**OLGA PRINKU**

Embroidery artist working with dried flowers and other organic materials.

Olga Prinku uses various techniques to attach natural materials – such as dried and preserved flowers, foliage, grasses, seedheads and berries – to tulle fabric.

Olga created the concept of flowers-on-tulle embroidery in 2016, and the techniques she uses are entirely self-taught. Her first book, Dried Flower Embroidery: An Introduction to the Art of Flowers on Tulle, was published in 2021.

Aesthetically she draws inspiration from walking and foraging in the countryside around her home in North Yorkshire, as well as the traditional folkloric motifs of her home country Moldova. She has a degree in graphic design from the University of Cumbria.

She sees her art as paying homage to nature’s beauty by combining natural elements in new ways, while redefining what embroidery materials can be. As her creative process demands careful attention to each material’s limitations and potential, her artworks reflect the fragility yet strength of the natural world and humanity’s relationship with it.

**Exhibitions**

Brewery Arts Center, Kendal (11-17 September, Artist in residence for the Wainwright Literary Prize 2023)

The Art House, Thirsk (July 2023, group exhibition of shortlisted artists for *SCAF Emerging Artist Award*)

The Biscuit Factory, Newcastle (April – July 2023)

*Seeds, Trees and Mountains,* Aga Khan Centre Gallery, London (February – June 2023, group exhibition)

*Collect,* Somerset House, London (March 2023, group exhibition for Collect Open artists)

*The Beauty of Autumn,* Open Gallery, Halifax (2022, group exhibition)

*Making Paradise,* Aga Khan Centre Gallery, London (2021, group exhibition)

*Make & Mend Festival*, Ormesby Hall, National Trust (2021)

Knitting & Stitching Show, Harrogate (2021)

Stitch Festival, London (2020)

*Exchange,* Aspex Gallery, Portsmouth (2019, group exhibition)

**Books**

*Dried Flower Embroidery: An Introduction to the Art of Flowers on Tulle* (Quadrille, 2021)

**Television**

Guest judge on [*Kirstie's Handmade Christmas*](https://www.channel4.com/programmes/kirsties-handmade-christmas/on-demand/72976-002?mc_cid=e19c468951&mc_eid=UNIQID) (2021, Channel 4, UK)

**Brand collaborations**

3PARADIS (2021, clothing collection), Ruth Eaton(2020, clothing collection), Anthropologie (2019, homeware collection), Swarovski (2018, styling for catalogue)

2022: [BBC Countryfile Magazine](https://www.magzter.com/GB/Immediate-Media/BBC-Countryfile-Magazine/Lifestyle/1105501) (UK), LandScape (UK), Flora (UK), [TextileArtist.org](https://www.textileartist.org/5-leading-textile-artists-inspired-by-nature/) (UK)

2021: [Gardens Illustrated](https://www.gardensillustrated.com/magazine/inside-gardens-illustrated-magazine-december-2021/) (UK), Let it Bloom (Germany), [Colossal](https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2021/09/olga-prinku-embroideries/) (USA), Love Embroidery (UK),

[Donna Moderna](https://www.donnamoderna.com/news/tendenze/erbario-fai-da-te) (Italy)

2020: Embroidery (UK), [Living Etc (UK)](https://www.livingetc.com/whats-news/olga-prinku-botanical-embroidery-225448), [Maison Creative](https://www.maisoncreative.com/decorer/matieres/6-createurs-qui-subliment-les-fleurs-sechees-9677) (France)

**2019:** Mollie Makes (UK), Country Living (UK), [IntoCraft](https://intocraft.com.au/blog/beautiful-floral-hoops/) (Australia), Detente Jardin (France),

[Architectural Digest](https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/the-trend-botanical-embroidery) (USA), Flow (Germany), [The Fashion Atlas](https://www.thefashionatlas.com/en/atlas_en/embroidery-trend-interview-with-olga-prinku.php) (Italy)

**2018:** [Silence, Ca Pousse! Creer Sa Deco Nature](https://www.amazon.fr/Silence-%C3%A7a-pousse-Cr%C3%A9er-nature/dp/2376710197) (Hachette Livre, France), [Flower Ladies](https://service.randomhouse.de/book/Flower-Ladies/Karin-Heimberger-Preisler/e532992.rhd?pub=1) (Random House, Germany), [Trend Welten](https://www.trendwelten.eu/themen-trends.html?topic_id=493) (Germany), [My Modern Met](https://mymodernmet.com/floral-letter-art-olga-prinku/) (USA)

**Education**

*2006-2008 University of Cumbria (formerly Cumbria Institute of the Arts),* Graphic Design FDs

2*000-2004 Technical University of Moldova,* Informatics and Languages BA