

Empty Spools
2027 Class Information
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Stitch Stampede

Class Description:

(Confident beginner)

Let's Play with Clay and get Stamping!

Create a collection of unique clay stamps using a variety of mark-making tools. Birds and bugs, fish or flowers, a menagerie of animals, houses, or abstract shapes....your design choices are wide-open. Then, using a blend of acrylic inks and mediums, we will print the patterns onto cotton fabric creating a stash of your images in a wide variety of color ways. Paint markers can add detail, refining the designs. These prints will be free motion and/or hand-stitched then arranged and attached to a background fabric. My preference is to use free-motion machine stitching but this process will also be beautiful with simple hand-embroidery. You might choose to make one larger composition, several smaller ones, or mount them in a book format or a scroll. Come explore this easy, unusual fabric printing technique and make some magical art.

Materials/kit fee \$45:

All materials will be provided for the project.

- Polymer clay
- Cotton fabric to print on
- Lightweight cotton canvas for backgrounds
- Acrylic felt
- Freezer paper
- Parchment paper
- Drawing paper
- Acrylic paint
- Matte medium
- Foam printing mats
- Inspirational designs and patterns
- Shared use of mark-making tools, paint brushes, acrylic paint markers, embroidery threads and needles, clay ovens, and of course, there will be plenty of chocolate!

Student Supplies:

- Sewing machine with free-motion capability, free-motion or darning foot, regular foot (Sewing machines are available for rent)
- Basic sewing supplies - pins, extra needles (I use top-stitch and denim needles), bobbins, seam ripper, thimble, etc.

- Sewing machine thread - your choice of colors - I use 40 wt. black
- Fabric and Paper scissors
- Art apron
- Fabric for the back side (details to follow)