

Embroidered Flower Pin or Pendant

Supply list

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These layered, embroidered flowers come together quickly. They look complex, but because of their construction, each layer needs only a little embroidery, so you can use a few simple stitches on each petal. They are made from felt, but you can also make them from wool if you love working with embroidered wool and wool applique. The amount of embroidery floss used on each pin is also minimal, making this a great project to use up stray leftover strands of floss. Flowers consist of 2-3 layers stacked in graduated sizes. Embroider with floss alone, or, if you like sparkle, add beads and sequins for bling. If pins aren't your cup of tea, you can also make them into pendants, ornaments, tack them to a purse or bag, or add them to a hat. They are fast to create and make great spontaneous gifts for your friends and family. You can make a field of them for yourself or friends.



Please be courteous to others by arriving for class with the correct supplies. Contact me at 503-888-9784 or helene.m.knott@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Thank you, Helene

TOOLS/MATERIALS:

- **Felt:** You can use acrylic felt or a wool blend. You will need two 6" pieces each of 2-3 colors that coordinate well. A 6" square is the largest piece you will need for the outer layer of petals, subsequent layers will be smaller and you can bring some smaller pieces as well, but having them all 6" will allow you flexibility in making last minute color choices. Note: if you like working with wool for applique, pieces of partially felted wool can be used in place of the felt.
- **Medium weight fusible interfacing:** This provides stability for embroidering on the felt without a hoop. It also provides body to make the layers of flower petals a little stiffer for the completed pin.
- **Template plastic:** One 8" x 10" sheet will do.
- **Sharpie brand marking pen:** To mark the template plastic.
- **Craft Scissors:** medium-sized scissors with blade for detailed cutting and snipping. These will be used on both the template plastic and to cut the felt.
- **Fabric marking pencil/pen:** in colors that will show up on your fabric; I like a darker Frixion pen for light fabrics, and an opaque white gel pen for dark fabrics.
- **Embroidery floss:** 6-strand or pearl cotton in a variety of desired colors.
- **Hand sewing needles:** A crewel embroidery needle, bring a package of various sizes to ensure you can handle various weights of floss and a size 10 applique sharp or milliner's needle (if you want to add seed beads).
- **Beading Thread:** I like to use Nymo for this.
- **Beads and Sequins:** If you want to add sparkle and bling.
- **A decorative button:** 1/2" – 1" in diameter, this will be your flower center. Choose a button with drilled holes as opposed to one with a shank
- **Sewing pins**
- **Embroidery Scissors**
- **Embroidery reference book (optional):** The class handout includes some of my favorite simple stitches, but a stitch guide will provide many other options to explore. The 'Pocket Guide Embroidery' (a laminated accordion fold booklet) is an inexpensive excellent choice but any good basic embroidery stitch guide would be fine.
- **Beads and Sequins:** If you want to add sparkle and bling.
- **Jewelry findings:** Brooch pin backs or small jump rings (for a brooch or pendant. A small safety pin can be used in lieu of a brooch pin if you wish).