

# Stitching Watercolours

Using pieces of fabric instead of watercolours, participants will create a textile painting combining a subtle colourwash background with machine appliquéd flowers or abstract shapes. Basic design principles and colour choices will be discussed and colourwash techniques will be demonstrated. Instruction will be given for satin stitch, soft edge and 3-D appliqué along with thicker thread machine embroidery.

## **Requirements**

Please bring pictures, sketches, simple flower drawings or other subject material relevant to the design of your quilt. I will provide patterns for roses or iris but students can appliqué any flowers or shapes of their choice.

Sewing machine in good working order, machine manual, tools and accessories, **including darning foot and quarter inch foot.**

Pen and notebook, pencil, eraser

Rotary cutter, ruler, cutting board, small square (6 ½ or 4 ½ inches) only if you have one

Pins – lots and lots of straight pins

1/2 metre of fusible web - e.g. Steam a Seam, Wonder Under, Vliesofix

Neutral coloured thread to blend with back ground fabrics

Embroidery threads – to match flower colours or proposed foreground fabrics– (Kit flowers are oranges and yellows, leaves - green).

Spare machine needles, scissors (paper and fabric), quick unpick

1 metre of Tear –away fabric stabilizer –available from the tutor.

## **Fabric for background**

Small pieces of fabric that blend well from one, two or even three colour families. Eg – purple to blue to green and range from light to dark. It is important to have linking fabrics, that is fabrics that contain more than one colour eg, purple and blue fabric and blue and green fabric. You will need the equivalent of approximately 9 fat eighths

## **Fabric for Foreground**

Small pieces of fabric suitable for appliquéd flowers and leaves or abstract shapes.

A kit of hand dyed and painted fabrics is available for the Frulingsmorgen quilt (class sample). Cost is AUS \$65 -includes, Tear –away stabilizer, pattern and photo. There will also be a range of hand dyed fabrics for sale

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