

Zierblumen

(Bouquet of Flowers)

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Class Description and Supply List



Ribbon comes to life as beautiful blooms in this lovely bouquet. We were inspired by an antique chromolithograph print from Germany entitled “Zierblumen,” dated 1894. In this class, we will learn a variety of techniques for transforming ribbon into roses, carnations, fuchsia, pansies, geraniums, and forget-me-nots. We will use back-basting appliqué for most of the foliage, though we will create some leaves using ultrasuede and wired ribbon. Of course, if you have a favorite appliqué method, you are free to use it. Basic embroidery stitches will add the finishing touches. Required kit includes all ribbon and special materials needed to complete the block. Come and join the fun!

Level: Advanced beginner (comfortable with needle-turn appliqué) and above

Complete kit (\$45): ultrasuede for foliage; French ombré wired ribbon; hand-dyed Hanah silk bias ribbon; 4mm River Silks ribbon; Painters Threads hand-dyed twill tape; pistils, crinoline; pattern; detailed class handout.

Materials needed:

- Background fabric of your choice: fat quarter (or 18-inch square)
- Scraps of greens for leaves and stems (consider some fabric with a leaf print for fussy-cutting)
- Pearl cotton #12 or floss in the following colors: greens (light, medium, dark, variegated), yellow, golden yellow, burgundy, teal, and brown

Basic sewing supplies needed:

- Thread for appliqué to match fabrics (We use Aurafil 50/80 wt cotton or Invisafil 100*.)
- Strong thread for ruching and basting (40-50 wt cotton or polyester)
- Needles*: appliqué, #22 or 24 chenille
- Scissors: sharp embroidery scissors and junk scissors for cutting wired ribbon
- Straight pins
- Sewline Trio* (or your favorite marking pencil and a stylus)
- Tweezers*
- Small ruler*

*Items available for purchase



Tea rose



Rose and Forget-Me-Nots



Geranium



Pansies



Carnation



Fuchsia



Original botanical print, 1894