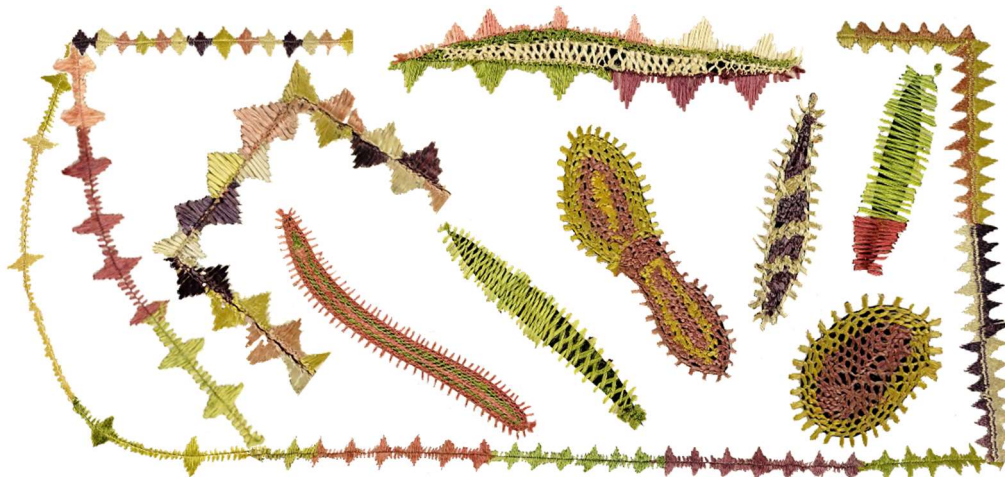


TECHNOLOGY OFFER

MEDIEVAL DESIGNS



Collection of stitching patterns registered as designs
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Stitching patterns in liturgical books from the 12th century
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Historic patterns on ripped jeans
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Background

With the dissolution of monasteries in 1782, a collection of important liturgical manuscripts was donated to the University of Graz. In 70 of these 12th/13th century books, the most beautiful silk stitching patterns may be found. There is a variety of designs, some join tears together, others fill in flay holes, and others join pieces of parchment together. These patterns are elaborate like embroidery, while others are simpler. Their purpose and function are not yet fully understood which is why their study is still ongoing at the University of Graz.

Protected Design

The way in which Medieval books were sewn, repaired, preserved and withstood the test time for 800 years, has led to a number of thoughts for developing such techniques in today's world. This could be done on clothing such as ripped jeans. For this reason, 32 different patterns were officially registered and may be applicable for any design element especially on fabric.

Goals of the University of Graz

- Share these historic patterns and their history with a wider audience.
- Transmit an old craft via contemporary apparel or other objects.
- Raise awareness of Austria's Medieval treasures.

KEYWORDS:

MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS
SILK EMBROIDERY
VISIBLE MENDING
REPAIR & SUSTAINABILITY

IDEA:

ZAMMIT LUPI, THERESA

COOPERATION OPTIONS:

DIFFERENT WAYS OF EXPLOITATION
E.G. LICENSING OR COOPERATION
AGREEMENT

DESIGN PROTECTION:

EUROPEAN Union Design
registration

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United Kingdom Design
registration

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according to Locarno

classification 05-03 (embroidery)

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