

Forest for the Trees

A Study of the life of a Tree

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Join me for five full days of stitching in one of my newest creative design class inspired by my new book 'Forest for the Trees'. Design and hand stitch a piece featuring a tree of your choice. We will research the leaves, trunk, berries/nuts as well as the animals and insects that inhabit the type of tree you choose. This workshop is presented as a creative design class, allowing each participant's piece to be unique. Instruction begins with layering techniques, using simple stitches and fabrics for creating a textured background. Next, create your own unique tree, as I guide you through the design process, drawing inspiration from our research and creative inspiration. Last, but not least... Embellish your piece layering with hand dyed wool, silk velvet, silk, linen and cotton fabrics. Challenge yourself by experimenting with a variety of speciality threads, exploring stitches and stitch combinations that add incredible depth and texture to your work.

Supply List

For homework choose the tree you would like to do and start your journal adding pictures and drawings of the trunk, leaves, fruit, animal and insects that inhabit your tree

Freezer paper, pencil and scissors for use with paper

#10 & #19 Short Darning needles for beading and cotton appliqué

#24 Chenille needle for wool appliqué

#18 Chenille needle for couching

#3 #1 & #15 Milliners needles for wrapped stitches

Efina 60 weight cotton thread for cotton and velvet appliqué

Ellana 50/50 wool thread for wool appliqué

Appliqué pins

Embroidery and Fabric scissors

Journal & pen for note taking

Small circle template

1" x 6" ruler

Chalk pencil

Creative Stitching Book

Forest for the Trees Book

Background

Sky and earth colored wool colors

Small pieces of sky and earth colored fabrics - cotton prints, silk, linen yarn dyed fabrics for layering the background

Ribbons to match the color of your background

Appliqué

Different colors of wool and cotton scraps for tree and animals

Assorted small pieces of textural fabrics including hand dyed silk/rayon velvet, silk and linen.

Presto Sheer for stabilizing velvet

Embellishments

Bring and assortment of colorful embellishment threads for background and appliqué embellishment such as Eleganza Perle Cotton, Chenille Yarns, Seagrass, Silken Pearl, Dazzle, Razzle, #24 Silk Thread and #11 Seed Beads