

Embroider with Confidence by Christen Brown

Class Description

This technique-based class explores and explains how to use basic sewing aids such as stencils and templates in order to create a more perfect hand embroidered stitch. Christen will also cover a few simple tips and tricks that she has learned along her 50+ years of embroidery.

Skill Level: beginning/intermediate

The student must have knowledge but need not be an expert with these embroidery stitches:

- Lazy daisy stitch
- French knot stitch
- Running stitch
- Chain stitch
- Back stitch
- Blanket stitch
- Cross stitch
- Herringbone stitch
- Feather stitch

During the first part of class the student will learn how to embroider these stitches over a few simple lines, circles and flowers on a sampler piece of fabric.

During the second part of class the student will apply the basic information learned from the morning class on a "project of her own choosing". The project can be a pre-pieced crazy quilt square, strip pieced square or a 10" square of bleached muslin backed with feather-weight interfacing.

*Please Note: there will be no time in class to create a CQ square of other base, please have this prepared ahead of time.

Supply List

Kit Fee: \$10.00 includes handout, and extra supplies

Book: The Embroidery Book by Christen Brown (This can be a Kindle Book or ordered by Phyllis C for \$20)

- Scissors: embroidery, craft
- Pencil with an eraser
- Fine Line Fabric Marker
- Air Erasable Fine Line Marker
- Quilter's Tape
- 6" clear quilters ruler, with 1/8" markings
- Circle Template sheet, or a template sheet with a variety of shapes such as circles, triangles and squares
- Small trash bag
- One 6" square of bleached muslin backed with feather-weight interfacing (Misty Fuse or Steam-a-Seam 2 Lite suggested)
- Thimble
- Perle cotton #8 or #12: 2 to 5 in a variety of colors
- Cotton floss: 2 to 5 in a variety of colors (Phyllis will bring assortment)
- Needles: cotton darning or crewel size 2, embroidery needles
- Thread Heaven or Thread Magic
- One project: pre-pieced crazy quilt square, strip pieced square or a 10" square of bleached muslin backed with feather-weight interfacing.

Optional:

- Fast2mark Embroidery Stencils by Christen Brown
- Spiral Bound Index Cards 4 X 6"