

## Exceptional Embellishing Series

# No. 3: Beading and Finishing Touches

**Instructor** Cydney Reece

**Location** In-person attendance is strongly recommended as we have many supplies and tools for you to play with will not be available to Zoom attendees.

### Class Description

This is the embellishment series you've all been asking for! We're thrilled to offer a series of different techniques you can use to embellish your own fabrics. Create extraordinary elements for your bags, quilts, or art projects. This third and final class in the Exceptional Embellishing Series will show you different ideas you can apply to any project and the second half will allow you time to make a sampler or try out different techniques on your own projects.

This class focuses on adding the final touches to your masterpieces: adding dimensional objects that sit on top of your fabric. We'll be looking at how beading can be used as a focal element or an accent and look at other elements that can add just the right finishings to your art.

We'll have some practice supplies (selected to match our sample panel) available but feel free to bring your own project and supplies. Feel free to use an existing project or start a new panel that highlights these skills. Ask any staff member for help finding a fun panel or pattern element to embellish or bring your own! Whether your finished product is used later in a bag, garment or just as a great piece of art, it will be sure to impress.

### Skill level

Beginner. Even though this is a series, there are no pre-requisite for this class. Join in the fun, even if you haven't taken the first in this series!

### What does class fee include?

Class fee covers instructor, facilities costs and some shared supplies. Panel and any other additional project supplies need to be purchased separately before class. Please note that there may be some prep work to complete so give yourself enough time to do that prior to class.

### Please complete before first class:

- If this is your first class, or if you've been with us all along but wish to start with a new project, select your panel or section of fabric to embellish. **IMPORTANT: Wash, dry, and iron your panel before class to remove any sizing.** If you wish, add any paints, inks, quilting, or embroidery that you want to sit under your beading or object. Please make sure these are done and dry before class.
- Consider what elements you might want to add as applique or embroidery. No worries if you come wanting inspiration. I've got plenty of that!! :)
- Collect any of your own supplies that will add to your embellished design. I've listed below different elements and materials you may consider.
- You will not need your sewing machine.
- See following for supply list.

### Supplies

- Your panel or fabric section
- Elements to add (see below for inspiration)
- Beading thread (white or black), Monopoly Invisible Polyester Thread, or dental floss. (Yep. Dental floss.)
- Beading needles
- Hand needles – like Crewel, Chenille or Milliner needles
- Snips or scissors

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- Utility or paper scissors
- Standard sewing supplies (rotary cutter, pins, rulers, etc..)

### Optional

- Reading glasses or magnifiers. (Lots of close up work and tiny objects in this class)
- Scraps of Peltex/Timtex or other stiff interfacing with dimension
- Glue – like Fabri-Tac or Aleene's Fabric Fusion
- Small containers (like old pill bottles or that size) to keep the bead-chaos at bay
- Embroidery cotton or other thread

**Beads – Orr Trading Company (just down the block from us at 3422 S. Broadway) has a fantastic collection of beads of all sizes and colors.**

- I like to use Size 11 seed beads for simple embellishing. They are small enough to just add a little sparkle and can be built up easily. One hank can easily be shared with many people or last you a LONG time.
- Tube or bugle beads (for stars and flowers)
- Other decorative beads

### **Other decorations**

- Silk flowers or leaves, (whole or partial)
- Paper flowers
- Patches
- Doll house items
- Clay/Sculpy items

### **Vintage or found objects**

- Costume jewelry, rhinestones, or sequins
- Game pieces (especially scrabble tiles)
- Small toys/plastic trinkets
- Watch parts, including gears, springs, face plates, etc.)
- Sewing notions, such as buttons, thimbles, thread spools, needles
- Ribbons, trims, lace or rickrack
- Linens with interesting lace, embroidery or crochet (scraps are perfect)
- Pieces of clothing, such as pockets or button placards
- Natural objects such as rocks or twigs

### **Mask Policy**

Please bring your mask to class. While wearing a mask is optional at this point it is highly encouraged, and we are always willing to accommodate individuals who prefer that everyone masks up in class.

### **We are a fragrance-free shop**

As a courtesy to individuals who may be sensitive to fragrances, we would like to ask that you refrain from wearing any perfumes, scented lotions or body sprays, or strong scents. Thank you.

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## Class cancellation

Classes fill up quickly and we often have a waiting list. If you cannot make it to class, please let us know at least four days in advance to receive store credit. Cancellations less than two days or no-shows will be charged full price.

If you are experiencing any fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other flu/Covid-like symptoms please do not come to class. Please contact us by phone at 303-997-4372.

Classes with registration with fewer than three participants three days prior to class date may be cancelled by the instructor.

In the event of inclement weather, the instructor will have the discretion to cancel class.

Classes start on time. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to get set up.

## Parking

Parking is available in back. For after hours or weekend parking, you may also park in the Malley Senior Rec Center lot. Please do not park in this lot during weekday/9-5 as you will be ticketed.

## For All-Day Classes

We will take a 30-45 minute break mid-day to allow for lunch. You are welcome to bring a lunch or order delivery and work on your projects during that break or take some time to stretch your legs and visit one of the many great restaurants in the area.

## Guests

Please leave children, pets and friends at home. If you need special accommodations, please let us know.

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