quickly, and we all took home a project to finish. A really big thank you to Janet and Elaine for a most enjoyable and instructive workshop.



