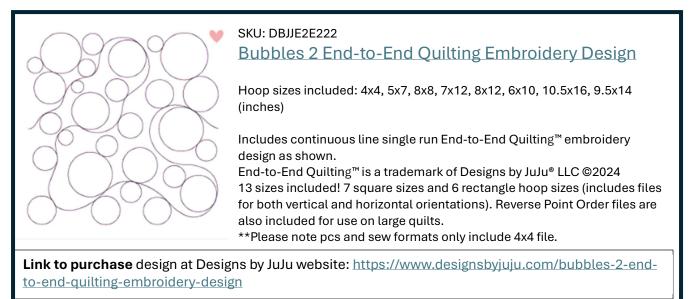
Materials/Supplies List - Quilting on an Embroidery Machine

Listed below are the 'do at home' preparations and the things to bring to the class. I hope I have covered everything. Let me know if you have questions about anything in these pre-class instructions, or about anything else! For convenience for this class, I want everyone to be working with the same embroidery quilting design, so I have selected a design from Designs by JuJu that I ask you to purchase. See the first item in the list.

1. **Purchase the BUBBLES 2 END-TO-END QUILTING EMBROIDERY DESIGN** from Designs by JuJu. *It is regularly \$10.00 but is very often on sale for as little as \$4.00.* Download it to your computer. Then transfer a copy of only your machine's design format (ex. vp3 for Pfaff and Viking, pes for Babylock and Brother) to a USB to bring to class.



- 2. **Prepare a Quilt Sandwich** You need a project or practice piece to quilt in the class. If you have a table runner top or a small quilt top, you can bring it. Otherwise, prepare a practice piece using a piece of fabric for the top that is about 16" wide and at least 36" long. Make a quilt sandwich. The batting and backing should each be larger than the quilt top by at least 2" on all sides. The quilt sandwich can be pinned together or held together with spray adhesive.
- 3. **Quilting Thread** choose a color for the top and a color for the back. They do not have to be the same color. For this class they should be the same 'weight' thread. Thread can be cotton or polyester, can be 'quilting' or general-purpose thread. Wind a couple of bobbins in advance and bring an extra bobbin or two.
- 4. **Needles** I usually use a **Quilting needle** for in the hoop quilting, but **Universal or Microtex** can also be good choices. Most threads will sew well with a **size 80** needle but bring **size 90** as a backup. And do bring extra needles.
- 5. **Stabilizer** a firm Tear-away or a light weight cut-away stabilizer for making a template. Note that **I will provide this in class**, so you need not bring any.
- 6. **Other Supplies** Quilting straight pins, 2-sided tape (like the 3M brand), paper tape or regular scotch tape (*i.e., sticky on just one side*), scissors, seam ripper, 6" ruler, tape measure, tweezers, #2 pencil or

mechanical pencil, fabric markers and other general sewing supplies are needed, as well as your embroidery machine. Also, bring a few hand sewing needles; easy-threading/self-threading type are preferred.

- 7. **Embroidery Hoops** We can decide in class which hoop(s) to use, so bring some or all your 'regular' hoops except small ones, i.e., anything smaller than 4"x4" leave at home. Bring your magnetic hoop(s), too, if you have any.
- 8. **Optional 'leader' fabric** This is extra fabric that can be used to fill a hoop when the quilt sandwich does not fill it up completely. A fat quarter size (18"x21") fabric scrap is sufficient. You can decide in class whether to use it, or not.
- 9. **Know your Machine** Please 'bond' with your embroidery machine prior to class. By that I mean, if you are not familiar with this list of 'How-to' items on your embroidery machine, please spend a little time trying to get familiar with them, even if it is to just know where to find them on your machine, and where to find them in the machine's user manual. Bring the manual to class, too.
 - How to –
 - Set up your machine for embroidery
 - Load a design to the machine from a USB^{*}. (We will not be using any WiFi design transfer in class.)
 - Select a hoop in the machine
 - Center the design in the hoop (in edit mode)
 - Change size of design (in embroidery edit mode)
 - Go into the stitchout mode
 - Use the design-placement features of the machine, (especially how to match the design center with its desired placement in the hoop).
 - Move the design
 - Adjust the needle thread tension
 - Move forward or backward, stitch by stitch or by groups of stitches, in the stitch-out mode.

*As a reminder, if you download **design files from the internet, they usually download as a ZIPPED** file or folder. **EXTRACT** the design(s) to the USB drive that will be used with the embroidery machine. Your **embroidery machine cannot read a zipped file**. I suggest, also, that you only put on the USB drive those designs that your machine will use. In other words, if your machine reads VP3 files or PES files, only put VP3 files or the PES files on the USB. Leave all of those other file formats behind on your computer or send them to trash.

****** This is a Techniques class, not a Learn Your Machine class. We don't want to spend a lot of time figuring out how everyone's machines work. So, if you need some help getting familiar with the 'How To' machine features, an excellent resource for Pfaff, Husqvarna Viking and Bernina owners might be free tutorial videos by SewMastery.com. <u>https://sewingmastery.com/</u> For Babylock machines, a Babylock SewEd subscription might help. It is \$15/month for access to all SewEd videos, and you can cancel anytime. <u>https://babylock.com/sewed-plus-monthly-subscription</u>. I will, of course, help with the machines in class but I am not familiar with all machine makes and models.

Again, let me know by email or text if you have any questions. Susan Nelson <u>debonair2@bellsouth.net</u> 704-674-4391