

Bosna Quilt Workshop

The Bosna Quilt Workshop was founded and carried out in the Caritas Refugee Home Galina, Vorarlberg, Austria in 1993. The quilts, which were designed by the Austrian painter Lucia Feinig-Giesinger, are thin covers imaginatively stitched and seamed by talented Bosnian women. During the period of their exile from their homeland the work in the Quilt Workshop was not only a welcome source of income but also a type of occupational therapy to help them cope with the traumas of war and a refugee existence. Since 1998 the Bosna Quilt Workshop has been relocated to the Bosnian enclave of Goražde on the Drina River, which was closed off from the outside world for many years during the war and today suffers from high unemployment. Twelve women contribute to earning livelihoods for their families with their work on these quilts.