



Friendship, Love and Encouragement

These works on display are cards and a gift that I designed and made for my dear elderly friend and neighbour Esmee, who is now ninety two. She keeps most of them on display in her living room as she treasures my creativity using materials which she has been keeping safe for many years.

A string of pearls and matching earrings are her favourite jewellery items which she usually wears, even if she is not going anywhere and not expecting visitors.... they are her signature 'look'!

Her family were greatly involved in the local lace industry, with her father designing the patterns on paper and other members turning them into Jacquard cards which were put into the weaving machine in the family factories. They created ribbons and rolls of lace fabric which were sold in shops all over the country and these delicate and exquisite materials were perfect to be made into beautiful dresses and outfits as well as being suitable for household items.



Esmee is rightly very proud of her family and I am truly fortunate that she has given me some wonderful examples of what they made, which I have used to celebrate her character and her milestone birthdays. Paper doilies that she had also been keeping and had given to me, were perfect to use instead of fabric lace. From a distance, once the pearls were added to the doilies, the effect was equally delicate and decorative as real lace.





Creating these works has brought me great satisfaction and enjoyment because I have been able to capture the essence of a dear friend who I will always remember with love and thanks.

Since I have known Esmee she has always given me encouragement while dealing with her own challenges and we support each other daily. Her recent birthday, her 92nd, gave me a further opportunity to create another treasure for her to keep!

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