

Embellish Your Vest

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This class will take you on an adventure of embellishing a garment. For the class, I chose a vest because vests are particularly fun to embellish, but if vests are not your fashion statement, you can bring another garment like a pair of jeans, a jacket, a shirt, or even a bag or purse to embellish. Come join me to explore the many possibilities of taking a simple garment and recreating it with glamour and bling.

Please be courteous to others by arriving for class with the correct supplies. Contact me at 503-631-8806 or helene.m.knott@gmail.com if you have any questions.

A Note to Students: Many students do not realize that once the teacher is paid, the shop offering a class makes little if any income on the class itself. The shop is relying on product sales to continue offering quality classes to you. Therefore, I urge you to patronize this shop when buying your supplies for this class as much as possible and remind you that big chain stores do not offer the variety of classes that the smaller shops do. Keep quilt classes alive by supporting this shop.

Thank you, Helene



TOOLS/MATERIALS:

- **A Garment:** This can be homemade, our store-bought. Thrift store finds are great for this as they are usually fairly inexpensive and you can go to town on them without fear of ruining an expensive piece of clothing. Add to that, thrift store find may have stains and/or rips that might need concealment or repair, and embellishment is an excellent way to do this. Alternatively, you can bring a tote bag or fabric purse to embellish, but garments offer more possibilities.
- **Additional fabrics:** To make patch pockets if desired and/or fabrics with motifs you may want to fussy cut and apply as appliques. Remember to bring additional fabrics for lining the pockets if making patch pockets.
- **Sewing machine:** Some of the embellishment will be done by hand – beading, hand embroidery, Boro-style patching (if desired), and some may be done by machine – machine embroidery, making and applying patch pockets or applique, attaching lace or trim... Make sure your machine has the necessary functions and accessories you will need for the embellishment you want to apply.
- **Thread:** Both sewing thread and hand embroidery thread (if planning to hand embroider), in appropriate colors of choice. Note: Remember to bring hand sewing or hand embroidery needles, if needed for handwork
- **Lightweight fusible web (optional):** This will only be necessary if you want to apply machine applique.
- **Embroidery Stabilizer (optional):** This will only be needed if you plan to decorate with an embroidery machine. The weight and type will vary by your preference (tear-away/cut-away, or fusible interfacing), and the weight and hand of the garment fabric. A stable fabric like corduroy or denim, might not need stabilizer.
- **Freezer paper:** To draft templates for pockets.
- **Marking tools:** Chalk (tailor's chalk) for fabric and pencils and erasers for drafting patterns on freezer paper.
- **Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler:** This will be helpful for making patch pockets. A 6 ½" squaring ruler would be the most helpful.
- **Flexible measuring tape:** To measure garments to estimate length of trims or lace.
- **Embroidery Hoop (optional):** This will be helpful if you wish to add hand embroidery to your project.
- **Embellishments:** Let the fun begin!
 - ❖ Lace, trim, or fringe, you can also find beaded trims made of pearls or beads molded on a string and continuous sequin trim, which makes applying a continuous line of beads or sequins easy.
 - ❖ Small beads and/or sequins. Make sure you have Nymo® beading thread and a fine needle that will pass through your beads (I find a size 11 Milliners needle works great for this).
 - ❖ Larger beads, baubles, buttons, drilled coins and sea shells...
 - ❖ Bits of old or costume jewelry: Old pendants and earrings are particularly great for adding to garments. Lengths of chain from jewelry can be stitched on as well