I was a teacher for 35 years and thoroughly enjoyed teaching History to 11-18 years old and working with teachers to develop their classroom pedagogy. I even found ways of combining my love of textiles and the arts by teaching a module in Russian art to my A Level students!

I have been sewing and knitting for nearly 50 years and like many of us I was taught by my mum and grandmother. I have always looked for ways to continue to learn and develop my skills by attending embroidery and sewing lessons by extremely knowledgeable tutors; seeking out exhibitions and talking to textile artists both at a local and national level; being a member of The Embroiders Guild; completing textile design modules; and I have attended specialist workshops led by The Royal School of Needlework and the V & A.

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