



Above - Example of patterned couching.
Embroidery with the Annunciation
Mid-15th C. Netherlands
Metropolitan Museum of Art 1990.330

Below - Example of brick couching, pattern
couching, and underside couching.
Robes of Roger II Palermo 12th C. from
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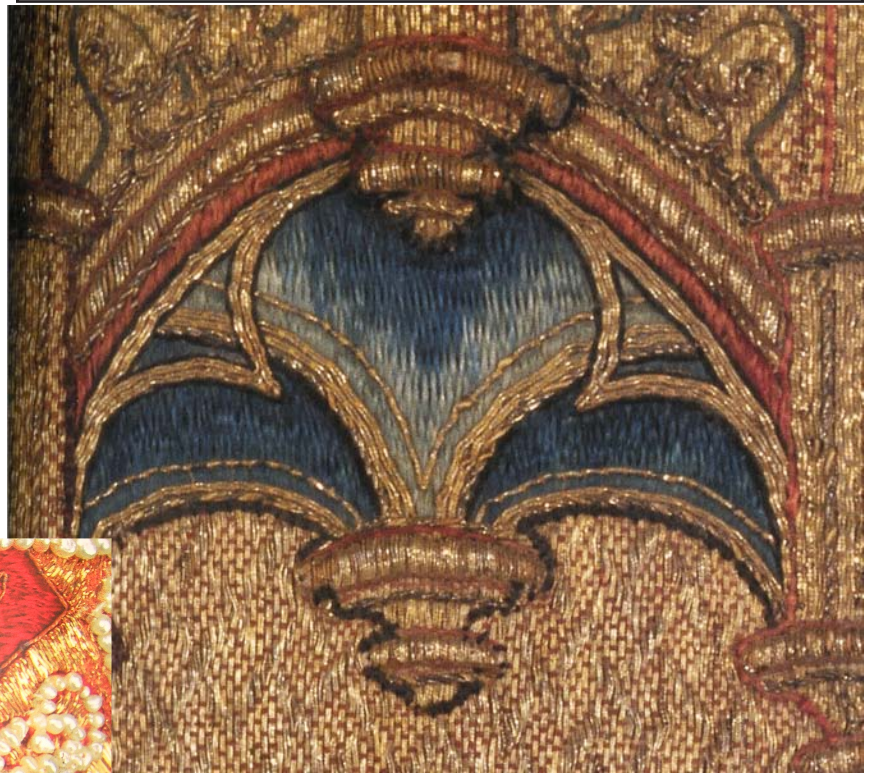


Couching Gold

Couching Gold *a practicum with Sabrina de la Bere* *Estrella AS XL (February 2006)*

Types of couching found in embroidery 14 - 16th C:

- outlining - over 1 thread
- outlining - over 2 threads
- or nue - usually over 2 threads
- filling for an area that takes the shape of the area such as a leaf, usually over 2 threads
- brickstich patterning - usually over 2 threads, design element such as for halos or other accent areas
- patterned couching - usually over 1 thread, design element, frequently background fill patterns



Above - Example of brick couching at top and patterned couching bottom.

Ophreys with depictions of St. Peter and St. Mary Magdalen, St. Catherine and St. John, Netherlands, c. 1504
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Couching diagram courtesy of Johanna Needlework Stitches http://webstitch.designwest.com/needle_stitch.html

