

Teaching Proposal

## **Flukes n' Fins 'n Wings and Things**

**One-Day Class**

**All Skill Levels**

Class size limited to 25



Also available as three one-day classes with 15 to 20 students per class.

Students will learn **Needle Lace Making** and **Thread Painting**.

It's so easy anyone can do it. You will make gorgeous needle lace and beautiful thread painting. It really is that easy. It takes less than an hour to learn the basics of these techniques and then just a few hours of practice to get pretty good at it. This is an absolutely stress-free fun class. This class is for everyone. You won't believe how much fun it is and how many ways you can use it in your dollmaking. Flukes, fins, wings, fairy baskets, jewelry, greeting cards, etc, etc... this stuff is only limited by your imagination.

I will have excellent handouts so students will be able to practice more when they get home.

The techniques are easy to learn and can be done on any sewing machine that can lower its feed-dogs. Each student will need a sewing machine.

Perhaps I can make arrangements with the Viking/Pfaff Company or a local dealer with which you may have a relationship to provide loaners for the teacher and for student rental. The company may also provide a technician at the venue to give brief instructions to the renters.

**Needle Lace Making** is made using water-soluble stabilizer to sandwich unspooled thread and other pretties which is then hooped and stitched with specialty thread and needles. It can take several hours to stitch a pair of wings or flukes, but the technique can be learned quickly. A day of practice will complete a small pair of wings or flukes.

**Thread Painting** can best be learned by carefully stitching with many kinds of specialty threads right on top of a stabilized print fabric. This is an easy way to learn this special technique. It creates lovely wings that any fairy would be proud to wear. Once this technique is learned it can be used in unlimited ways to create thread art.

**Student Supply List:** (or order an optional kit from Mimi)

- **Sewing machine** that can lower its feed-dogs
- A couple of packages of **Solvay** (different kinds, different weights and soluble in either or both hot or cold water.)
- **Embroidery hoop** for sewing machine (a regular one that has a thin area that fits under the presser foot. You don't have to invest in a special one that is made just for your machine.)
- A selection of **machine embroidery threads**. Rayon, metallic, lots of colors
- Bits of **pretty yarns, ribbon and even some Angelina** (note: avoid flat metallic threads such as Sliver, it is difficult to work with. Wait to play with it when you have more experience with this art form.)
- A half-yard of organza or thin muslin (the cheap kind)
- A package of **topstitching needles** (Schmetz are the best)
- **18 or 20 gauge wire** (floral dept of craft shop)

**Kit contents:** (optional) Kit fee \$28.00 a \$40 value

(To be handed out in class and payable at that time.)

- Hoop
- Solvy for several projects
- Organza
- Choice of three spools of embroidery thread
- Topstitching needles (pack)
- Templates for Wings and Flukes
- Wire for making wings or flukes
- Angelina