

CREATE YOUR OWN CRAZY CLUTCH

INSTRUCTOR: RITA HOOD

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7-8TH, 2020

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

BROWN SHEEP FIBER ARTS SCHOOLHOUSE



CLASS DESCRIPTION:

Join us for class in wool appliqué and hand embroidery like you've never seen before! Unleash your creativity by creating your own "crazy quilt"-style clutch with applique and hand stitching. Play with color and texture while learning new skills. In the 2-day class, we will construct your Crazy Clutch with colorful wool fabric and learn how to design many "crazy quilt" stitches. The sky is the limit on how much or how little stitching and appliqué you want to include in your clutch. Rita will have several samples and pictures to inspire you in designing your Crazy Clutch.



SKILL LEVEL: Beginner to Advanced – this class has something to offer for all levels of experience. No previous experience is required.

MINIMUM CLASS SIZE: 8

MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE: 10

SUPPLIES TO BRING:

Scissors

Embroidery Thread (such as Valdani Pearl Cotton 12, DMC embroidery floss, or wool threads)

Embroidery needles

Wool will be available for purchase from the instructor on the day of class; the total cost for materials varies but will be approximately \$40. If you would like to bring your own materials, you will need 13 pieces of different colored wool for the front of the clutch and a larger (11" x 20") piece for the liner, plus a variety of smaller pieces for applique. If you choose to bring your own wool, you are encouraged to randomly select colors and try not to color plan!

Please bring a sack lunch to class. A refrigerator and microwave are available in the schoolhouse.

CLASS FEE: \$110



INSTRUCTOR BIO:

Rita Hood has loved art all her life. Her grandmother sparked an interest in embroidery and fiber arts when Rita was a very young girl. In college, Rita majored in Art History with minors in Fine Arts and French. She loves teaching and passing on her knowledge to others.

Rita first fell in love with basket weaving while living in Virginia—there, she also encountered traditional rug hooking and working with wool. However, she did not like the colors of wool that were available to work with. It wasn't until 10 years later when Rita found someone at a Fiber Arts Fair rug hooking with bright, rich colors and thought, "now that I can work with!" She realized that, to work with the bright colors she wanted, she first needed to learn how to dye them. Rita has not stopped dyeing since.

Rita's journey with wool continued into appliqueing with wool. She began teaching at a local quilt shop; while teaching, she began to design her own patterns and the Crazy Clutch was born.

Rita's grandmother told her to always be open to learning from those around you—which Rita continues to do to this day. She is always inspired by the beautiful creations her students come up with!

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