

## Merseyside Expressive Stitchers' Group

### Start UP challenge

As we go forward with our new identity, we thought it might be nice to have a start-up challenge in which all our members and supporters can participate. This is an idea “borrowed” from another group – with their permission - which found it an excellent way of people keeping in touch and having a common objective.

The pieces won't be judged – so a bit different from the usual challenges of the past – but we do hope to be able to put them on show at the Afternoon Tea Party in August. Beyond that the plan is to join all the pieces together to form a border to a new panel which will replace the MEG one which was always on show at our meetings.

Each one of us (who so wishes) will be given a piece of fabric approx. 7 inches by 9 inches similar to what is commonly referred to as A5 size. The fabric will be edged and will have been cut to include a half inch seam allowance all round. It will have a zig-zagged edged to prevent fraying. We would like you to create your design in portrait mode. Please try and avoid stitching into the seam allowance.

The piece of fabric is a bright sunny orange colour and you can work in whatever media you fancy, machine or hand embroidery, applique, or whatever, and you can use any kind of thread you like in the style of your choice. You can include any extras for example, buttons, beads, lace, and ribbon.

However there are certain things which must be included.

A heart

An animal, bird, butterfly, flower or plant (or all of them! – joking)

You must use each of the following

A sky blue thread

A lime green thread

A metallic thread

A knot stitch

And that's it!

We are so looking forward to seeing the finished works of art. Please do enter into this in the spirit with which it has been concocted – for us all to have some fun and a sense of achievement after the horrible recent times with Covid and the problems with “The Guild”

To obtain your piece of fabric could you please contact either Pat McBride, Patti Owen or Alice Bradley and we can arrange either collection, delivery or post it to you.

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