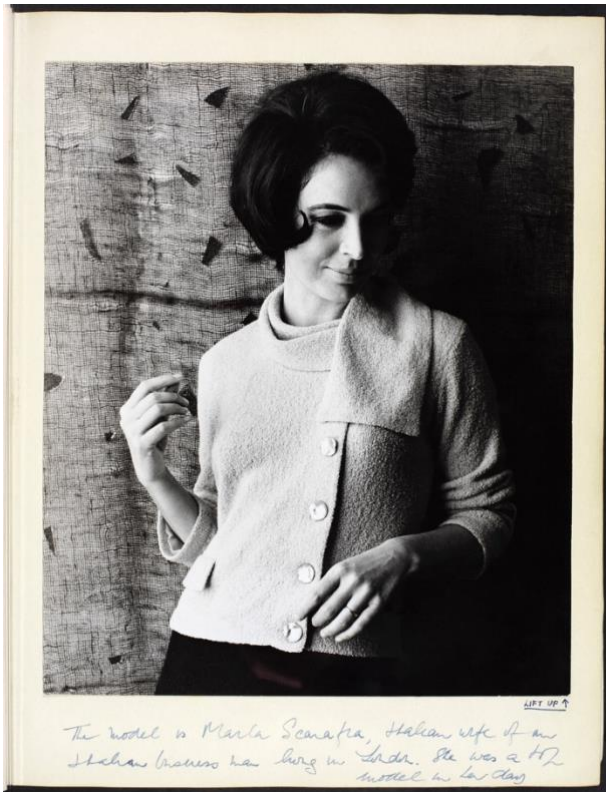


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The V&A's Archive of Art and Design (AAD) holds the working papers of individual artists and designers, as well as the records of companies and associations involved in all aspects of applied art and design. The archives can be consulted by appointment at Blythe House, located near Olympia in West London.

The Archive of Art and Design holds several archives of knitwear designers, teachers and practitioners, particularly those who were active in the mid-20th century. A large number of knitting patterns can be found in the AAD's Ephemera collections.

Designers in the AAD

- Elizabeth Davenport, knitwear designer: papers, 1937–88

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- Eve Sandford, knitting designer: albums, 1961–9

[AAD/1988/6](#)

- Ritva / Mike Ross / Ritva Ross, knitwear designers, records, 1966 – about 2003
[AAD/2001/2](#), [AAD/2003/8](#), [AAD/2005/4](#)
- Beth Brett, knitwear designer, papers, 1970s–2001
[AAD/2008/4](#), [AAD/2010/6](#)

Practitioners and collectors in the AAD

- Eileen Calvert, knitter and needlewoman: collection, about 1930–86
[AAD/1993/10](#)
- Ethel Garnham, crocheter, knitter and seamstress: collection, about 1930–51
[AAD/1991/5](#)
- Ramah Judah, embroiderer and knitter: collection, 1918 – about 49
[AAD/1990/3](#)

Companies in the AAD

- Knitting, Lace and Net Industry Board, records, 1970–88
[AAD/2000/16](#)

Knitting patterns in the AAD

- Knitting Patterns: about 1850 – about 1959
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- Ephemera Collections: patterns for crochet, embroidery, knitwear and sewing, 1885 – about 1979
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