

# Sew & Sew Retreats

and creative textile workshops

Fiber Art Class:  
Delightful Felted Ornaments  
Half Day



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# Introduction

Make your own ornaments this year in this workshop guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit. We'll create delightful felt ornaments with lovely embroidery patterns. Use as gifts or home decorations.

The intent of this class is to teach participants how to embroider and finish off felt to make ornaments.

## Summary of Class

Create delightful embroidered felt ornaments just in time for Christmas. Felt ornaments make great gifts and add a personal touch to any tree.

Will make at least three and as many as six ornaments, depending on participant's skill level. With a little sketching or tracing, embellishing, embroidery and stitching, everyone will have fun making these charming ornaments.

## Class Outline

- Introduction
- Review ornament pattern handout
- Learn variation of embroidery stitches and embellish felt
- Cut into ornament shapes
- Stuff and finish off with blanket stitch or running stitch
- Final questions and discussion

## Class Goals

- 1) To work with felt, embroider and embellish, and receive multiple ornament patterns
- 2) To have fun as we prepare for the Christmas season

## Class Size & Space

- 1) A class size of 25 participants is manageable.
- 2) Some embroidery background might be helpful.
- 3) An area with a flat working surface of 24"x24" for each class participant is best.

## Time

4 Hours (Half-Day Workshop) – Allows time for introduction, teaching embroidery stitches, embellishing fabric, any clean-up and final questions and discussion.

# Costs for Kits

Total kit cost per participant is **\$25.00**. Kit will include:

- 5 Squares of Felt
- 4 Skeins of Embroidery Floss
- Pearls, Beads, Sequins
- Buttons
- 1 Miniature Hanger
- 1 Packet of Embroidery Needles (Comes with 6 in packet)
- Printed Embroidery Stitch Instructions
- Patterns for 5 Ornaments with Finishing Instructions

# Materials Students Need to Supply

- Small scissors
- Needle threader – wire
- Thimble – optional

# Teaching Fee

I'm happy to offer Full Day or Half-day Workshops for Guilds, Symposiums, Retreats, etc.

- \$275 per day for full-day workshops
- \$130 per day for half-day workshops

# Felted Ornament Photo Examples



# Endorsements

**Roxanne Terranova**

**Executive Assistant – South Milwaukee School District**

"I have had the opportunity to take lessons from Linda Sweek recently in fabric baskets and embroidery. Her instructions are clear, easy to understand, and complete. Within 15 minutes I was making my fabric bowl! She was extremely patient teaching me how to embroider, providing not only written instructions, but hands on instruction, watching my technique and providing immediate feedback so I was able to achieve beautiful results.

I have purchased several pieces from Linda Sweek Designs. Each is a one-of-a-kind art treasure. From the pillows, to purses, to wall art, everything has been crafted as if a part of Linda was going with them. The craftsmanship is stellar and the designs are truly spectacular. When I am looking for the perfect gift or a special treat for myself, I shop at Linda Sweek Designs!"

**Debbie Lemke**

**Enterprise Solutions Collaboration & Learning Manager – Northwestern Mutual**

"Linda's art always has that little bit of extra – usually a bit of whimsy – that catches me/you by surprise. Sometimes it's in an extra attachment (a charm or ribbon or button) and sometimes it's an artfully-placed stitching detail that captures your attention and makes you want to emulate it in your own designs. I'd love to take a class from her to tap into that creative eye, to gain an understanding of how to look at something ordinary – a tea towel, a scrap of fabric, a pile of bric-a-brac – and learn how to turn it into something captivating and extraordinary."

**Lynne Stern**

**Marketing Communications Manager – Bradley Corporation**

"Linda is a talented, insightful individual with many strengths ... she has a warm, out-going personality and she is an excellent relationship-builder. Linda always maintains a professional attitude and inspires others to succeed. Working with her was a very positive experience."

# Bio

## Linda Sweek

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After a successful 25-year career in marketing, public relations and communications leadership roles, Linda Sweek has had the good fortune of pursuing her passion of fabric and mixed media art for the past five years and starting her own business – **Linda Sweek Designs**. Besides fabric and mixed media artistry, Sweek does custom sewing, teaches workshops and is the founder and host of **Sew and Sew Retreats**.

Sweek started to embroider at the age of eight – to her it was like painting a canvas. Additionally, her grandmother, who was an artist, took her to art museums and galleries for instruction, and welcomed Sweek into her studio to work with clay, pastels, and acrylic paints. Applying this knowledge of studio art, Sweek's preferred medium became textiles.

She has been privileged to exhibit her work in several juried art shows including the "Second Fiber Arts Biennale: Wisconsin State of the Art" 2015 at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Grace Fine Arts Festival and Milwaukee Third Ward Gallery Night's. Her work is sold in numerous gallery's and gift shops. Awards received include Martha Stewart American Made 2014 Award Nominee, Best of Houzz - 2014 Badge Award Winner, and multiple Wisconsin State Fair first, second, third place ribbons in textile categories.

Sweek has a bachelor's degree in professional communications with honors and a minor in liberal arts from Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She also studied textile and folk art in the U.S., Mexico and Europe, and has explored art at 22 museums from Paris to Florence, Vienna to London, Chicago to Honolulu, New York to Mexico City and beyond.