# THE FIFTH LAYER

The fifth layer isn't just about baubles and beads. It is consciously adding the finishing elements to the 4 layers of a quilt that you worked so hard on. This is your opportunity to bring the quilt to life by enhancing and emphasizing specific areas, add movement and texture, and to create a conversation between the viewer and your work.

We will spend the day exploring unusual ways to add interest to your work with fabric manipulation, embroidery and big stitch thread work, inks and stamps, and yes, a few baubles and beads. Students are encouraged to bring an unfinished work to discuss in individual conferences on how to add a successful 5th layer.

Supply List:
There will be a $5 kit available for purchase. Please let me know by email if you would like one at patisfried@gmail.com. The kit will provide muslin and batting to create small exploratory samples for future reference. There will also be an assortment of threads and embellishments to try new techniques. **If you choose to not purchase a kit, please bring muslin, batting, perle cotton threads and any buttons or beads you choose to experiment with.**

Fine point permanent marker
Small, sharp scissors
An assortment of large eyed and/or self threading needles.
Needle threader and thimble if needed.
2-4 12x12" squares of fabric - These could be denim, flannel, linen, or whatever you would enjoy doing handwork on. Choose colored fabrics of light/medium to dark. Also choose one cotton fabric with an interesting print to use as a backing, while using the design as your stitching template. Kaffe, oversized graphics, stripes, dots and large florals all work well.
Optional:
A small assortment of beads or buttons to add as embellishment.
Embroidery floss, Perle cotton, or any interesting thread you have to play with.
Any project that you are currently working on that you would like to discuss adding a Fifth layer to.

Please feel free to email me with any questions you may have. Patisfried@gmail.com
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