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Art Basket Fusion

This is a project class to learn to assemble a fabric wrapped cord basket and we will use different techniques to embellish them.

Supply List

- Sewing Machine: clean and well oiled
- 1-2 extra bobbins
- Zig-Zag sewing foot & zig-zag plate if needed for your machine
- 100ft Cotton clothesline cording The two brands I use are: Ace Hardware 7/32 x 100ft Braided Cotton/Poly Core and Amazon has Koch 5620727 7/32 x 200ft Cotton/Poly Core
- Approximately 1 yard of various fabrics – you choose your colors. I prefer batiks because they don't ravel much. I also love to mix my colors. You will be using 1" strips either 20" long or 40" long, so bring a variety of favorites. You can choose to be monochromatic or mix it up. (see sample pics)
- 2-3 spools of Thread in Cotton or Rayon to either match or contrast with your fabrics
- Topstitch needle in size 90/14 or Teflon coated Jeans needle size 90/14
- Scissors
- Medium size rotary mat
- Rotary cutter and 6"x24" Ruler
- 10-12 Medium binder clips (available at Staples) or use small Clover Wonder Clips
- 5-6 Large Clover Wonder Clips if you have them
- Pin cushion with pins
- Thimble (a must have to get your needle thru the layers when adding embellishments)
- A small pair of baby pliers (used to pull a hand needle thru the basket layers)
- A Needle Grabber (these are made by Clover and found in the notions area of your craft store. They are little rubber circles that help you "grip" and pull a needle thru fabric)

Supplies for Embellishing your basket (below). Don't run out at purchase lots, we will just use little bits of things and can even share. Here are items that work well for me:

- Ribbon both satin and/organdy and small pieces of Trims, Braids, Gimps, Rat Tail etc.
- Misc. Buttons (go raid your button jar!), you can also bring Shells, Twigs, Gears, Charms etc.
- Beads in different sizes like 6, 8, 10 and 11 (I'll have small combo bags available for purchase)
- Beading Needle size 10 short (avail. at Bead Stores or I will have packets for purchase)
- Embroidery Needles
- Bead Thread – Silamide or Nymo B (avail. at Bead Stores or I will have for purchase)
- 1-2 yards of yarn fibers or even leather cord

Optional Supplies:

- Rick Rack, Ribbon Floss, Metallic Braids or Cords
- Yoyo templates
- Ott Light
- Chair cushion if needed
- Mag-Eye's or Magnifying Glasses (if needed for beading)

Other:

I'll set up a small table and bring some felt that can be melted into shapes as well as Lumiere paints to embellish felt.

I will have several items available if you would like to purchase them.

- 1) Bead combo mixes
- 2) Shell combo mixes
- 3) Beading Needles
- 4) Beading Thread
- 5) Rat tail in various colors sold by the yard
- 6) Vellux Beading Mats
- 7) Clover Leather half-moon thimbles
- 8) Clover Needle Grabber packs

Feel free to email me at least a week before the class should you have any questions regarding the supplies and I may be able to help you. sewfiber@aol.com

I do keep 5 or 6 of the ACE hardware cording. It is purchased retail and costs \$16.50, let me know in advance if you wish me to bring some for you.

Some Great References and Online Resources:

The Beader's Companion by Judith Durant & Jean Campbell ****BEST Bead book AVAILABLE****
(available at most bead stores or order it online from Interweave Press)

Off the Beadin' Path by Nancy Eha @ www.beadcreative.com

Bead Embroidery by Valerie Campbell-Harding & Pamela Watts

Great places online for fabulous supplies:

Artistic Artifacts: www.artisticartifacts.com

Quilting Arts Online Store: www.quiltingart.com

Cartwrights ...Best Sequins ever: www.ccartwright.com

Shipwreck Beads (in Olympia, WA): www.shipwreckbeads.com

Bead Creative by Nancy Eha: www.beadcreative.com

Surface Design & Textiles: www.meinketoy.com

Artemis Hand Dyed Silk Ribbon: www.artemisinc.com

Embellishment Village (Beads & all kinds of other supplies): www.embellishmentvillage.com