

# ORGANDY RIBBON T R A N S P A R E N C Y WORKSHOP

## Supply List

### WORKSHOP OVERVIEW:

Let's describe it as "Luminescent Gems" and "Faceted Jewels". Here's a way to create an elegant plaid wallhanging without piecing. . . hm-m-m, don't you wonder how to do that? By using batik-type fabrics and organdy ribbons that look and feel like silk -- that's exactly what we'll do. Quickly, you will be able to create a small wallhanging (approx. 17" x 17") in plaid transparencies and subtle shading overlays. The piece you design will be magnificently gorgeous.

REQUIREMENT: You *must* be friendly with your sewing machine -- one that is capable of fine satin-stitch embroidery. A Singer Featherweight cannot be used for this workshop. 6 hours Packet Fee: \$12.00



### SUPPLY LIST

#### I. BASIC INFORMATION:

**BASIC SEWING SUPPLIES:** Straight Head Silk Pins (recommended: Collins .50mm Steel Shaft Sharp 1¼"), Fabric Shears and Scissors for cutting Interfacing, Seam Ripper. (Optional: 2" x 18" THIN Ruler, White or Silver marking pencil)

- **ROTARY TOOLS:** mat, cutter & ruler
- **SEWING MACHINE:** well-oiled, cleaned and in good working order for **satin stitch** embroidery, new needles (see below), 9-12 empty bobbins (or already filled with *bright colors*, see below), extension cord. (Power bar, optional.)

#### II. FABRIC: (FYI: 100% cotton fabrics.)

##### A. OPTIONS:

- Bring "batik-type" fabrics, actual or similar. Hand-dyed & hand-painted mixtures are great . . . or,
  - Bring prints that "read" as solids. Soft geometrics that are viewed as a single color, or mottled prints work well.
- B. COLORS: Select colors that you love and enjoy; the ribbons create beautiful overlays. Don't try to "match" one fabric to another. Gentle contrasts work like magic. Be willing to share leftover squares with classmates, please.
- C. AMOUNTS: Bring a minimum of 16 different fabric squares, each precut to: 4¾" x 4¾". We will use only 9 of them in your piece.

#### III. THREADS: *FOR AN EXCITING WALLHANGING, THIS IS NECESSARY: the more thread colors you bring, the more varied are your choices for a finished product.*

- A. For Embroidery: Shiny Rayon Threads, a good variety of colors. (My preference: Sulky Rayon #40 or Madeira #40 Rayon.) Note: bring whatever you have in your Rayon Thread stash, but a minimum of 10-12 colors. I highly suggest these colors since they will nearly always work, no matter your personal preferences!!!!: bring Oranges, Neon Chartreuses, Hot Pinks, Turquoises, Reds, Purples, Blues. Believe it or not, you will want & need these colors!!! Also, if you wish to try out metallics such as "Sliver" by Sulky, one or two make beautiful accents. Glitzy, and elegant! General rule for threads: bring your stash of fancies! You may wish to explore other possibilities.
- B. For Bobbins: Regular Threads, in a full array of colors that match your selected Embroidery threads. (Cotton-covered Poly is fine.) OPTIONAL: if your stitching/sewing machine is exceptional and none of your bobbin threads show on the top, you may use a neutral bobbin thread such as lingerie thread. Suggestion: even after you've filled bobbins with matching threads for class, several empty bobbins would be handy to have on hand for any additional bobbin-thread choices you may make in class.

#### IV. MISC:

##### A. Needles:

1. Regular sewing machine needles;
  2. Recommended: 80/12 and/or 90/14...either "Universals" or "Stretch" needles for embroidery; if you bring metallic threads, bring "Metallica" needles. Sometimes, I use "Microtex Sharps" but that would be only an option; and
  3. Later, at home, you may wish to try a "twin" sewing machine needle, approx. ¼", for finishing/quilting.
- B. ¼ yd. lite-wt. paper-backed fusible webbing. (Suggested: Wonder-Under® works well. Heat 'n Bond® is too heavy.) If you have a protective sheet to keep gunk off the iron/ironing board, please bring it. (Do not purchase for the class; optional only.)
- C. Iron and Ironing surface.
- D. You will need an Open Toe Embroidery Foot (#20 Bernina foot). If you have another foot that does nice satin stitch embroidery (other than the Open Toe Foot) bring it. Please ascertain whether or not you have a foot that works well for this special task.

### NOTES:

- *Included in Material Packet:* instructions, 9-10 strips of organdy ribbons, 3 yds. Interfacing and solids for strips provided.
- *If you have any questions re: instructions or supplies, please feel free to call or e-mail me.*
- *Please bring supplies as listed above. If it is on the list, you will use it!*

