

# Japanese Bead Embroidery

## An Introductory Class

Throughout history beads have been used for decoration and embellishment. From its humble beginnings using seeds, shells and small bones, to its glamorous peak of haute couture, bead embroidery has rarely gone out of fashion. During the Meiji period in Japan (1868-1912) traditional Western accessories, such as handbags, decorated with Japanese bead work became fashionable among Japanese society. Meanwhile, in Europe and America beadwork was growing ever more popular and Western fashion houses looked to Japan for luxurious fabrics embellished with beads. High society glittered from head to toe in the finest Japanese bead embroidery.

For the past twenty years the fine art of Japanese bead embroidery has been taught at the Japanese Embroidery Center in Atlanta by bead artist Reiko Matsukawa. Now, as bead embroidery once again is the height of fashion and the catwalks dazzle as never before with crystals and pearls, Japanese bead embroidery is being taught here in the UK by JEC accredited tutor, Carol-Anne Conway.

Whether you simply wish to learn a few techniques that can be adapted to embellish your own embroidery or you wish to begin your journey learning to master all of the intricacies of Japanese bead embroidery, this introductory class is for you. No previous experience of beading or embroidery is required.

On this one-day work shop we will be embroidering a dragonfly design using the fundamental stitches that form the foundation of all bead embroidery. By the end of the day you will have all the information and supplies needed to complete the design at home and, if desired, transform your embroidery into a beautiful scissor case for your embroidery scissors.



### Class Details

Date: Saturday 17th October 2015

Venue: The Crofters Hotel, Garstang

Price: £75

Included are all course fees, a Dragonfly Scissor Case kit, morning and afternoon tea or coffee. *(Please note that scissors are not included in the kit)*

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