

**Brisbane Exhibition Centre, South Bank**

**Classes Times: 9.30am to 4.30pm**

**Lunch: 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

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FRIDAY, May 29

ONE DAY CLASS

### **Basic Freehand Machine Embroidery**

With Ken Smith

**Skill level:** From beginner level

Students will explore and gain confidence in the basic skills and classic stitches of FME, from posture and managing the work-piece to technical understanding of the stitches, together with some exploration of further possibilities.

Students will leave with the above knowledge and samples of the techniques covered.

Relax! Free of the pressure to produce an instant masterpiece, you can discover with Ken the excitement of freehand machine embroidery - without the “safety net” of a presser foot and feed dogs. You’ll then be on the path to discovering machine embroidery as a form of artistic self-expression. This is a technique-based class.

**Tutor will provide** the following:

There is no kit as such, but the tutor will have for sale some supplies for use in class: hand-painted silk fabric (\$12.50 per quarter-metre strip 25cm x 112cm) and hand-painted silk yarn for heavy-thread work (\$5 per 20m skein).

The tutor will also supply (at cost price) the specialist needles (130N, size 100) required. These are not widely available. Price dependent on that paid at the time, but about \$1.60 each.

**Students are to bring:**

- Plenty of machine needles (universal), 70s and larger
- 0.5m each of:
  - Paper-backed bonding web (Vliesofix)
  - Firm (but not stiff) fusible Vilene
  - Fusible Pellon (batting: H 640; the thicker one)
- Scissors for fabric and paper
- If you own a Bernina, bring at least several bobbins
- Pins (preferably stainless-steel lace or wedding-dress pins)
- Notebook, pencil, sharpener, eraser and ruler
- A selection of threads, including practical sewing threads (cotton, polycotton or polyester), machine-embroidery threads (eg, rayons or decorative polyesters like Mettler Polysheen), glitter and metallic threads, No. 8 Pearl cotton. Be sure to include at least three tones of a colour – and don’t forget black!
- A couple of satay sticks and toothpicks
- Pressing cloth and an old towel
- A couple of metres of Gladbake
- Safety specs if you do not wear glasses
- Cash for any supplies purchased from the tutor, see above. No credit facilities available.
- OPTIONAL: rotary cutter, quilter’s board and rule.

Note. Sewing machines and accessories will be provided by our sponsoring machine companies.

However if you wish to bring your own: it must be cleaned and oiled and you will also need to bring all equipment, accessories and spare bobbins. A flat bed, No. 9 and No. 24 presser feet, 5 bobbins, knee-lift and a darning foot that suits your model of machine is essential. If you are unfamiliar with these items, ask at your local sewing centre.

**Suggested for your comfort:**

- Cushion in case your chair doesn’t suit your height.
- Bring a non-spill water bottle.
- Label your possessions with your name.

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