

Apple Blossom Pin Ball



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Class Overview & Goals

Celebrate the emergence of Spring with the Apple Blossom Pin Ball!

Embroiderers in the late 17th century had a variety of surface and needle lace stitches at their disposal to add to the beauty of their Raised Embroidery masterpieces. **Apple Blossom Pin Ball** introduces the student to the Buttonhole stitch, a key stitch for learning needle lace. Students will also learn the Van Dyke stitch, a beautiful variation of the Buttonhole stitch which can be used in a variety of ways to create texture and interest to any embroidery. The pin ball is worked on silk shantung with Gloriana and Au Ver a Soie silk threads, and finished with velvet ribbon.

Goals:

- Students will learn Buttonhole Stitch, Fly Stitch, French Knots, Stem Stitch and Van Dyke stitches. While they won't be able to complete the project in class, they will practice the techniques and gain confidence in their abilities.
- Celeste will demonstrate stitches and work one-on-one with students to ensure understanding.
- Complete instructions for finishing the pin ball will be provided.

Finished Product:

A 3" diameter pin ball. The 2" circular embroidered design is also suitable for an ornament or insertion into a box.

Pre-work:

No pre-work is required.

Kits include fabric, threads, needles and finishing supplies. Students should bring a 4" hoop, a 6" square doodle cloth (optional), sewing thread and magnification to class.

Kit Fee: \$25

Level: All