

Kinga's Top 5 Tips for Bead Embroidery!

Keep these tips in mind as you practice the lessons from this course!

1. Tie knots Often.

In case you ever need to do the frog stitch (rip it!), you won't have to undo more than necessary if you tie knots between different steps.

2. Thread Length.

I know it's a pain to thread needles. Never the less, you don't want to have an unmanageable length of thread. More is not always more. A super long thread leads to knots and tangles, and in a class setting it can also lead to stabbing the good people located in your stab zone.

3. Sticky Stuff.

Do not be stingy with your glue. I know it is tempting to apply a tiny blob in the center of whatever you are gluing and then just hope that the bead fairy will keep your project together. That just won't do. Think of spreading peanut butter on a toast. All the way to the edges, baby!

4. Haste Makes Waste.

We all bead at a different pace. It is not a race, so ease into it, and enjoy the process. And there is such a thing as too much, even when it comes to beads. Don't forget to get up once in a while, stretch your back and neck, and if your eyes start crossing, it's time to set things aside. When you are tired, it's easy to make mistakes too, and "overdo" things. If are feeling cranky and tired, set things aside and sleep on it.

5. Perfectionism-Be-Gone!

Everyone goes through different stages of creating from "this is the best thing I have ever done" to "I am going to rip this apart and set it on fire". It's only natural. But it is all too easy to focus on inconsequential, minute details that you will never ever see again, once you are done with the project. Know that not every "mistake" is a mistake. There are some you just have to let be, and learn from them in the future. And when you have spent hours and hours on something, and you still hate it, just set it aside overnight, or a day, or a week; as long as it takes to gain a fresh perspective. You might still want to take it apart, but chances are that if you give yourself time, you will see the good outweighing the bad, and can make it work.