



Thread Painting – Garden Party



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Step into a blooming garden party of flowers, birds, and butterflies—all brought to life with the art of dimensional thread painting.

In this immersive hands-on class, you'll learn to transform a floral garden panel into a stunning work of textured thread art. We begin by exploring thread selection and color theory—how to layer and blend threads to create natural shading, vibrant highlights, and depth in your design.

You'll practice the technique of using threads like paint, gradually building up your image with smooth transitions and dimension. Using your domestic sewing machine, you'll master freemotion quilting with both zigzag and straight stitches to outline, blend, and sculpt each element of your garden scene. We'll also touch on optional embellishments such as crystals or metallic threads to make your garden sparkle.

Whether you're adding feathery detail to the bluebird, delicate shading to the flower petals, or a textured center of the daisies, this class gives you the techniques and confidence to bring your thread-painted garden to life.

Techniques Covered:

- Thread blending for shading and highlights

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- Building texture and depth with dimensional stitching
- Freemotion quilting (zigzag and straight stitch)
- Stabilizer setup and machine preparation
- Embellishing with optional crystals or specialty threads

Let your creativity bloom in this joyful and artistic class, where your stitches will make the garden sing!

Kit Available - Required

Kit Fee: \$125

Kit Includes: Large Exclusive Digitally Printed Panel, and all threads for top and bobbins.

Sew Machine – Required

You're welcome to bring your machine, or sewing machines are available for rent at \$99 for the week, including two empty bobbins to get you started. Please note that rented machines must stay in the classrooms, and friendly on-site support will be available to assist you. Be sure to reserve your machine when you register, and no later than 60 days before the event. If you did not reserve a machine during registration but wish to do so, please contact a Registration Coordinator at 270-898-7903 by July 31, 2026.

Required Supplies

- [Basic Sewing Supplies](#)
- Machine- in good working order. Oiled and cleaned. Please bring Manual to help with possible machine issues.
- Free motion foot/ Darning foot (Machine and foot must be able to do zig-zag).
- 1/4" foot
- Open-toe foot
- 90/14 needle
- Extra EMPTY bobbins (minimum 5)
- Scissors to cut threads
- Needles- Topstitch #90 (Janome Machines need Purple Needle)

Optional Supplies

- Gloves
- Table sliders
- Other items you prefer to use while Freemotion Quilting

Fabric Requirements



- Batting and Backing - 32" x 28"
- Practice Quilt Sandwich - 12" x 12"

No pre-cutting Required

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