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The publication of pattern-books for embroidery and lace work, which became an extraordinary commercial success. Traditionally regarded chiefly as a virtuous activity of women, these activities have been considered devoid of any productive or economic value. This essay, by contrast, connects their fortunes with the evolution of urban manufacturing and transformations in the production of clothing and domestic furnishings, particularly in Venice. It explores the reasons for the transition from embroidery in the 17th century a monopoly of men, to precise needlework and the refinement of lace associated with female practitioners. This evolution thus encourages reflection on the role of women in the history of the textile industry.

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division of labor. In addition, however, embroidery pattern-books were not only used by male or female, solely in the field of textile decoration. Rather, they also seem to have been adopted by a wide range of artists and artisans, such as metalworkers, goldsmiths, ceramists and potters.



## I SEGRETI E GLI INGANNI DEI LIBRI DI RICAMI

UOMINI CON L'AGO E DONNE VIRTUOSE

I libri di modelli di ricami, le cui prime edizioni appaiono intorno al Cinquecento e che costituirono un filone editoriale di straordinario successo commerciale, sono stati tradizionalmente associati a un pubblico femminile di puro passatempo domestico, disgiunti da una reale e vasta dimensione economica. Il saggio intende invece collegare la loro fortuna allo sviluppo delle fatture per la persona e la casa, alle trasformazioni che investirono l'arredamento domestico, differenziando tessuti, applicazioni, consumi di ambo i generi, specie a Venezia. Si tratteggiano quindi le ragioni, dai pesanti ricami a colori su stoffa, monopolio degli uomini nel Cinquecento, alle lavorazioni ad ago con punti in aria e allo sviluppo del merletto, affidati invece a manodopera femminile. Un passaggio che serve a riflettere sulla fluidità della divisione sessuale del lavoro. I libri non erano destinati solo agli operatori, maschi o femmine, che si applicavano alle decorazioni di tessuto, bensì si proponevano come repertorio di una vasta gamma di artigianato e arte: da lavori di fabbriceria a quelli in cuoio, ceramica e maiolica.

The publication of pattern-books for embroidery and lace work in the 1520s, went on to enjoy extraordinary commercial success. Regarded chiefly as a virtuous domestic pastime for women, these are considered devoid of any productive or economic significance. The text, in contrast, connects their fortunes with the evolution of urban manufacturing and transformations in the production of clothing and domestic furnishings for men and women, particularly in Venice. It explores the reasons for the shift from embroidery on cloth, until the fifteenth century a monopoly of male practitioners, to needlework and the refinement of laceworking technique, now as a female domain. This evolution thus encourages reflection on the changing sexual division of labor. In addition, however, embroidery pattern-books were not destined for workers, whether male or female, solely in the field of textile production. Rather, they also served as a repertoire of figuration adopted by artists and artisans, such as metalworkers, goldsmiths, leatherworkers and potters.

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