



# Hand Embroidery

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## Materials List

Embroidery hoops, fabric and other materials will be provided in the class. Students will need to bring the following materials to class with them:

- **A pair of Embroidery Scissors:** Regular scissors may work but tend to be too bulky, so it is recommended that students bring or purchase their own small precision scissors like the following:
  - [Precision scissors](#)
  - [Fiskar's thread snip scissors](#)
  - For some flare, you can get [fancy scissors](#) for a reasonable price
- **Embroidery Needles**
- At least 1 **water soluble marker** to transfer your designs to fabric. Other colors exist but blue usually works fine.
- Various Colors of **Embroidery Floss**. Students can purchase a package of mixed colors or buy the floss individually at a crafts store. I prefer to use [DMC brand floss](#) and recommend it.

## Other suggested items but not required:

1. Sequins, ribbons, beads, and any materials that you would like to add as an embellishment. I recommend students wait until the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of class after they have established a design for their embroidery before purchasing any extra materials.
2. Any additional fabric students might want to use, especially if it has a cool pattern you'd like to use in the background of your piece. The fabric should be woven thick enough so that you cannot see through it but not so thick that a needle can't pass through easily. Recommended fabrics for beginners are cotton, muslin, and broadcloth. **Lightweight fabrics and knit fabrics are not recommended.** Again, I suggest waiting until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of class before bringing or purchasing any of these materials
3. A rotary cutter or fabric scissors
4. Any glasses or a headlamp that might be useful if it is hard to see small things. Some table lamps will be available in class.
5. A thimble or other finger protectors. I don't use these, but I also stab myself with a needle a lot.



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