

## The Tentmaker Class

Jenny Bowker introducing then handing over to the demonstrators, Ahmed Kamal and Ekramy Hanafy.

This is an exciting hand work only class where you will enjoy one on one time with the Egyptian tentmakers who will demonstrate, and you will learn the ancient techniques they use for their spectacular work with plain clear colours. The work is done with needle turned applique, but the tools are simple and basic and the work strong and interesting. The work is not quick and you will not complete your sample in class. You will work on a cushion cover sized piece – but will learn all the processes necessary to complete your cushion cover.

### Requirements

Scissors for fabric and scissors for paper

1 Awl

Your usual hand sewing kit with needles (the men use big heavy needles like Milliners or Straw needles), pins and thread snips.

A thimble if you use one

**NB All fabric colours are plain colours – Cotton Couture, Kona cotton or homespuns – in keeping with the Egyptian style.**

One 20 inches x 20 inches of dark plain coloured background fabric- navy, black, chocolate, grey – a colour that will work with a white line on it.

Three fat quarters of bright contrasting fabric to applique down as your design.

A few extra six inch squares of extra colours if you want more choices.

A small container of baby powder in a shaker. If you wish to reduce weight for flights fill a salt shaker with powder.

A white wax pencil for marking your design. (Clover white markers would also work)

Cotton threads to match your fabrics