Elly's Elegance

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These four blocks are inspired by blocks created by Elly Sienkiewicz in her Baltimore Elegance book. Creating them in wool was a joy and privilege that was graciously given by Elly herself. While each block is done with wool applique, we have also added ribbon skills in every block. Three-dimensional leaves, a new flower we have never taught before, and some very fun embroidery stitches are just a few of the things we will cover in this session.

Skill level: Advanced beginner to advanced

Required ribbon kit fee: \$15—includes 3.5 yards bias ribbon, ultra suede, and velvet Optional kits:

- Wool **\$18**
- Thread by Weeks DyeWorks, Painters
 Threads and DMC \$30
- Complete kit: wool, thread, ribbon, & pattern **\$60** (does not include background)

Basic sewing supplies needed:

- Thread for appliqué (fine cotton, silk, or poly—we use Aurifil 50 or 80 wt cotton or Invisafil 100 wt) to match fabrics
- Strong thread for ruching and basting (40-50 wt cotton or polyester)
- Needles: appliqué, #22 chenille,
- Scissors: sharp embroidery scissors, paper scissors
- Straight pins
- White gel pen, chalk pencil (or your favorite marking pencil)*
- Small ruler
- Paperbacked fusible web
- Freezer paper
- Teflon pressing sheet*
- Light box (optional)

*Items available for purchase



Our family tree and all its blooms.



 $Learn\ how\ to\ make\ this\ beautiful\ 5\text{-}petal\ posy!$

Materials needed for block:

Cotton-

• Four 13" squares for background

Wool-

Family Tree

- Green 4"x5"
- Brown 7"x9"

Tulips

- Green 6"x10"
- Red 4"x8"
- Blue 5" square

Raked Ruched Rose

- Green 9" square
- Light green 3"x6"
- Pink 2.5"x6"

Lyre Wreath

- Green 5.5"x9"
- Lighter green 3"x8"
- Orange 3" square

Threads—

- Floss: medium variegated green, variegated brown, light green
- Pearl cotton #8: navy
- Pearl cotton #5: variegated yellow and red



Silk and wool combined makes for a beautiful flower.



Simple embroidery adds so much!



A little velvet adds a touch of elegance to this flower.



We will play with 3-dimensional leaves.



A floral center composed of an assortment of threads.