



# Creative Finds for Creative Minds

## June Machine Explorations

June's class will use decorative stitching techniques to design and make clamshell borders. We will focus on techniques for decorative stitching and applique, building on the stitches learned in the February class. If you were unable to attend the February class we recommend you review pages 31-45 of the "Machine Magic" book and take time to make a personal stitch dictionary to discover which stitches you like on your machine. During class we will practice making a clamshell border on fabric you bring with you, for a start on a placemat, pillow, or other project you choose to finish at home. If you have questions, please email [sales@ArtisticArtifacts.com](mailto:sales@ArtisticArtifacts.com) with "ATTN: Katherine Nichols" as your subject line.

Artistic Artifacts will provide the following for use by students in this session: Decorative threads, fabric scraps, stabilizer, Misty Fuse, cutting mats, irons and ironing surfaces

### Student Supply List:

- **Book:** [Machine Magic: Get the Most from the Decorative Stitches on Your Sewing Machine by Deborah Louie.](#)
- **Stitch dictionary** completed in February class.
  - As noted above, if you missed that class, you can catch up by creating a stitch dictionary as described in *Machine Magic*
- **Fabric:**
  - scraps of solid color fabric, 5 in. x 5 in. minimum size. Some scrap fabrics will be provided for class use, however you may want to bring your own scraps if you have specific colorways you'd like to work in
  - one larger piece of background fabric, such as a fat quarter, for a base for the clamshell appliques, either a scrap fabric or a fabric that you'll finish into a placemat or other project at home. A solid color or a small print is recommended to contrast with the clamshells
- **Thread:**
  - Bobbin wound with DecoBob or other 80-weight or 100-weight thread
  - 12-weight threads will be supplied in class—you may want to bring some colors of your own to coordinate or contrast with your fabrics.
- **Needles:** universal needles, size 100
- **Sewing machine** in good working order, foot pedal, power cord, portable machine table that came with your machine, and all necessary accessories. Remember to bring your knee lifter!
- **Presser feet:** BERNINA #1C or #1D or open toe embroidery foot
- **General sewing supplies:**
  - small scissors or snips
  - seam ripper
  - marking tools for both light and dark fabrics
  - pencil and pen
  - pins
  - tweezers for pulling up the bobbin thread
  - all-purpose scissors
  - *Optional:* small applique scissors with duckbill blade
  - *Optional:* Tear Away Tape