

Thread Sketching to Enhance a Photograph

6 hour **Virtual** Workshop

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Workshop Description: Many of us have a photograph we would like to print on fabric and enhance the design with thread but just aren't sure how to go about it. We will discuss the importance of value in thread selection so the thread augments the fabric and does not blend into the fabric. By the end of the workshop you will be confident to transfer what you have learned to a photograph of your own. Printing on fabric will also be discussed to enable you to decide on how and where to have your fabric printed.

Items necessary for the workshop

Thread Painting Thread – choose either 40 weight polyester or rayon OR 50 weight cotton

- Dog: black & charcoal; Gray- 4-6 shades of gray from dark gray to medium light gray (there should be some value change from gray to gray)
- Brown: medium, brown, dark brown, dark and light crème
- NOTE: no thread colors have been included for the scarf
- Have on hand additional rayon or polyester threads in gray, brown and rusts from your stash
- **60 weight Polyester** - Bobbin with (1) each black and white 60 weight (Superior Bottom Line) OR
- **50 weight Cotton** – Bobbin with (1) each black and white cotton
- **Hoop** - 7" wooden or plastic machine embroidery hoop (*can be purchased on my website*)

Use **either** cotton or polyester thread in project

NOTE: There is a mandatory kit for this workshop that includes everything required for the workshop EXCEPT for all thread listed above and a 7" hoop. You must order the kit at least 1 week in advance of the workshop for east coast and central USA to allow for shipping USPS First Class Package - Retail. Choose Priority for west coast students at 1 week or less to allow for shipping. The kit will be shipped directly to you.

Kit is mandatory and must be ordered 1 week in advance of the workshop

Workshop kit includes: Custom printed background fabric; (1) piece of batting; Instructional booklet; practice products: **\$16.00**

7" hoop - purchase with the kit if needed

Polyester bobbin thread – purchase with kit if needed.

10 Spool thread kit available on my website – see photo for colors below for \$30.00

Excludes shipping

Notions

- Basic sewing supplies – scissors, 80/12 Microtex sharp or top stitch machine needles, tweezers, seam ripper, etc.
- Sewing machine
 - *Please know how your machine works and make sure it is in good working order before class. For thread painting you will need to know how to drop the feed dogs, how to adjust your machine for free-motion machine embroidery, how to change the upper tension and know where to change the width on the zigzag stitch. If you are unsure of these machine adjustments, please check with your machine dealer before class. A solid sewing platform is recommended. You will need a zigzag throat plate. Thanks for checking this out before class.*
- **Open** toe free motion foot from left in photo: Bernina, Janome or Baby Lock and Pfaff. Visibility on machines with a clear oval plastic foot is practically zero. Cutting away between the two red lines on this type foot works on most machines. Check with your machine dealer for optional free motion feet.



- Black permanent ultra-fine point marker
- Knee lift (only if you have one)
- High tension or embroidery bobbin case (only if you have one)



Plastic Wooden
Appropriate hoops

Checklist to prepare for workshop:

1. At least one week before the workshop order the workshop kit and any needed products
2. Know all Zoom requirements
3. Prepare your machine for free-motion



10 spool thread kit available on my website for \$30. These threads blend well with the background fabric

