



## On the surface

Florence Relfe seeks out the prettiest embroidered fabrics

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**1 'Tangor Paisley'** (sky blue), linen/polyester, by Victoria Bain Embroidered Textiles, 132cm wide, £164 a metre, at Tissus d'Hélène. **2 'Secret'** (silver), linen mix, by Larsen, 132cm wide, £125 a metre, at Colefax and Fowler. **3 'Red Pimpernelle'** (on white), linen/cotton mix, 150cm wide, £110 a metre, at Aleta. **4 'Red Pimpernelle Berry Border'** (on white), linen/cotton mix, available in bespoke widths up to 150cm wide, from £51 a metre, at Aleta. **5 'Red Pimpernelle Berry Border'** (on cream), linen/cotton mix, available in bespoke widths up to 150cm wide, from £51 a metre, at Aleta. **6 'Red Pimpernelle'** (on cream), linen/cotton mix, 150cm wide, £110 a metre, at Aleta. **7 'Taj'** (crystal), linen, by Summer Hill, 134cm wide,

£103.40 a metre, at Nicholas Herbert. **8 'Ghost'** (FK103), linen voile, by Robert Kime for Chelsea Textiles, 127cm wide, £269 a metre, at Chelsea Textiles. **9 'Lysander'** (J661F/01), cotton mix, by Jane Churchill, 135cm wide, £65 a metre, at Colefax and Fowler. **10 'Selina 30942'** (graphite), linen, by Thom Filicia for Kravet, 135cm wide, £117 a metre, at Kravet. **Ribbon**, from 70p a metre, available from a selection at MacCulloch & Wallis. Thirties, polished-steel **filing drawers**, part of a large filing cabinet, from a selection, from £160, at MetroRetro. Vintage, green-painted steel **stationery drawers**, taken from cabinet, £145, at Lasso. For suppliers' details, see [Stockists page](#) >