

## LETS GO BOLD EVENT

### TIPS FOR USING 12 WT THREAD:

1. When doing decorative stitching, serging or quilting use a 90/14 or 100/16 chrome topstitch needle. The bigger eye accommodates the thicker thread.
2. When embroidering, use a 90/14 chrome embroidery needle. Always use an embroidery needle when machine embroidering.
3. Slow down! When stitching with your machine or embroidering, slow down your machine. It's a little harder for your machine to pull the heavier thread through so slow it down.
4. For threading the needle, don't use your automatic threader. The tiny hook that pulls the thread through the needle will have a tough time trying to pull the thicker thread through the eye of the needle.
5. Consider the density.
  - When doing decorative stitching with your machine, choose stitches without a dense satin type stitch. If you choose a denser stitch you will need to increase the stitch length to compensate for the thicker thread.
  - When using 12 wt thread for quilting your quilt (do not use it for piecing) the stitch length needs to be 3.5mm or higher.
  - When using the 12 wt thread for embroidery, you will need to either adjust an existing design with software or choose a design that is open and airy.
  - If you choose to adjust your density in your software, here are the things to adjust. All fill patterns need to be a density of .7 or higher. Standard density for a fill pattern is .4. Check all fill patterns in an existing design and change the density to .7 or above.
  - All running stitches need to be longer. All running stitches in an existing design need to be 3.5mm or longer. The average stitch length for a running stitch is 2.5mm. Check all running stitches in your existing design and adjust to 3.5mm or longer.
6. Always use Stabilizer. Whenever stitching with 12 wt thread, use a fusible tearaway stabilizer. I love Floriani Heat N Sta®. It's best if the stabilizer is fused to the back to alleviate any movement of your fabric.
7. Test. For all applications of using the 12 wt thread you will need to play around with it. This is the fun part! If you use the tips above you will be successful and have beautiful results.