

MATERIAL GIRLS of the Program Team PRESENT:

Handy Dandies for the Adventurousome Quilter Mar. 2011

EMBELLISHMENTS:

NEEDLE, fabric & THREAD; bobbles, BANGLES & BEADS; OH my!!

Add dimension to your quilt; and you will start to look at everything with an artist eye;

You'll notice found objects and repurposed them on your art quilt.

Basic Embroidery Stitches: running stitch, backstitch, blanket stitch, seed stitch, French knot and so on. These stitches are not just for crazy quilts, they add a twist to the tradition block, features to the art quilt and that personal touch no other quilt from that same pattern will have. Varying thread colors and sizes also adds interest.

Raised fabric techniques: Experiment with thread wrapped wire for petals or wings, folded fabric origami, trapunto, or stumpwork to make your quilts POP!

Yarns, ribbons and threads: Couching yarns and decorative threads, dotting ribbon in place with a French knot or bead, Ribbon embroidery flowers and bugs all add extra interest and appeal. These components are fun to create and a playful delight to others.

Bobbles & Bangles: I always search the beads & trinkets on sale at the craft store. I buy trinkets for a dollar or 2 for use in my quilts. I have raided my husband's collection of old keys, bolts and washer. I even once used the little parts from a computer board in a quilt. Lost an earring? Use the other in a block center or on a crazy quilt.

Beads: basics or fringed; as accents or special effects, beads add a touch of whimsy and dash of excitement. Most can be applied with basic embroidery stitches.

***Some information in Handy Dandies for the Adventurousome Quilter may have been obtained from the websites listed in the Wickedly Wonderful Websites, and is intended to encourage quilters to explore those links.**

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Wickedly-Wonderful-Websites

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Embellishments

Silk ribbon <http://www.pintangle.com/journal/2005/5/28/crazy-quilt-embellishment-with-silk-ribbon.html>

Tutorials http://www3.telus.net/mnepper/main_tutorials.html

Short good article: <http://www.beadindaily.com/blogs/daily/archive/2010/04/12/try-something-new-combine-beads-and-art-quilting.aspx>

Fabric painting <http://cathiefilian.blogspot.com/2010/05/fabric-printing-with-dishwasher-gel.html>

Fabric dyes natural <http://hillbillyjillies.blogspot.com/2009/07/dyeing-fabrics-naturally.html>

Embroidery <http://www.embroidery-methods.com/bead-embroidery.html>

Beading <http://home.flash.net/~mjtafoya/projects/edging/edging.htm>

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http://beadwork.about.com/od/beadingstichtutorials/ss/bead_embroidery_stitch_tutor.htm

Beading <http://www.guidetobeadwork.com/book/index.html>

Basic bead size chart <http://www.embellishmentsinc.com/tips.php3?topic=10&s>Show>

Beading http://beadwork.about.com/lr/beaded_embellishment/799290/3/

Beading <http://3dbeading.com/flowers.shtml>