

Vintage Belle

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Class Description and Supply List

Do you have a drawer full of vintage linens and lady's handkerchiefs that you don't want to throw away, but you don't know what to do with them? Well, pull that drawer open, as we have the perfect project! Vintage hankies are used to create these graceful ladies holding a bouquet of embroidered flowers. In class, we will learn how to manipulate the handkerchief into a beautiful skirt, with enough left over to create a bodice and/or bonnet—or you can create your own dress combination with other fabrics for the bodice. There will be lots of design choices based on one beautiful hanky. As an added bonus, we will also learn how to play with doilies and lace trims to create a beautiful frame around your design. You may decide to make multiple ladies and turn them into a quilt. These gals are addicting to make, and you might not be able to stop at just one! There is no kit fee, but we will have a few hanky/background combinations available for sale.

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

Materials needed:

- Vintage handkerchief,* at least 10" x 10"
- 10" square of muslin
- Doilies and lace trims to play around with in class
- 18" x 21" fabric for background to coordinate with hanky. (Make sure there is good contrast between hanky and background.)
- Coordinating scraps for bodice and/or bonnet if not using hanky scraps
- Thin batting scraps
- Assorted embroidery threads to coordinate with hanky for bouquet and hair

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 chenille, large milliners (size 1 or 3)
- Scissors: sharp embroidery scissors, paper scissors
- Straight pins
- Sewline Trio* (or your favorite marking pencil)
- Whisper weight or tricot/Easy Knit fusible interfacing
- Pressing cloth*

Handy but optional

- Portable light box
- Personal iron

*Items available for purchase



Details: bouquets and skirts

