

Embroidery

Briggs & Co. was founded in 1874 and they invented the iron-on transfer method. In 1895, the company was incorporated and became William Briggs & Co. They then joined Coats in 1939, and is still in existence today.

Kate Greenaway designs were published in the Briggs catalogs. Briggs also released a small catalog called "Village Scenes" which was dedicated to illustrations by Kate Greenaway.

The following blog has further details on Briggs & Co / Kate Greenaway designs.

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Embroidery is the art or handicraft of decorating fabric (or other materials) with designs stitched in strands of thread or yarn using a needle.

Embroidery may also incorporate other materials such as metal strips, pearls, beads, quills, and sequins. Sewing machines can be used to create machine embroidery.

The origins of embroidery are lost in time, but examples survive from ancient Egypt, Iron Age Northern Europe and Song Dynasty China.

Elaborately embroidered clothing, religious objects, and household items have been a mark of wealth and status in many cultures including ancient Persia, India, Byzantium, medieval England (Opus Anglicanum or "English work"), and Baroque Europe.

Hand embroidery is a traditional art form passed from generation to generation in many cultures, including northern Vietnam, Mexico, and eastern Europe.