

**embroider**

[ɪmˈbrɔɪdə] *v*

1. **вышивать; украшать вышивкой**  
 the mantle was embroidered in gold - мантия была расшита золотом  
 meadow embroidered with flowers - луг, усеянный цветами
2. **приукрашивать, расцвечивать (рассказ); расписывать (происшествие)**  
 to embroider (on) one's stories - ≅ привирать, приукрашивать

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**em·broi·der** [embroider embroiders embroidered embroidering] *BrE*

[ɪmˈbrɔɪdə(r)] *NAmE* [ɪmˈbrɔɪdə] *verb*

1. **transitive, intransitive** to decorate cloth with a pattern of **stitches** usually using coloured thread
  - ~ **A on B** She embroidered flowers on the cushion covers.
  - ~ **B with A** She embroidered the cushion cover with flowers.
  - The sleeves were embroidered in gold.
  - ~ **(sth)** an embroidered blouse
  - She sat in the window, embroidering.
2. **transitive ~ sth** to make a story more interesting by adding details that are not always true

**Syn:** ↑embellish

- He is inclined to embroider the facts.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	embroider
	BrE /ɪmˈbrɔɪdə(r)/
	NAmE /ɪmˈbrɔɪdə/
he / she / it	embroiders
	BrE /ɪmˈbrɔɪdəz/
	NAmE /ɪmˈbrɔɪdəz/
past simple, past participle	embroidered
	BrE /ɪmˈbrɔɪdəd/
	NAmE /ɪmˈbrɔɪdəd/
-ing form	embroidering
	BrE /ɪmˈbrɔɪdərɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪmˈbrɔɪdərɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

late Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French **enbrouder**, from en- ‘in, on’ + Old French **brouder, broisder** ‘**decorate with embroidery**’, of Germanic origin.

**Example Bank:**

- She embroidered the dress with flowers.
- a robe of richly embroidered silk

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: enbrouder, from Old French brouder ‘to embroider’]

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to decorate cloth by sewing a pattern, picture, or words on it with coloured threads
  - **embroider something with something**  
 \* The dress was embroidered with flowers.
  - **embroider something on something**  
 \* A colourful design was embroidered on the sleeve of the shirt.  
 \* a richly embroidered jacket
2. **[transitive]** to make a story or report of events more interesting or exciting by adding details that are not true **SYN embellish**

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