

# Unravelling Textiles in India

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with... Catherine Cullen

Catherine will unravel textiles in India with stories and images of the people in villages doing embroidery work. She will have samples of embroidery to pass around as well as resources from the Calico Museum of Textiles in Ahmedabad, and Professor Anne Morrell

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Born in Chennai (Madras) India and is a Professor of Textiles and former Head of Embroidery at the Manchester Metropolitan University. In addition to her research interests in historic and ethnic textiles, particularly of the Indian sub-continent, she has taught for more than thirty years and has published extensively in the field of embroidery.*

Catherine has written material from the museum showing step by step instructions and everyone has an opportunity to try some of the stitches.

**Unravelling a story about Indian textiles**  
by Catherine Cullen, India Unravalled



## Namaste

Six years ago, Catherine, and husband Varis, moved to Mysuru in South India. During their extensive travels, they fell in love with the gentle people, the customs and the rich culture dating back thousands of years. Catherine started a love affair with Indian textiles. The dazzling array of colours, techniques and geographical differences fills her with awe. As they met more and more artisans, they heard about the struggle for recognition of the true value of the work that goes into these beautiful handmade items, which are exported across the globe and sold at a premium price passing through many hands along the way. In this model, the artisan receives only a fraction of the final value and earns the equivalent of a few dollars a day. Yet despite this, they are content and put their heart and souls into everything they create. The importance of keeping these crafts alive is too big a subject to discuss here. Catherine is honoured to introduce you to some of the textile handcrafts of India.

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