

“I believe every quilter should know how to appliqué.

Anyone who thinks needleturn appliqué is difficult hasn't taken one of my appliqué classes!”

Nancy's specialty is stress-free needleturn hand appliqué. She puts students directly in touch with their needle, thread, and fabric. She shows how incredibly easy appliqué is without the use of freezer paper, toothpicks, starch, cardboard, plastic, back-basting, ironing, or interfacing—all things that needlessly complicate what is otherwise a very simple process.

Appliqué is a useful skill for all quilters and needleworkers. Need to cover a spot on a quilt? Appliqué a patch over it. Need to fix an accidental cut in your fabric? Appliqué a patch over it. Need to add a design element to a quilt or garment? Appliqué a motif exactly where you want it to be! Appliqué is a useful technique to add to your quilting/sewing tool kit, whether your goal is to appliqué an heirloom quilt or just to have another trick up your sleeve.

After taking a class from Nancy, everyone agrees that appliqué is not only possible but positively addicting!

Nancy has found there are many more minutes/hours available each day/week/month that she can be making progress on her hand appliqued quilts rather than appliqueing them with her machine or only making pieced quilts. See below about how to make that work for you.

1. Instead of sewing ONLY at home or in a class, or when there is power available, you can be working on your hand applique project:

--IT'S PORTABLE: While traveling (in the car, bus, train, ferry, plane*), and at the airport, at the hotel, and at your destination.

--IT'S CONVENIENT: When the power is out. (Nancy uses a battery-operated light that hangs around her neck.)

--IT'S PEOPLE FRIENDLY: Being part of the family activities, like watching TV, listening to music, and having conversations.

2. Hand applique is easier than you have imagined: there are only 5 shapes you need to learn how to sew -- straight edge, point, valley, outside curve, and inside curve. That's it -- that's all you need to sew any shape whatsoever!

3. All you need is:

--Pattern/design you love

--Fabric(s)

--straight pins

--needle

--thread

--small scissors* or thread snippers

*Nancy uses blunt-nosed small scissors so she can applique (cut the thread and clip the fabric) on the plane or in the car (as a passenger of course!).