

Level: Intermediate

Instructor: Stefan Mueller

Freestanding Dresden Turkey

Embroidery Class

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Bring your embroidery machine and create a beautiful freestanding Dresden Turkey using OESD's embroidery design collection. Throughout this two-session intermediate class, students will learn freestanding appliqué techniques, accurate placement, trimming, embroidery sequencing, and final assembly while completing a dimensional turkey perfect for seasonal decorating.

Students may choose to create their project using 100% quilting cotton, OESD Luxe Sparkle Vinyl, or a combination of both materials. The combination option creates sparkling vinyl feathers with a traditional cotton turkey body, providing the best of both materials.

This class features a rectangle appliqué preparation method that eliminates the need to trace and cut individual appliqué templates. Instead, students will work with simple rectangles of fabric or vinyl during the embroidery process, allowing the embroidery machine to define each appliqué shape.

This is a two-session class. During the first class, students will learn freestanding appliqué techniques by stitching the turkey head and wing sections. The remaining embroidery will be completed at home using the same techniques learned in class. Between classes, students will remove the water-soluble stabilizer, allow the pieces to dry completely, and complete any remaining embroidery. The second class focuses on shaping, final assembly, finishing techniques, and answering any remaining questions while completing a beautiful Freestanding Dresden Turkey.

Finished Size: 8¼" H × 9¼" W × 3¾" D

Minimum Hoop Size: 6" × 10"

YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):

Embroidery Design

- OESD **Freestanding Dresden Turkey** (Collection #12666)
- Design must be purchased prior to class.
- If you need assistance loading the design onto your USB flash drive, please bring **proof of purchase** (printed or digital) along with a **USB flash drive** and **arrive a few minutes before class begins** so your design can be loaded before class starts.

Machine*

- Embroidery machine (minimum 6" × 10" hoop)
- Embroidery module

- Embroidery foot
- USB flash drive - with designs loaded on it
- Machine manual
- All accessories that came with your embroidery machine

Needles*

Choose one:

- SCHMETZ Super Nonstick Needle 90/14
- SCHMETZ Gold Embroidery Needle 90/14
- SCHMETZ Top Stitch Needle 90/14

Embroidery Thread*

Bring embroidery thread in the following colors (or similar shades):

- White
- Antique Gold
- Light Gold
- Bronze
- Dark Brown
- Apricot
- Rust Brown
- Mahogany
- Blossom Pink
- Black

Bobbins*

- Bobbin thread
- Extra pre-wound or wound bobbins

If you need additional bobbins, please call Berger's Sewing Machine before class. We stock bobbins for many embroidery machines and may have the correct bobbins for your machine.

Stabilizers*

- Water-Soluble Stabilizer
- Shape Flex (SF101) Interfacing

Tools*

- Small sharp embroidery scissors
- Curved appliqué scissors
- OESD Alligator Clamps
- WashAway Tape

Optional Tools*

- OESD Perfect Embroidery Press Cloth
- Button Clips

- Any other sewing notions you use such as tweezers

Materials

Choose ONE of the following options:

1. 100% Quilting Cotton*

One fat quarter each of:

- Light Brown
- Gold
- Orange
- Red
- Black

2. OESD Luxe Sparkle Vinyl* or Beauty & Geek Glitter Vinyl

- Brown – 2 tubes
- Gold – 1 tube
- Orange – 1 tube
- Red – 1 tube
- Black – 1 tube

3. Combination

OESD Luxe Sparkle Vinyl* or Beauty & Geek Glitter Vinyl

- Gold (feathers)
- Orange (feathers)
- Red (feathers)

100% Quilting Cotton*

- Light Brown (body, head, lower wing, base, and back wing panel)
- Orange (upper wing)
- Black (center wing accent)

All materials and supplies required for this class are available for purchase at Berger's Sewing Machine.

All fabric, vinyl, and Shape Flex pieces must be cut into the required rectangles before arriving for Class 1.

Glitter Vinyl Options

The sample project was created using OESD Luxe Sparkle Vinyl. During testing, I achieved excellent results using Beauty & Geek Glitter Vinyl, which offers a larger roll size at a lower cost while producing embroidery results comparable to OESD Luxe Sparkle Vinyl. You may choose either product.

- **Beauty & Geek Glitter Vinyl (12" × 54")**
<https://www.etsy.com/listing/1015341582/glitter-vinyl-sewing-vinyl-embroidery>
- **OESD Luxe Sparkle Vinyl (8" × 20")***
<https://oesd.com/supplies/embellishments/luxe-sparkle-vinyl/>

PRE-CLASS PREPARATION

Before arriving for **Class 1**:

- If using 100% quilting cotton or the Combination option, fuse **Shape Flex (SF101)** to the wrong side of all cotton fabrics before cutting.
- Cut all cotton, vinyl, and **Fiber Form** according to the Cutting Guide below.
- Bring all prepared pieces to Class 1.

Cotton, Vinyl & Fiber Form Cutting Guide

3" × 4" Rectangles

- **Fiber Form** — Cut 7
- **Orange** — Cut 6
- **Red** — Cut 2
- **Gold** — Cut 4

3" × 5" Rectangles

- **Fiber Form** — Cut 5
- **Orange** — Cut 4
- **Red** — Cut 2
- **Gold** — Cut 4

3" × 6" Rectangles

- **Fiber Form** — Cut 2
- **Brown** — Cut 4

4" × 5" Rectangles

- **Fiber Form** — Cut 2
- **Brown** — Cut 2

4" × 6" Rectangles

- **Fiber Form** — Cut 1
- **Gold** — Cut 1

4" × 4" Rectangles

- **Fiber Form** — Cut 7
- **Brown** — Cut 2
- **Black** — Cut 3
- **Gold** — Cut 2

HOMEWORK — BETWEEN CLASS 1 & CLASS 2

If you do not finish all embroidery during Class 1, please complete the remaining embroidery before Class 2.

During Class 1, I will demonstrate how quickly the water-soluble stabilizer dissolves using very hot water.

To Remove the Water-Soluble Stabilizer

1. Fill a sink or bowl with very hot water. **Insert the stopper before pouring the hot water into the sink.**
2. Carefully place each embroidered piece into the hot water.
3. The Baby Lock water-soluble stabilizer will dissolve almost instantly.
4. **Do not rinse or agitate the pieces.**
5. After approximately **2–3 seconds**, carefully remove each piece using a fork or similar utensil. **Be careful not to burn yourself.**
6. Place each piece between two sheets of paper towel and gently press to remove excess water and surface tackiness.
7. Lay the pieces flat on a cooling rack, baking rack, or similar wire rack and allow them to air-dry completely before Class 2.

The **Baby Lock water-soluble stabilizer** dissolves quickly in hot water. A slight amount of stabilizer may remain after the quick dip, which helps the finished project maintain its shape during assembly.

***Can be purchased at Berger's.**