

# Darren Ball

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## PERSONAL PROFILE

Darren trained in Fashion Textiles, specialising in hand knit. He taught himself free machine embroidery whilst teaching art and textiles in secondary and further education. His embroideries combine his love of the rich visual qualities of fabric with the linear stitch of the sewing machine. They are further embellished with satin stitch, beads and sequins to enrich their surface. His current work is largely inspired by the stylised photographs used to illustrate the knitting patterns in his collection of 1940's Stitchcraft magazines. Referencing the period he uses found vintage embroidery, handkerchiefs and recycled fabrics to suggest personal narratives. Darren is an alumni of the Crafts Council Hothouse programme.

## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

MA Textile Culture	Norwich School of Art and Design (2003-04)
Postgraduate Art Teacher's Certificate	Cardiff Institute of Higher Education (1993-94)
BA (Hons) (First) Fashion/Textiles	Middlesex Polytechnic (1987-90)

## EMPLOYMENT/CAREER HISTORY

Textile Artist	Surrey (2015-present)
Teacher of Art and Textiles	1994-present

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member	Design Nation (2019)
Member	Society of Designer Craftsmen (2017)
Member	The Sussex Guild (2015)

## MOST RECENT EXHIBITIONS

2021	Form Made From Chelsea Harbour Design Centre
2021	Collect 2021 Contemporary Craft Fair on Artsy.net
2020	ING Discerning Eye, online show
2020	RWA 168th Open Exhibition, Bristol
2020	Rising Stars 2020, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham
2019	Brighton Art Fair, Lewes
2019	ING Discerning Eye 2019, Mall Gallery
2019	Made London 2019, Marylebone
2019	North Surrey SDC exhibition, Robert Phillips Gallery, Walton on Thames
2018	Sparkle, Landmark Art Centre, Teddington
2018	Sussex Guild Craft show, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill on Sea
2018	Designer Crafts Exhibition, Chelsea College of Arts, London
2018	Contemporary Textiles Fair, Landmark Art Centre, Teddington
2017	Sparkle, Landmark Art Centre, Teddington
2017	Design & Craft Fair featuring Made, West Dean
2017	Contemporary Textiles Fair, Landmark Art Centre, Teddington
2017	Member of the Society of Designer Craftsmen (SDC)
2016	Contemporary Textiles Fair, Landmark Art Centre, Teddington
2016	Design & Craft Fair featuring Made, West Dean
2016	Sussex Guild Craft show, Michelham Priory
2016	Brighton Art Fair
2015	Sussex Guild Craft show, Michelham Priory and Midhurst Rother College
2015	Member of the Sussex Guild of Designer Makers
2013	Autumn Art Fair, Landmark Art Centre, Teddington
2012	Selected for Surrey Open Art Exhibition, Lightbox Gallery, Woking
2006	Selected for Open Exhibition, Black Swan Arts
2005	'Eat Art' Exhibition, Robert Phillips Gallery, Riverhouse, Walton-on-Thames.

**PROFESSIONALLY RELATED EXPERIENCE**

- 2019 Selection for Crafts Council Hothouse 2019
- 2019 Crafts Council Directory
- 1991 National finalist in 'Clothes Show/Brother Knitting Competition
- 1990 Texprint Interstoff 'Graduate design linked to industry a Focus of Excellence'