

# Fibers

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***October 31- November 5, 2021***

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In this workshop, students will delve into an improvisational approach to embroidery by breaking rules, embellishing, designing and experimenting. This is a class where you can just enjoy stitching and explore the creative process.

Throughout the week we will complete morning exercises to encourage the student to look beyond the more traditional forms of smaller scale traditional embroidery. We will look to and discuss the work of other contemporary embroidery artists for inspiration. Some exercises might include blind stitching, working with a large scale, various ways to mine a found object and round robin stitching.

The rest of the class time will offer students the chance to use what they've learned in the morning to further develop their own work using whatever materials they're most interested in working on whether it's a piece of clothing, a sampler, large scale artwork, or even embroidered sculpture. Studio work time will offer the chance to relax, stitch, talk, experiment and discuss the creative process and stitching. I will offer individual as well as group critique as desired.

At the end of the week, students will have expanded their ideas of what embroidery can be and have a stronger sense of their own style. They will leave with a week's worth of explored stitchwork and whatever project they created during the class.

## **MATERIALS LIST**

- Personal fabric/paper, etc. Bring clothing, fabric, paper, etc. that you would like to stitch on beyond the neutral, white, and black linens/cotton that will be part of the class materials fee.
- \*Embroidery thread and yarns (for couching). I will provide a basic 12 color DMC embroidery thread kit for you but please bring any other threads or yarns for couching that you love to stitch with.
- \*Hand sewing needles. I will provide you with a basic needle kit (chenille, milliners, embroidery, and tapestry) for each of you but if you have your favorite needles, please bring.
- Favorite stitch tools. Bring your \*thimbles, \*scissors, etc. Things that you usually have in your embroidery kit and can't stitch without. If you're new to the medium, please contact me at [anntilley@gmail.com](mailto:anntilley@gmail.com) and I can provide you with a basic list.
- \*Pens, \*pencils, and \*notebook. Bring along your favorite sketch pens/pencils and a small (12" or so) sketchbook for taking notes.
- Fabric scissors
- \*Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)
- \*Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the week)

***All Items marked with an "\*" are available for purchase in the Supply Store***

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

In accordance to Arrowmont's COVID-19 policies, Arrowmont recommends that all students bring multiple face coverings in accordance to the CDC guidelines (2-ply, cloth face covering). Along with additional masks, students should consider bringing additional PPE that they may need personally, including but not limited to hand sanitizers and gloves. When asked to bring a respirator or N95 for class, please consider the best option for the supply in your area with health care workers in mind.

In addition to the new operating policies due to COVID-19, Arrowmont is providing additional information to students about materials and tools that will be provided in classrooms. If a student already owns the below items and can travel with them, the student can choose to bring these additional items. Arrowmont will provide these items to students but wants to ensure that all students feel comfortable while on campus as some of these items will be shared amongst a class and are not guaranteed to be one per student.

### **SUPPLIES**

- Spray bottle
- C-clamp and squeeze clamps

If a student chooses to mail tools and supplies to Arrowmont prior to the class, the packages will be placed in the student's classroom.

Please label packages clearly, including student's name and class week.

Students can mail packages to:

Arrowmont  
C/O Student Name and Class Week  
556 Parkway  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

### **MATERIALS FEES: \$140.00-\$210.00**

**Materials fees** will be charged for materials used in the studio and/or provided by instructors for use in the studio by the entire class. In order to keep these fees as low as possible, fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class. Materials fees are paid on the last day of class.

**Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor**

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

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