

Shading and Blending with Thread - Cherries

6 Hour on-site Workshop

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Workshop Description: Want to have some fun with thread and create realism into your thread work? This workshop will introduce you to a simple way of blending, shading and highlighting with thread. The process might seem complicated, but my step-by-step approach will show you how choosing the right thread colors and the color-coded design makes thread painting the design a snap. It's easy and way too much fun!!

Thread Painting Thread – 40 weight rayon or polyester

- Branch – choose 3 colors – in brown or gray or combination
- Leaves – dark, grass and pale green; pale yellow
- Cherries – Dark & medium cranberry; medium red; light pink or coral
- Invisible thread (*available for sale in workshop*) **OR** white 100 weight polyester or silk
- Bring additional rayon or polyester threads in green, red and brown in your stash
- Pre-wind (1) bobbin with 60 weight gray bobbin fill

NOTE: *The more thread colors you have to choose from the better so bring additional threads from your stash*

Notions

- 6" wooden or plastic machine embroidery hoop (*available for sale in workshop*)
- Basic sewing supplies – scissors, 80/12 machine needles, tweezers, 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 such as #24 for Bernina or a stippling open toe foot for Viking. It is important to see what you are stitching and where the next stitches are going so select the best foot you can for visibility. 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
- Embroidery or high tension bobbin case (only if you have one)

Workshop Kit Fee: **\$12.00**

Kit includes: (1) preprinted design
(2) pieces stabilizer backing
Background fabric
Instructional booklet

- \$12.00 - 6" Wooden machine embroidery hoop



NOTE: *The project for the workshop can be seen on my website, www.nancyprince.com, under the Workshop on-site section, *Shading and Blending with Thread**

To view my free video demonstrating the difference between a straight and zigzag stitch go to www.nancyprince.com and at the Home page, scroll down to *Thread Painted Stitches*.

Examples of free motion feet
from left:

1. Bernina #24
2. Janome or Baby Lock
3. Pfaff

