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Design Profile Rebecca Miriam Offredi

Rebecca Miriam Offredi is an award winning, London based, Freelance Embroidery Artist and designer. Working within the disciplines of Fashion, Interiors, and Textile Art, she creates bespoke, couture, embroidered collections of work. Having started her working life as a Private Banker in London's west end in the early 2000's, Rebecca left her career in 2018 to pursue her passion for embroidery full time. Retraining at the Royal School of Needlework she graduated in 2021 with a degree in Hand Embroidery and a multidisciplinary approach to her practice.

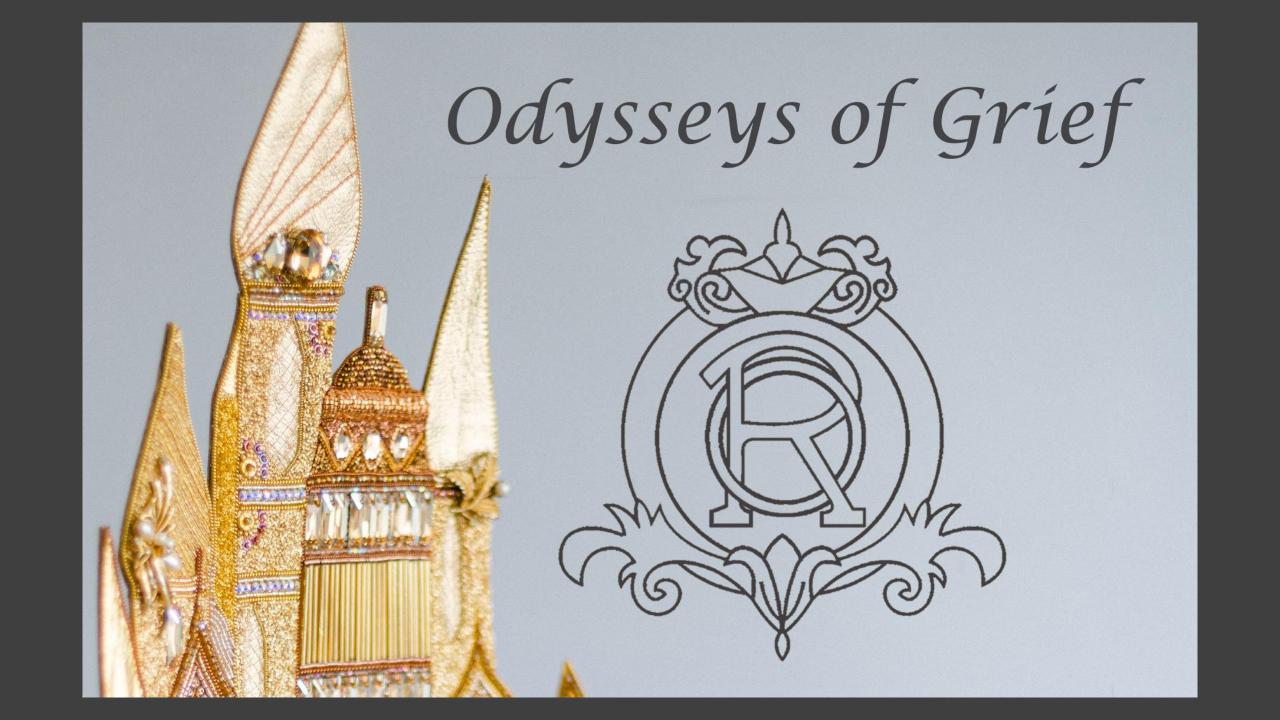
With a strong basis in emotional memories, Rebecca's pieces and collections stem from a fundamental desire to create beautiful, exquisite and original works which showcase her skill as a technical hand embroiderer. Formed of complicated layers of fabrics, of varying diaphaneity and colour, her work is densely, intricately and exquisitely embroidered with a wide range of different threads, materials and lustres. The emphasis within the pieces is placed firmly on the embroidery, with the craft and complexity of her work taking centre stage. A distinct design handwriting, combined with impactful bold use of colours, patterns, metallics and attention to detail, result in pieces that pack a punch and command attention.

Nominated for several accolades and national awards for her work Rebecca has to date won: The Worshipful Company of Glovers National Glove Design Award 2018; The Worshipful Company of Needlemakers – Best Technical Stitch Award 2018; The Bradford Textile Society Design Competition 2019 Section E1; The Lapa Charitable Trust Award Third Prize; and The Arts Society (Greater London) Contextual Essay Award 2019. Her work has been exhibited at the Knit and Stitch Show London Olympia 2018 and 2019, Hampton Court Palace Royal School of Needlework Animals in Embroidery 2018, Birmingham Festival of Quilts 2018, The Stanley Picker Gallery Kingston Hanbok Exhibition in association with the Korean Cultural Society 2019, and Susan Aldworths "Out of the Blue" at Hatton Gallery in Newcastle 2020.

The thankful recipient of the Victoria Adams Scholarship Fund, 2017-2018, The Worshipful Company of Needlemakers Bursary 2018-19 and The Arts Society Greater London Region Bursary, Rebecca has used these awards to further develop her practice and technical skills, whilst continuing to push the boundaries of traditional hand embroidery.

Rebecca has extensive freelance hand embroidery experience having worked regularly for Alexander McQueen, Jasper Conran, Ralph and Russo, E Tautz and Burberry. In addition to freelance embroidery, she also regularly undertakes paid speaking engagements for a variety of groups and organisations to discuss both her practice and promote the art of embroidery. In addition, she also incorporates private commission work and one on one and group instruction in the specialised fields of Tambour and Goldwork embroidery.







Artists Statement - Odysseys of Grief

Odysseys of Grief is a body of embroidered work strongly rooted in Rebecca Offredi's emotional memories from the last two years. During this time, she experienced an unexpected series of events which caused great personal upset, grief and loss. These events led to a bout of profound anxiety and depression, which in turn affected nearly every aspect of her life, both professional and personal. Much of her most successful work to date is strongly rooted in emotional memories; both good and bad; it seemed sensible, apt and almost cathartic to use such current and strong emotional memories from her life as a basis for this new collection.

There are three underlying and intertwining themes from which Odysseys of Grief is woven. The first is her own personal experience of loss and grief over the last two years and its impact on her life. The second uses the classical works of the Odyssey and the lliad and the protagonists' journey as a metaphor for grief and loss. The third draws on Rebecca's own journey travelling around Europe with her husband; during their wanderings she created a sketch book of the architecture encountered in the different cities and countries they visited. Undertaken in the midst of this emotional turmoil, drawings made in & of these cities with their fantasy landscapes and architecture became a representation of her life and mind; which in turn had been torn down and destroyed by a profound loss. These sketches and the photographs she took are an important source of inspiration for this project and are represented strongly in the final pieces of the collection.

Depicted as a series of sculptural and heavily embroidered crowns and body adornments, the individual works from this collection represent three different stages of grief. The first piece is a depiction of the initial stages of loss; a time where you feel choked by the desolation, unable to see without looking through the ruins of something precious and broken. The second represents the retreat, as you pull back from everything to regather yourself and try to rebuild. The third crown is about soaring out of the remnants, to build and create something beautiful and new. The three pieces, whilst visually different are united in theme and embroidery techniques; using a mixture of traditional and experimental Goldwork, Tambour beading, Stumpwork and Crewelwork. They are a blend of her personal style of heavily embellished and embroidered pieces in a variety of techniques and metallics which create a visually striking and arresting profile.

Although the themes that underpin this project are challenging and from a point in Rebecca's life where she was deeply sad, Odysseys of Grief is ultimately a project based around hope that loss grief and the associated anxiety and depression are not insurmountable or permanent. Rebecca's aim is to create a body of work which depicts the destruction of loss and the rebuilding of something new and beautiful.



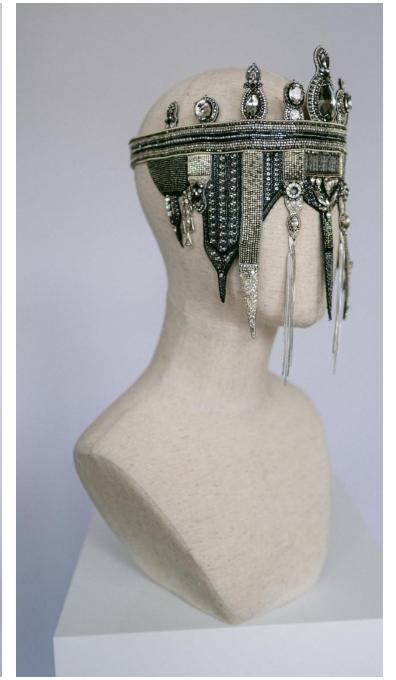




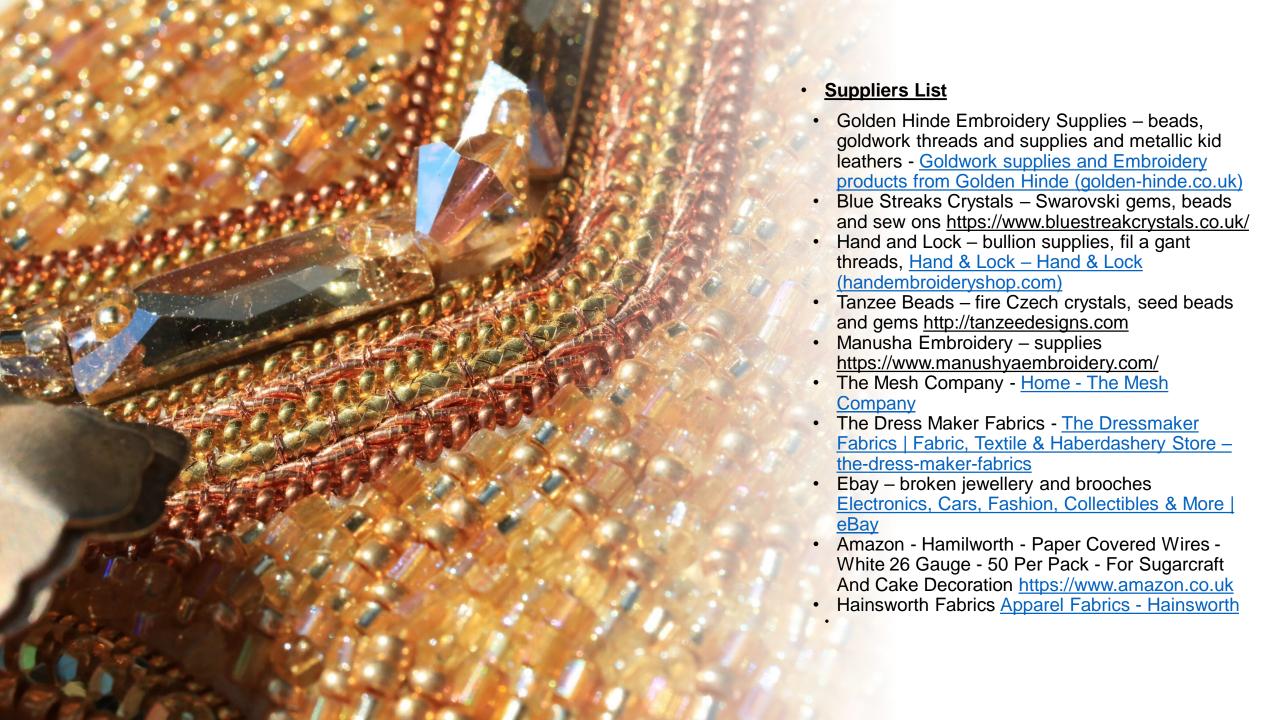












Materials List

Ruins of Despair – Black Crown

Supplier	Product	Cost per unit	Number used	Total Cost
Bluestreak Crystals	3129 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Lochrosen Sequins Jet Unfoiled End of Line (12032945811) Sku:10031274, 7mm – pack of 20	£3.24	2	£6.48
luestreak Crystals	3188 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Lochrose Sequins Graphite End of Line (9193836295) Sku: 10031708 3mm pack of 50	£2.43	2	£4.86
luestreak Crystals	3188 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Lochrose Sequins Jet Unfoiled (9193829831) Sku: 10031718 3mm pack of 50	£3.08	2	£6.16
luestreak Crystals	3223 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Navette (9187627271) Sku:10094621 Jet unfoiled 29mm Pack of 1	£3.16	1	£3.16
luestreak Crystals	3223 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Navette (9187627271) Sku:10032237 Jet unfoiled 12mm Pack of 4	£2.74	1	£2.74
luestreak Crystals	3223 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Navette (9187627271) Sku:10032245 Jet unfoiled 18mm pack of 2	£2.66	1	£2.66
luestreak Crystals	3230 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Peardrop Graphite End of Line (61076439063) Sku: 1003230018mm pack of 1	£1.49	3	£4.47
luestreak Crystals	3230 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Peardrop Jet unfoiled (61076439063) Sku: 1003230412mm pack of 2	£1.74	3	£5.22
luestreak Crystals	3230 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Peardrop Jet unfoiled (61075554327) Sku: 10094587 18mm pack of 1	£1.83	3	£5.49
luestreak Crystals	3265 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Cosmic End of line (9186841095) Sku: 10032503 Jet unfoiled 20mm pack of 1	£1.86	3	£5.58
uestreak Crystals	3265 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Cosmic End of line (9186841095) Sku: 10032511 Jet unfoiled 26mm pack of 1	£2.56	2	£5.12
olden Hinde	Metallic Black 3 ply twist	£12	1	£12.00
olden Hinde	371 Thread 5 metres	£2.00	3	£6.00
olden Hinde	Pearl Purl 1 18 inches	£1.50	3	£4.50
olden Hinde	Pearl Purl 2 18 inches	£2.00	3	£6.00
utterman	CA02776 100m Black Thread	£2.11	1	£2.11
anzee Designs	Miyuki size 15 seed beads 10g col:9464	£2.05	1	£2.05
anzee Designs	Miyuki delicas size 15 cylinder 5g col:1	£3.80	1	£3.80
anzee Designs	Miyuki delicas size 15 cylinder 5g Col: 0048	£4.25	1	£4.25
anzee Designs	Toho Beads size 15 round 10g col49F	£1.45	1	£1.45
anzee Designs	Toho Beads, size 15, round, 10g col:83	£1.70	1	£1.70
anzee Designs	2mm 24980, 100 pack, col:4400	£3.00	4	£12.00
anzee Designs	2mm, 23980, 100 pack	£2.85	4	£11.40
lanushya Embroidery	Fil a gant 180 black thread	£3.00	1 reel	£3.00
lanushya Embroidery	12/0 Tree cut bead, 1.9mm, (23980), Black Opaque, 8 strungs (15g)	£5.75	1 pack	£5.75
lanushya Embroidery	Rocaille Seed Bead 12/0 1.9mm (23980) Black Opaque 10 strungs (27g)	£4.25	1 pack	£4.25
lanushya Embroidery	#1 Bugle Bead 2mm (49102) Gunmetal Metallic 12 strungs (25g)	£5.00	1 pack	£5.00
lanushya Embroidery	#1 Bugle Bead 2mm (23980) Black Opaque 12 strungs (28g)	£5.00	1 pack	£5.00
lanushya Embroidery	#2 Bugle Bead 4.7mm (23980) Black Opaque 10 strungs (28g)	£5.75	1 pack	£5.75
mazon	Hamilworth - Paper Covered Wires - White 26 Gauge - 50 Per Pack - For Sugarcraft		1	£2.50
ress Maker Fabrics	Black Chiffon	£5.00	3	£15.00

- Materials total cost £165.45
- Hourly rate calculated at £25.00 per hour
- 120 hours to make this piece = £25 x 120 = £3000
- Materials cost plus hourly cost = (£165.45 + £3000)
 +10% = £3482
- 100% Mark up £6963.99



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Bastion of Retreat-Silver Crown

Supplier	Product	Cost per unit	Number used	Total Cost
Golden Hinde	3 ply Twist Black (Torsade) Reel	£12.00	1	£12.00
Golden Hinde	Black Pearl Purl 1	£1.50	6	£9.00
Golden Hinde	Black Pearl Purl 2	£2.00	4	£8.00
Golden Hinde	Pearl Purl Silver 1	£2.00	5	£10.00
Golden Hinde	Pearl Purl Silver 2	£2.50	5	£12.50
Golden Hinde	Pearl Purl 3 Silver	£2.50	4	£10.00
Golden Hinde	Fine Pearl Purl Silver	£2.00	2	£4.00
Golden Hinde	Super Pearl Purl Silver	£2.00	4	£8.00
Golden Hinde	DB035 Galvanized Silver Delica Beads	£3.00	4	£12.00
Golden Hinde	DB021 Galvanised Gun Metal Delica Beads	£3.00	4	£12.00
Golden Hinde	3 ply Antique Silver	£3.00	1	£3.00
Golden Hinde	Black Opal	£2.50	3	£7.50
Golden Hinde	Quarter Skin Silver Leather	£40.00	1	£40.00
Golden Hinde	Silver Spangles of Assorted sized	£4.00	4	£16.00
Manushya Embroidery	Bright Check Purl/Nakshi 0.7mm Gunmetal	£3.00	1	£3.00
Manushya Embroidery	Fil a gant thread Silver	£4.00	1	£4.00
Manushya Embroidery	Bugle Bead #1 2mm Gunmetal Metallic	£5.00	1	£5.00

Tanzee Designs	True 2 firepolish crystal full Labrador 00030 27000		1	£22.80
Tanzee Designs	True 2 firepolish crystal bronze aluminium 00030 01700		1	£22.80
Tanzee Designs	True 2 firepolish crystal silver rainbow 00030 98530		1	£22.80
Tanzee Designs	Miyuki Delicas size 15 cylinder 5g col 0048	£4.25	1	£4.25
Tanzee Designs	Miyuki Delicas size 15 cylinder 5g col 1	£3.80	1	£3.80
Tanzee Designs	Miyuki Delicas size 15 cylinder 10g col 9464	£2.05	1	£2.05
Tanzee Designs	Toho beads size 15 round 10g col 29b	£1.65	1	£1.65
Tanzee Designs	3mm silver plated crystal rose montees	£6.00	1	£6.00
Blue Streaks Crystals	3210 Swarovski Sew on Crystal Oval Flat Crystal Black Patina 10mm	£2.86	1	£2.86
Blue Streaks Crystals	3230 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Peardrop Graphite	£1.37	1	£1.37
Blue Streaks Crystals	3188 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Lochrose Sequins Black Diamond 3mm	£	1	£32.00
Blue Streaks Crystals	3188 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Lochrose Sequins Black Diamond 4mm		1	£3.50
Blue Streaks Crystals	3188 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Lochrose Sequins Black Diamond 5mm		1	£11.37
Blue Streaks Crystals	3230 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Peardrop Black 28mm		1	£5.98
Blue Streaks Crystals	3230 Swarovski Sew on Crystals Peardop Black Diamond 18mm		1	£2.70
Ebay	Broken Jewellery from ebay		1	£30.00
Amazon	Hamilworth - Paper Covered Wires - White 26 Gauge - 50 Per Pack - For Sugarcraft		1	£2.50
Dress Maker Fabrics	Grey Chiffon	£5.00	3	£15.00
	Miscellaneous Swarovski gems and metal fixings exact price unknown			£60.00
Total				£489.43



- Hourly rate calculated at £25.00 per hour
- 200 hours to make this piece = £25 x 200 = £5000.00
- Materials cost plus hourly cost = (£5000.00 + £489.43) +10% = £6038.38
- 100% Mark up is £12,076.75

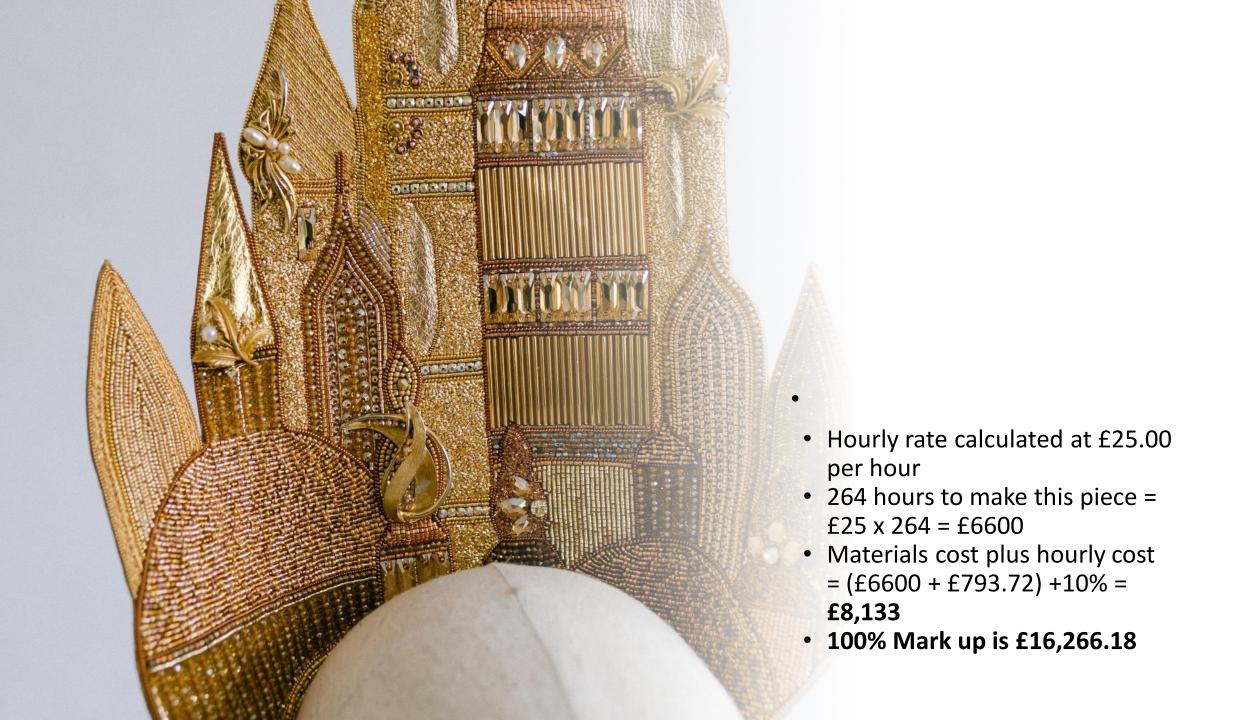
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<u>Citadels of Hope – Golden Crown</u>

Supplier	Product	Cost per unit	Number used	Total Cost
Golden Hinde	Copper/Gold 3 ply twist	£12	1	£12.00
Golden Hinde	Gold Kid Leather	£40	1	£40.00
Golden Hinde	Copper Pearl Purl 1	£2.00	3	£6.00
Golden Hinde	Copper Pearl Purl 2	£2.50	3	£7.50
Golden Hinde	Copper Pearl Purl 3	£2.50	3	£7.50
Golden Hinde	Gold Pearl Purl 1	£3.00	3	£9.00
Golden Hinde	Gold Pearl Purl 2	£3.50	3	£10.50
Golden Hinde	Gold Pearl Purl 3	£3.50	3	£10.50
Golden Hinde	Gold 2% No.3 Twist	£5.25	3	£15.75
Golden Hinde	Galvanised Delica beads DB411 yellow gold	£3.00	4	£12.00
Golden Hinde	Galvanised Delica beads DB040 Galvanised Copper	£3.00	4	£12.00
Golden Hinde	Galvanised Delica Beads Copper Gold	£3.00	4	£12.00
Golden Hinde	Bright Check 4 Gold	£3.00	2	£6.00
Manushya	Fire polished beads 2mm 2g 150 beads	£3.75	1	£3.75
Manushya	French wire bullion purl 0.5mm Bronze 2mm (3g)	£1.25	1	£1.25
Manushya	Copper fil a gant metallic thread 100m	£5.05	1	£5.05
Manushya	Gold fil a gant 110 metallic thread 100,	£5.05	1	£5.05
Tanzee Designs	Delica size 11 galvanised 0434	£3.65	1	£3.65
Tanzee Designs	Toho beads size 15 round 34	£1.65	1	£1.65
Tanzee Designs	C0030 01640, 2mm beads, Pack of 100	£2.85	4	£11.40
Tanzee Designs	00030 68505 2mm beads, pack of 100	£3.00	4	£12.00
Tanzee Designs	Toho Beads, size 15, round, col22B	£1.65	1	£1.65
Tanzee Designs	Miyuki, size 15, seed beads 91052	£2.95	1	£2.95
Tanzee Designs	Delica Size 11 Duracoat col2151	£2.95	1	£2.95
Tanzee Designs	Czech Rose Montees 4mm diameter 10 pack gold plated crystal AB	£1.55	5	£7.75
Tanzee Designs	Czech Rose Montees 4.7mm diameter 10 pack gold plated crystal AB	£2.25	1	£2.25
Tanzee Designs	Czech Rose Montees 3mm diameter 10 pack gold plated crystal AB	£1.15	5	£5.75
Tanzee Designs	Miyuki Delicas Size 11 Cylinder 25g Col 1252	£7.40	1	£7.40
Tanzee Designs	O Beads, 5g, Col:00030 29500	£2.00	1	£2.00
Tanzee Designs	Miyuki Delicas, Size 11, Cylinder, 5g, Col:0040	£3.20	1	£3.20
Tanzee Designs	Toho Beads, Size 15, Round, 10g, Col:221	£4.50	1	£4.50
Tanzee Designs	Toho Beads, Size 15, Round, 10g, Col: 278	£1.80	1	£1.80
Tanzee Designs	Miyuki Beads, Size 11, Cylinder, 5g, Col:2032	£1.85	1	£1.85
Tanzee Designs	Miyuki Seed Beads, Size 15, Czech Coating5g Col: 55041	£2.90	1	£2.90
Tanzee Designs	Delica Size 11 Duracoat Galvanised, 5g, Col: 2503	£4.40	1	£4.40
Tanzee Designs	Czech True 2 firepolish 100 pack Col:01640	£2.85	5	£14.25
Tanzee Designs	Czech True 2 firepolish 24 gold plated 00030 100 pack	£5.60	5	£28.00
Tanzee Designs	Czech True 2 firepolish 24 gold plated 00030 100 pack Col:01710	£2.85	5	£14.25
Tanzee Designs	Czech True 2 firepolish 00030 100 pack Col:68505	£3.00	5	£15.00
Tanzee Designs	Czech True 2 firepolish 00030 100 pack Col:68505	£3.00	5	£15.00
Bluestreak Crystals	3223, 12mm, Crystal, Golden Shadow (4)	£3.89	2	£7.78
Bluestreak Crystals	3210 10mm Light Colorado Topaz (4)	£4.49	2	£8.98
Bluestreak Crystals	3188 3mm Gold Shadow (50)	£4.90	8	£39.20

Bluestreak Crystals	3255 Cosmic Baguette Sew-on 18 x 6mm 96pcs	£48	½ box	£24.00
Bluestreak Crystals	3265 Cosmic Sew-on Golden Shadow Foiled 20 x 16 mm 72 pcs	£100	½ box	£50.00
Bluestreak Crystals	3265 Cosmic Sew-on Golden Shadow Foiled 26 x 21 mm 20 pcs	£110	½ box	£55.00
Bluestreak Crystals	3188 Golden Shadow 4mm (50)	£5.99	4	£23.96
Efco	Indian Beads Metallic 2.2mm Kupfergold 17g	£2.10	3	£6.30
New Fan Trimmings	Golden Mirror Sequins 3mm facetted beads	£6.00	1 bag	£6.00
New Fan Trimmings	Inch long gold bugle beads x 1 bag	£15.00	1 bag	£15.00
New Fan Trimmings	Vintage translucent gold faceted tear drop 2 hole beads	£10	1 bag	£10.00
New Fan Trimmings	Vintage translucent bronze round 2 hole beads	£7.50	1 bag	£7.50
New Fan Trimmings	Golden Mix 2mm Bugle beads	£4	1 bag	£4.00
New Fan Trimmings	Bronze 3mm Faceted Glass Beads	£7.50	1 bag	£7.50
Bead shop	Diamond shaped Czech, 23228, 20g	£5.60	1	£5.60
Guttermans	968 250m CA02776	£5.50	2	£11.00
Guttermans	448 250m CA02776	£5.50	2	£11.00
Vintage	Gold Twist x2 size reels	£6.00	2	£12.00
Vintage	Swarovski 2 hole gold faceted round beads	£15.00	1 bag	£15.00
Dress Maker Fabrics	Yellow Chiffon	£5.00	3	£15.00
Ebay	Vintage broken jewellery from ebay		1	£30.00
Appletons Wool Ltd	Shade No: 555	£1.00	2	£2.00
Amazon	Hamilworth - Paper Covered Wires - White 26 Gauge - 50 Per Pack - For Sugarcraft		1	£2.50

Total Cost: £<u>793.72</u>





Rebecca Miriam Offredi Curriculum Vitae

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Artist Statement

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Skills

- Crewel work
- Canvas Work
- Black Work
- Silk Shading
- Goldwork
- Experimental Goldwork
- Beading
- 3d Beading
- Pleating and Fabric Manipulation
- Tambour/Luneville
- Stumpwork and Raised Embroidery
- Whitework
- Ribbonwork
- Photoshop design
- Restoration & Conservation

Work Experience

- 2021 to date Freelance Hand Embroiderer for Burberry, Womenswear and Special Projects
- 2017 to date Freelance Hand Embroiderer for Alexander McQueen, Womenswear, Menswear, Special Projects and Flagship Interiors Projects and Accessories.
- Freelance Embroiderer Ralph and Russo February 2019 to date
- Freelance Embroiderer E Tautz May 2019 SS2020 Collection Menswear
- Freelance Embroiderer Jasper Conran June/July 2018 SS19
 Collection
- Freelance Embroiderer E Tautz May 2018 Embroidered Sweatshirts SS19 Collection
- Embroidery and Stand Assistant Mr X Stitch February 2018
 Exhibition Work at the Knit and Stitch Show





Awards Won

The Arts Society Greater London Region Bursary 2019-2020

The Worshipful Company of Needlemakers Bursary 2018-19

The Bradford Textiles Competition 2019 – Hand Embroidery Lapsa Charitable Trust – 3rd Prize

The Worshipful Company of Glovers, Glove Design Competition 2018 1st Prize

The Worshipful Company of Needlemarkers, Best Technical Stitch Award 2018

Victoria Adams Scholarship Fund, 2017-2018,

Exhibitions

Work Exhibited at the Stanley Picker Gallery – Hanbok Exhibition 2019 Kingston-Upon-Thames

Work Exhibited at the Knit and Stitch Show Various Locations 2019

Work Exhibited at the Knit and Stitch Show Alexandra Palace 2018

Work Exhibited at the Knit and Stitch Show London Olympia 2018

Work Exhibited The Royal School of Needlework Embroidered Animals Exhibition Hampton Court Palace 2018





