

EMBROIDERY, EMBELLISHMENT, ENRICHMENT

Treat yourself to the luxury of making and beautifying a small quilt with embroidery and embellishment by hand and or machine. Instruction and demonstrations show both **hand and machine embroidery and embellishment** with an **emphasis on discovering how to use both together**. Learn to add personal touches in thread, beads, buttons, sequins and other exciting finishes.

People have for centuries decorated and embellished our bodies, clothes, homes and surroundings. Using this age-old irresistible desire to decorate is what this class is all about as we stitch, bead and embellish by both hand and machine. After viewing work by other artists and crafts people, students will make a small quilt or bag which they will then enrich by both hand and machine techniques together.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS

You may choose to work by hand or machine or preferably both. Choose supplies from this list accordingly.

Sewing machine, cleaned, oiled and in good working order. Bring manual and knee lift (if your machine has one). Extension cord with appropriate adaptor/multiplug.

Optional accessories: cording foot, ¼" foot, piping foot, zipper foot.

Machine needles: try a variety including some of the following:

Schmetz Universal 60,80,90; metallic, embroidery, quilting and twin needles.

Hand sewing needles; a variety that will accommodate both your thick and thin threads, as well as beads.

Thimble

Thread: mercerized cotton and a variety of specialist machine threads of your choice (metallic, embroidery, etc) These can be used for hand sewing too. There are wonderful threads available.

A variety of hand embroidery threads including stranded threads, perlé cotton, rayon threads etc.

braids, ribbons, cords, string,

buttons, beads, sequins, shells, found objects etc.

Embroidery scissors

Embroidery hoop.

Fabric marking pens/pencils/chalk for light and dark fabric

Optional: desk lamp

Notebook/ journal with pens or pencils

Books or pictures as discussed below.

PREPARATION

Find pictures of everything you can that is embellished, from clothing, to jewelry, to buildings etc. Bring these, or descriptions to class.

FABRIC

You will make a small pieced quilt top in class that you will then embroider.

1. For this bring a variety of fabrics in your choice of colors. Make sure you include a good range of values and some solid colors on which your embroidery will show.
2. You may choose to bring some specialty fabrics such as silks, velvets or sheers to see how they affect the look of your embellishments.
3. At least 2 pieces of black fabric approx 16 – 18 “ square. You will use these to try out all those new and exciting stitches.
4. Backing and batting: approximately 20” x 36”
5. Stabilizer: Stitch-and-Tear, Solvy Totally Stable, or similar stabilizer of your choice.