



## Community Table Runners: A special project for AlgomaTrad

Since Summer 2019, we've been working to establish a natural dye garden at the AlgomaTrad site. We've also been dyeing fabrics and fibres using plants from the garden itself, the land around the Centre and the kitchens. It's time to bring it all together and **make a collaborative art project from the materials we've created**. You've received this kit to make a sampler square to add to the giant table runners we're making!

Making and **sharing meals together is one big part of how we create community and belonging** here at AlgomaTrad. Our shared lunches and dinners are a place where we come together over food, talk about our days and lives, and get to know each other.

These giant table runners with handmade samplers will **decorate our dining hall with the creativity and care of many hearts and hands**, and bring the land in.

In this kit you'll find: embroidery floss, bits of naturally-dyed fabric and yarns, an embroidery needle, a wool square, a pencil and a square of paper, a stitch guide (with a picture of a sampler on the other side), and these instructions!

1. **Doodle out your sampler on your drawing paper.** To get your creativity flowing, consider these questions: *How do we bring people together with care? How do we make community, together? What do we share around the table?*  
You might choose to make a portrait of the landscape around the AlgomaTrad Centre. Or, you might choose to make an abstract, slow-stitched sampler.
2. **Translate your drawing onto your wool square:** lay out your fabrics and yarns the way you'd like them to appear on your sampler.
3. **Start stitching!** Tack your pieces down. Take your needle and thread for a walk!
4. When you're finished your sampler, put your name on the back of your drawing, and **send both pieces back to AlgomaTrad** by mail  
(340 McKinnon Sideroad, RR#2, Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0)  
OR connect with us ([music@algomatrad.ca](mailto:music@algomatrad.ca)) and we'll arrange pickup!

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