



## **Book Review**

**LAYERS OF STITCH – Contemporary Machine Embroidery** by Valerie Campbell-Harding and Maggie Grey (Published by Batsford) ISBN: 0 7134 8906 5

This comprehensive softcover book thoroughly covers many aspects of contemporary textile art and clearly explains many techniques. There are Sections entitled, 'Backgrounds', 'Slips & Patches', 'Putting it all together' and 'Edges, Tassels and Trimmings' looking at the way in which a detailed work is built up, layer by layer, from the background through to the final details. Each section contains detailed ideas for inspiration and experimentation using various media, including Xpandaprint, the ever-useful nappy liner, metal shim and many more. For those devotees who are interested in digital designs made from your sewing machine's software there's an entire sub-section devoted to ways of using the in-built designs from your machine as well as designing your own motifs. Altogether a very interesting and inspiring book which got my design juices flowing and added to my already long list of 'things to try out when I get the time'.

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