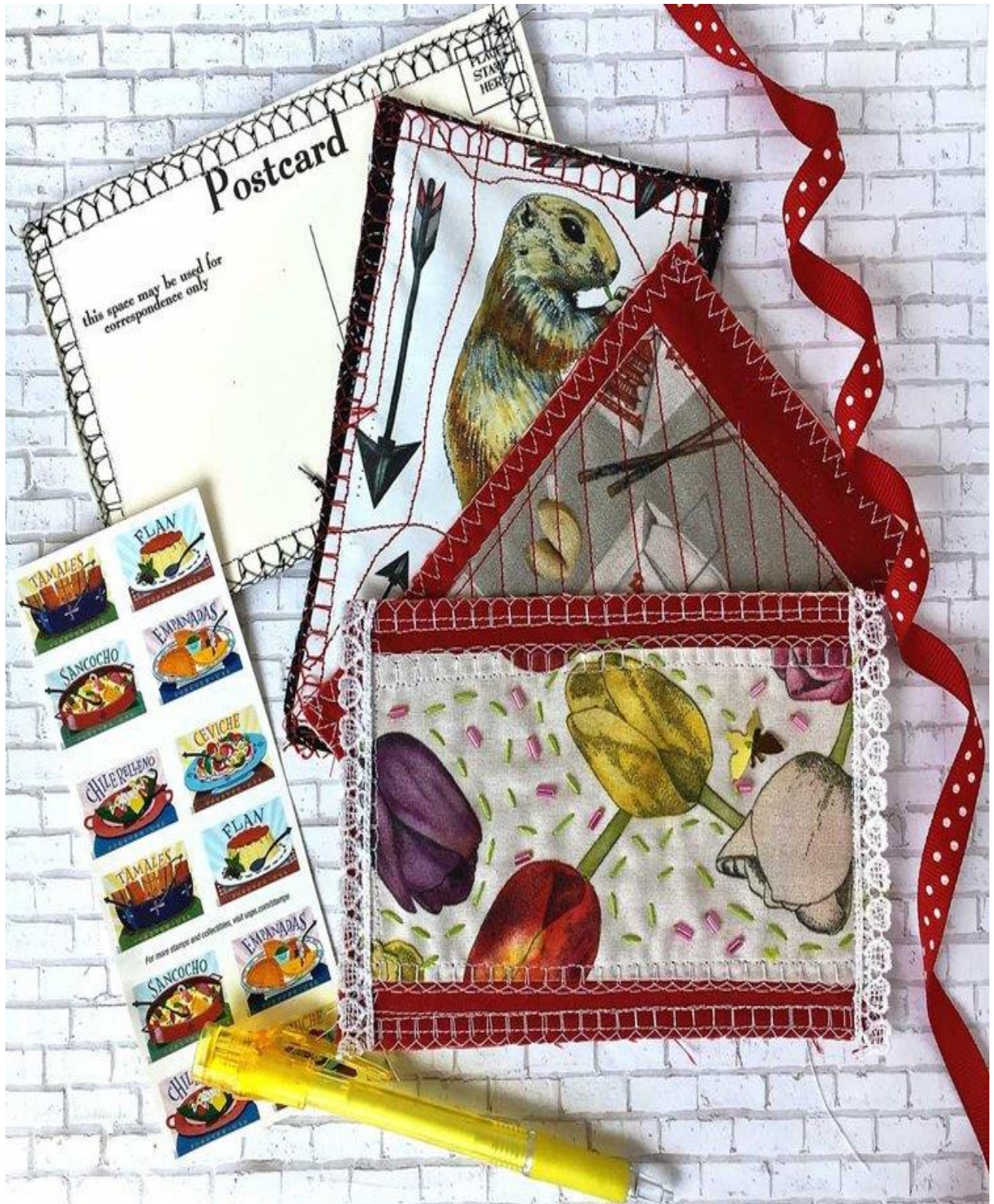


UNIT 4

APPLICATION OF EMBROIDERIES



A LIST OF WAYS TO USE YOUR EMBROIDERY

If you are new to embroidery, you might be curious as to what kinds of things you can do with it besides hanging it on a wall. Today I am going to show you a list of ways you can use and experiment with embroidery. These are only just the tip of the iceberg. The sky is the limit. People are constantly coming up with all kinds of unique and wonderful mash-ups of different mediums. Today I am going to present you with a few that will hopefully inspire your creativity and reassure you that there is so much you can do with this lovely and relaxing skill.

1. TURN A CHILD'S ARTWORK INTO AN EMBROIDERED KEEPSAKE

I think kid's artwork is so pure, raw and from the heart. I loved this portrait my son made of me so I decided to take the pencil drawing and turn it into a small keepsake. It is so easy to make and it is a great way of practicing different stitches. You can pick your own color palette or you could have the child use colored pencils and let him/her choose the colors. You can make this as simple as you want using all backstitch or you could get fancy and experiment with more complicated stitch work. Either way, it is such a nice thing to have or to give as a gift. (A great teacher gift for the end of the year!) Simply tape the drawing to a bright window, tape cotton fabric over it, and trace the design onto the fabric. Place the fabric in a hoop and stitch as desired. When you are done, frame it to be displayed on a wall, in an easel, on a desk or counter top, or as an ornament.



2. MAKE A PIN.

Make a pin to accessorize a your clothing, a jacket lapel, bag, or backpack. Sew the embroidered piece onto a round piece of felt using the WHIPSTITCH. Sew onto a felt backing with a pin attached to the back using the RUNNING STITCH.



3. MAKE A WRIST CUFF.

Since we are already on the topic of wearable art, how about some an adornment for your



wrist? Add a one-of-a-kind accessory to your outfit by making an elegant embroidered wrist cuff. It's just a matter of very simple sewing.

Cut two rectangles of fabric, sew together right sides facing leaving a small opening for turning inside out. Sew the opening shut and add a sew on snap closure.

4. MAKE A NECKLACE.



If you would rather have a necklace, how about this adorable mini pendant? You can get these small wood pendants online or at the



embroidery section of your local craft store. Simply glue the fabric on the backing then place the tiny hoop on top. Glue the rest of the overlapping fabric to the back and apply a ribbon to turn it into a pendant.

5. MAKE A LAVENDER SACHET.

With Mother's Day coming up, these little lavender sachets make great gifts! I love to put them in closets and drawers. They are so easy and fun to make. Cut two squares of cotton fabric. Embroider a small design on the center one of the squares. Sew the squares right sides facing leaving an opening for turning. Turn inside out and fill with dried lavender buds. Sew the opening closed and Viola! Really easy little project.



6. UP-CYCLE SOME CLOTHING.



Embroidered clothing is so popular right now. Add a simple pattern to all different types of clothes and accessories to make it uniquely your own!



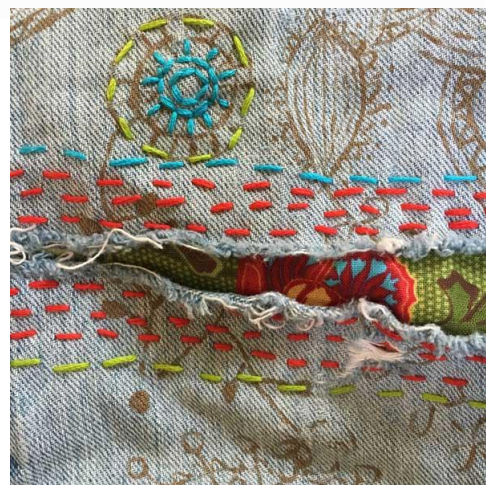
This baseball cap (above)

and the jeans pocket (below) have been embroidered with lips from [THIS](#) pattern.

You don't even need a pattern to add a little unique flavor. Try free-handing some of your favorite stitches on an old pair of jeans.

7. USE EMBROIDERY TO MEND A TEAR IN YOUR FAVORITE OLD JEANS.

Embroidery is also a great way to mend a tear in jeans or socks.



8. CREATE UNIQUE RE-USEABLE GIFT TAGS.



Make your own gift tags. Cut out small scraps of fabric and practice embroidering over your handwriting to make personalized re-usable gift tags. This is such a fun way to use up scraps and practice stitches.

9. THINK OUT OF THE BOX AND EMBROIDER ON OTHER THINGS BESIDES FABRIC, LIKE PAPER!

You don't have to limited to fabric for embroidery. Try experimenting with paper. In the example above, I took one of my favorite old photos and added some delicate stitch work to create a new piece of art with elements of old and new blended together

