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INFORMATION SHEET

**“In Stitches” Workshop – “Machine Embroidery for Beginners”
with Artist in Residence, June Heap, at the D-Day Museum,
Clarence Esplanade, Southsea PO5 3NT
on Monday 20 April 2009, 6pm – 8pm**

An exploratory session for people wishing to try out the basic skills of machine embroidery to create stitched drawings/designs.

Please Note:

- Bring a **sewing machine**, capable of being used for free-stitching - i.e. one whose feed –dog (teeth) are able to be dropped or covered, so that you can stitch in any direction. You also need to bring a **darning foot** for your machine.
- (Bernina sewing machines are very good for machine embroidery and are the ones I use. If you bring another make, you must know how to thread it and use it for straight stitching.)
- Whatever the make, please bring extra **needles and bobbins**.
- NB We have a small number of Bernina machines available for use. These are available on a first come, first served basis and can be booked by phoning Portsmouth City Museum on 023 9282 7261 – say you are phoning about “In Stitches”).
- Bring any **drawings/images** (including postcards, photographs) you may wish to try out. I will also supply some design ideas developed from the Overlord Embroidery in the D-Day Museum.
- Machine embroidery threads will be provided, but in a limited number of colours. If you have **any machine embroidery threads of your own**, please bring them.
- Bring **paper and pen** to take notes.

I look forward to working with you.