



Finishing Classes

for Shops & Retreats



There's never been a better time to offer a finishing class.

With the ongoing industry backlog of finishing needs, client interest in self-finishing due to timing or budgetary reasons, and an emergence of extremely DIY content online, adding a self-finishing class to your shop schedule is an excellent way to support clients in their craft. Provide your clients with experience finishing in a true “shop style” with no glue, acid free materials, a beautifully tight cord, and no canvas showing.

About me

Amanda Metes is a Grosse Pointe, Michigan-based needlepoint finisher. She's committed to helping needlepointers discover the magic of needlepoint finishing through her online tutorials and in-person workshops. She's been offering professional direct-to-consumer finishing services and workshops since 2023 and launched online tutorials in 2024.

About my instructional style

I am a very down-to-earth and approachable instructor. I focus on encouraging all participants and help our very “Type A” clients trust their abilities! I think everyone can turn their projects into finished objects they can be proud of (within reason). I firmly believe that self-finishing can be a great complement to trusting the expertise of an LNS on more intricate or heirloom pieces.

Round Ornament Class

Overview

Learn how to finish your own round needlepoint ornament in a true “shop-style”. We’ll be using a no-glue lacing technique and only acid-free materials, ensuring your needlepoint can be enjoyed for years to come. You’ll leave the workshop with a beautifully finished ornament and the confidence to try it again on your own. No previous finishing experience is necessary.

Class Length

2 hours

Attendee Maximum

Approx. 10-12, contingent on what your space allows, but I wouldn’t want to exceed 12 to ensure hands-on instruction. Some LNSes may prefer smaller classes and that’s OK with me too. Depending on interest, we could run 2 sessions on a Saturday - one before lunch and one after lunch. If there's a lot of interest, I could add a Friday afternoon session, too.

Participants Should Bring

A completed 4 inch round canvas, blocked

- If you’d like, we can also offer a blank canvas kit upon registration, suitable if attendees do not want to practice on their own work (add \$5)
- I include blocking instructions in my “welcome to class” video mentioned below.

Optionally students can bring:

- Desired backing fabric, measured 1 inch wider on all sides (6x6 for 4x4). Recommend a not stretchy material. Thin materials like quilter's cotton, velveteen, or silk work great. (Only if attendees have a preference, I will also provide)
- Two skeins of DMC Floss or DMC Pearle (only if the attendee has a color preference, materials kit includes white)

I have a “welcome to class” video that covers these items and is an easy thing to send out to registrants in advance. Reduces questions the shop may get and provides them with an improved experience even before class starts!

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Participant Kit

Each participant kit includes all materials needed in a high-quality, reusable vinyl zip-top bag.

- 2 sheets of Acid Free 4 Ply Matboard
- 2 layers of cotton batting
- Backing fabric
- 2 skeins of white floss for cording
- 1 card of lacing thread
- A length of 6lb fishing line
- Needles
- Printed color reference guide with QR codes and links to step-by-step video instruction
- High-quality vinyl zip-top project bag
- Code for 3 months of ongoing finishing resources on the Finishing Fairy blog (see below for more info)

Community supplies include scissors, rulers, compasses, Lacis cording makers, jigs to create cording, pencils

Collaborative Promotion

With a professional background in marketing, I will co-drive participants to the workshop on my channels including: Email, Instagram, and TikTok. I can also provide guidance on setting up paid advertisements if desired.

All figures as of January 6, 2025

- Email list size: 1,700
- Instagram: 4,100
- TikTok: 1,200

Ongoing Learning Resources

Optional: All attendees will receive three months free to the Finishing Fairy Substack which hosts detailed project tutorials, troubleshooting help, and the support our learners need after their first finish to continue their journey.

Other Topics

Beginner

- Square/Rectangle Ornaments (2 hour class)
- Coasters (no loop) (2 hour class)

Intermediate

- Special Shaped Ornaments
- Acrylic Foot Standups (2.5 hour class)
- Gusseted Standups (4 hour class)
- Gusseted Ornaments (3 hour class)



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