

Whimsical Animals by Sheila Rauen (Call if you have questions (865) 577-9463)

June 6, 2009-9:30-3:30 at Farragut Town Hall

In this workshop we will focus on using solid and textured fabrics to develop an appliqué design featuring a bird, tree, leaves, and animal. The animal choices are a cat, dog, or rabbit. The fabrics will be customized using a variety of techniques such as fabric paint, free motion embroidery, hand embroidery, and quilting. We will also use some of the decorative stitches that are built into your sewing machine.

This way of working can be compared to watching a Polaroid picture develop. The quilt design gradually develops and you learn to “listen” to it as you make decisions for each step in the process.

Due to time constraints, fusible appliqué will be used but other types will be discussed. Satin stitch, decorative stitches, and free motion sewing will be used. **The students need to have a good basic knowledge of their machines and a free motion embroidery/darning foot and the ability to drop or cover the feed dogs. You should bring your instructional manual that goes with your sewing machine.**

SUPPLY LIST

Basic sewing supplies

Paper scissors

Sewing machine with darning/embroidery foot, straight stitch foot, open toe appliqué foot (if you have one or the foot you use for appliqué)

Pencil

Fabric pencils or markers for dark and light colored fabrics

Sewing machine needles (I use Schmetz embroidery needles (Size 75/11 or 90/14) or topstitch needles (Size 80/12)

Bobbins

Assorted decorative threads such as Sulky, Superior, YLI, Isacord, etc. Bring what you have don't go out and buy them, we can share with each other

Assortment of fabrics for the tree (brown), bird and animal (desired colors), leaves and ground (green), flower (desired color)

A kit will be provided that will include: The kit cost will be \$10.00.

Pattern

Steam A Seam II

Tracing paper for positioning guide

15 inch square of light blue background fabric, backing, and batting

1 spool of Bottom Line bobbin thread

Stabilizer

Practice sandwich