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**London embroidery house, Hand & Lock showcased at
Mary Katrantzou's LFW Show.**

Mary Katrantzou's latest show at London Fashion Week was the usual blast of vibrant colour and stunning textures. The collection featured, for the first time, the work of specialist London embroidery atelier Hand & Lock.

The three intricate designs nicknamed 'the penguin', 'the robot' and 'the lady', featured hundreds of delicate stones and precious Swarovski crystals along with metres of goldwork.

Raised above the fabric in a 3D fashion with a technique known as stumpwork the designs took over 320 (wo)man hours to bring to life. Head embroiderer Stephanie Bonneau along with production designer Jessica Pile led the all female team through the complicated multi discipline construction process.

Techniques employed by the embroidery experts included digital machine embroidery, silk shading, goldwork, stumpwork and tambour beading. The vast majority of the work taking place on a standard frame with two full time embroiderers working side by side sewing entirely by hand.

Hand & Lock thought to capture the whole process by setting up a stop motion camera to capture the amazing process. The camera was left filming for nine hours at a time capturing the minute detail that goes into bringing Katrantzou's designs to catwalk.

A previous collaboration with Lesage in Paris produced beautiful and inventive embroidered garments and marked Katrantzou as a designer with an ongoing passion for embellishment.

The latest collaboration with the London based embroidery house Hand & Lock demonstrates her commitment to the highest standards of the craft. The company, which has embroidered for Royals, the military and couture for 247 years, is delighted to have had the chance to work with Mary Katrantzou and raise the profile of quality british made embroidery.

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Editors Notes:

Hand & Lock have been producing the world's finest hand embroidery since 1767. From Civilian and Military Regalia through to Ecclesiastical and Couture, they specialise in bespoke, individually crafted embroidery.

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