

Level: Intermediate

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It's A Dog's Life

Embroidery Greeting Cards

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

New to embroidery, or just want a quick project? It's a Dog's Life greeting cards are a great way to learn the basics of embroidery while creating a fun card perfect for any occasion. This class is for embroidery machines that have a 5X7 embroidery field (or larger). There will be a kit available, including the software, so all you will need to bring is your machine (including your embroidery unit), hoop, bobbins with embroidery bobbin thread, new needles, and some tearaway stabilizer. I do ask that you pick up your software early and have the correct file formats loaded onto your machine or a USB prior to class.

*****Your machine MUST be able to do a 5X7 design, no exceptions! You must have a basic understanding of your embroidery machine. **ALL** the supplies are required, if you do not bring ALL the supplies listed, you will NOT be able to do the project, so please make sure to read the entire list and prepare in advance.

YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING)

These are not suggestions, you must have all the supplies or you will not be able to complete the project.

- Embroidery Machine and embroidery unit
- 5X7 hoop or larger
- Power cord
- Screwdrivers to change your needle and foot
- New 80 topstitching or embroidery needles
- Bobbins pre-wound with embroidery bobbin thread (pre-wounds or ones that you wound yourself are acceptable)
- Firm Tear-away stabilizer, enough for 2 layers per card in a 5X7 hoop. You can hoop just one layer and float the 2nd to conserve your stabilizer
- Fabric marking pen-erasable or water soluble
- Glue pen, glue dots, or double-sided scotch tape

There is a bit of sewing involved to attach the embroidery to the card, if you have a combo machine bring your sewing ankle and foot (and foot control), or you can simply complete the card at home. We do have a simple classroom machine that you are welcome to use. We also have rulers and rotary cutters for your use. If you would like an extra card kit (no software), we will have some available for purchase.

What the kit will contain (please read to the end for special instructions):

- Fabric for the cards (2)
- Interfacing for the cards (2)
- Blank cards and envelopes (2)
- Embroidery needle thread
- It's A Dog's Life software- **you will need to pick this up early so you can download the designs to your machine or a USB**