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Pattern-Guided Strip Assembly and Kantha Embroidery



Took part **5**
Where aikyam space, Fort Kochi
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Facilitators **2**
Club Stitching Club
Facilitated by Shabana K H

Input

Time 4 hours
Cost ₹0

Collaboration Craft precision (Kantha)

Activity

We brought together our prepared material components for the final joining and embroidery stage. Using the printed A4 Kantha App templates as visual references, each participant selected their corresponding 6 cm fabric strips and stitched them side-by-side to construct complete base panels. Once the fabric bases were securely assembled, we executed hand-stitched Kantha running stitches along the panel lengths. We focused on maintaining consistent stitch length, even line spacing, and uniform thread tension across all finished pieces.

Craft precision (Kantha)

Outcome

Improved technical execution in fabric strip joining and hand Kantha stitching.

Observed: Participants successfully replicated the printed app layouts and produced neatly aligned Kantha stitches across panel seams

Learnings

What worked: Laying fabric strips directly over paper printouts before joining prevented colour misplacement and misalignment.

What was difficult: Controlling thread tension across thick fabric seams required careful finger control to avoid pucker.

Changes for next time: Pinning strips together with tailor pins prior to machine or hand joining will ensure smoother seam lines.

Craft precision (Kantha)

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