

Preparing for the Workshop

LIVE Virtual workshops

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Thanks for signing up for one of my virtual workshop. Virtual workshops are not like on-site workshops in that I will not physically be there to help you with machine problems nor will I be able to look over their shoulder to see how you are progressing. To hopefully avoid some problems the day of the workshop and knowing that some of you may not be overly familiar with thread painting I have prepared a list below on preparing for the workshop.

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Preparing for a Successful Workshop Day http://www.nancyprince.com/Virtual_Workshops.html

- Virtual workshops are new to all of us and my aim is to transfer you from an on-site workshop to a virtual one as free of issues as possible. The link above containing the documents below will hopefully put you at ease by explaining what is needed to prepare for the workshop and the steps needed to assure a successful day with your machine. While I will not be there physically, the process for teaching you a technique remains the same.
- The first thing you will need to do is copy and paste or type the URL above in your computer or laptop's browser. Press Enter and you will be directed to the Virtual Workshop page. Scroll down to the workshop you are taking and you will see 5 links above the picture of the workshop. Clicking on each of these links will bring up the links listed below. Print the two documents view the two videos and click on Purchase the Workshop Kit to order the kit and the hoop.
- **Supply List** - lists the supplies needed and a few free-motion feet and machine tips. A picture of 2 hoops will show you the type of hoop you will need – either a plastic or wooden machine embroidery hoop.
- **Purchase Workshop Kit** - A kit is required for the workshop and should be ordered at least **2 weeks in advance** of the date of the workshop to allow for processing and shipping. The workshop kit includes everything you will need to participate in the workshop *except* for the items listed on the Supply List such as thread, hoop, fabric, etc. Order the hoop (this is a machine embroidery hoop NOT a hand embroidery hoop) with the workshop kit if needed. Otherwise bring your own hoop. For those of you using 40 weight polyester or rayon on the top spindle Superior's 60 weight Bottom Line thread has been recommended for the bobbin in a light and dark color. Using 50 weight cotton in the bobbin and 40 weight polyester on the top can lead to bobbin issues which can result in an unbalanced tension. Of course, if you have another brand of 60 weight thread, then by all means wind your bobbins with that. It is not a requirement to purchase the Bottom Line thread for the workshop but it is there if you need it. To purchase the workshop kit click on Purchase Workshop Kit and this will direct you to the Store on my website. From here you can order the workshop kit and hoop and bobbin thread if needed. The other products listed are not mandatory for the workshop but can be ordered for future use. The kit also includes some practice material for the "homework" section below.
- **Preparing for the Workshop** – You are reading this document right now.
- **Thread Painting Stitches – video** – please watch this 9 minute video which shows the difference between the straight and zigzag stitches which will be the only two stitches you will be using in the workshop.
- **Setting Up Your Machine for Free-motion – video** - please watch this 19 minute video as it will walk you through the steps to set up your machine for free motion. I have discovered over 20 years of teaching that many students are unfamiliar with the necessary requirements for successful free-motion whether you are thread painting or quilting.

Getting Ready

- To assure each student has the necessary items for a successful workshop, I will email each of you a few days before the workshop to see if there are any questions regarding the workshop. A short welcome and introduction will get the workshop started and next a short discussion on making sure your machine is set up for

free-motion and a short demo on the thread painting stitches you will be using will take place. Each step of the project will be demoed by me and at the conclusion of each demo students will be given 10-20 minutes to thread paint each particular step of the project.

- The live demonstrations are copyright protected so please do not share or record them for your own use or to share with someone else. Please respect the copyright laws and this in turn respects my time and work.
- The Zoom meeting will be on throughout the day for questions. At the workshop you will be directed on how to contact me for questions. This way I can personally attend to you should you want to be critiqued or to help correct a problem.

Homework – **At Least Two Weeks Before the Workshop Day**

- Homework!! Just when you thought you were in a place where homework didn't exist then I come along and ruin everything. Virtual workshops are not like on-site workshops in that I will not be there physically but that doesn't mean that I won't be there to help. To hopefully avoid some problems the day of the workshop and knowing that some students may not be overly familiar with thread painting there is a little bit of homework to do before the day of the workshop. Now most of it consists of sitting in front of a computer or laptop screen so how hard can that be??
- A workshop kit is required for the workshop and should be ordered at least 2 weeks in advance of the date of the workshop to allow for processing and shipping. To purchase the workshop kit please see Purchase Workshop Kit under Preparing for the Workshop on the first page. The kit can be ordered at any time after signing up for the workshop.
- View the two videos ***Thread Painted Stitches*** and ***Setting Up Your machine for Free-motion*** listed on the first page. These videos can be watched as many times as you wish and whenever you want.
- **Practice kit** – OK, now the videos are out of the way and you have your machine set for free-motion and you have received your workshop kit. In your workshop kit you will find a small piece of muslin, a piece of stabilizer and instructions. Follow the directions to complete your homework. This part of the homework consists of just a bit of practice to get you used to moving the hoop.
- In under an hour you should be ready for a problem free day of thread painting. Preparing for the workshop ahead of time assures a fun and self-assured day.
- Any questions before the day of the workshop? Then email me at nancy@nancyprince.com before the workshop and I will be able to answer your questions.