

Embroidered Images

2 Day workshop

Photos will serve as the jumping off point for this workshop where colour, texture and line will be explored. Students can bring in their own photos that could explore local landscape, personal histories or historical objects. We will use these photos as a place to start transferring lines and we will embellish and stitch these images using machine stitching and hand embroidery to create one of a kind works.

Students will make a variety of samples exploring different texture and color combinations and will expand these tests into a larger piece - the form of which can be determined by the participants. Examples of what could be made are scarf or wearable piece, a wall hanging, a folding book or sculptural vessel.

Student Equipment List:

Photos: Bring in copies of 10-15 of your favorite photos. These images can be related or completely different. It's best if these are printed out at 4" x 5" or larger. We will often be tracing from these images so scale is important. Colour or black and white.

Sewing Machine: One of the most challenging things about machine embroidery is working with the sewing machine. It can be frustrating, it can be tricky. So before the workshop starts, make sure that you are familiar with your sewing machine. Spend some time exploring the different stitches and make sure you know how to thread the machine, load the bobbin etc. This workshop will be about exploring stitching and experimenting with it so it is ideal to have a handle on the quirks and personality of your tools before coming into the workshop.

Sewing Needles for your Machine: The needles in your machine can break or get sticky with the special water soluble fabrics we will be using- so bring some extras with you. I would recommend picking up Universal, Sharp or Machine Embroidery needles that fit your machine.

Extra Bobbins: I would recommend to bring about 5 of these.

Extension Cord: Any length. Label with your name.

Embroidery Hoop: This should be a smaller hoop that is around 6-8 inches across. Anything slightly bigger or smaller, you are welcome to bring as well.

Scissors: Fabric scissors and/or Embroidery scissors and/or fun scissors

Towel: Bring an old towel with you to dry the samples you will make in the 1st morning of the workshop.

Pins: These can be helpful for holding materials in place.

A kit will be provided for this course:

\$50.00/student

Embroidery Floss: For hand stitching

Hand Sewing Needles: Also for hand stitching

Thread: polyester machine embroidery threads.

Sulky® Water-soluble Stabilizer (Solvly): Each person will get 1 yard Sulky® Sticky Fabri Solvy, 1 yard Sulky® Fabri Solvy and 1 yard Sulky® Solvy. Small samples of a variety of stabilizers will be provided for quick samples.