



Thread Painting

a workshop with Susan Brubaker Knapp

This is a good workshop for those who already have basic machine free-motion experience who want to expand their skills and do more with thread on the surface of a quilt. Using a simple drawing of a dragonfly, students learn how to:

- create line, color and texture with thread
- gain control and confidence when free-motion stitching
- make templates for the body
- stabilize the fabric surface
- choose the right threads and needles for thread painting
- correct tension problems

SUPPLIES to bring:

- One fat quarter of cotton fabric for the background. I like to use batik because it is a bit heavier and it has a very tight weave, which provides more stability. Stay away from light-weight fabric.
- Scraps of fabric for dragonfly's head and body (several different shades of one color work best)
- Lite Steam-a-Seam 2 or your favorite fusible product that has at least one paper side
- 1 yard Pellon 910 non-fusible "sew-in" interfacing*
- Embroidery thread (50 or 60 weight) in the colors you will use to thread-paint (I use Aurifil Cotton Mako 50 wt., or Mettler No. 60 fine embroidery cotton merc.). Purchase 3-4 small spools in the same color family as your dragonfly fabrics.
- paper scissors (sharp)
- fabric scissors and seam ripper
- ultra-fine black Sharpie permanent pen in a color you will use for the wings



- cutting mat and rotary cutter
- masking tape and Scotch tape
- ironing board and iron (1 for every 3-4 quilters)
- light board (if you have one)
- Sewing machine – must be in good working order, able to drop feed dogs, and have a free-motion or darning/embroidery foot.
- manual for your machine
- Universal or Microtex needles, size 80/12 or 70/10
- extended surface for your sewing machine (if you have one)

* I will bring extra interfacing for you to purchase at cost, if you prefer.

Please e-mail me if you have any questions!



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