

Supply List, Needle Lace Sunflower
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Center

- Lizbeth 40, color 692 brown

Petals

- Unfortunately the sample was made with an old ball of anchor size 40 that doesn't exist anymore (and its label disappeared so I'm not sure what to suggest from your stash. It's a golden yellow, much like DMC 972). Lizbeth color 613 is lighter/yellower and color 611 is darker/golder, but either would be attractive. I found that Olympus Special Gold No. 40 Thread, color 503 is quite close in color, though it's a bit thicker. I'm going to experiment with it soon to see how it works for the petals. I bought it from A Twisted Picot. <https://www.atwistedpicot.com/shop/p/6749sza0p5rn1obykhtb8vnyi5jlot>
- I used Lizbeth 40, color 611 for the final cordonnet outline.

Notes on size

- The thread size for the petals isn't crucial; one or two more rows of solid stitches won't matter much.
- The stitch used in the spiral is four rows, including the first basic row over the outlining threads. To get all four rows of stitches in and get the same pattern, your thread size and gauge will need to be similar to mine. In the first class we'll practice the stitches in some straight samples so you can judge if the flower pattern needs to be enlarged, or possibly reduced, to match your tension and thread.
- I haven't tried it in size 20 yet, but I hope to well before class so I can give you a starting size for that thread also.

Pattern and preparation

- I will send the pattern and instructions by PDF. I worked on white paper, but a light blue or green would have been better. Perhaps just prepare the practice areas first until you know if you want to change the size of the flower.
- If you have a favorite way to prepare your needle lace, please use that technique. If you're not sure, I printed the pattern on regular (colored) paper and covered it with matte contact paper. I basted it to a few layers of plain cotton fabric, like muslin, because I find it easy to curl up the piece as needed while I work.
- Please couch a double thread around the practice rows and petals before class. Any color working thread and sewing thread will do.

Other supplies

- Tapestry needle, about size 24
- Sewing needle and thread
- Scissors, optional needle threader

And...

- I don't know how many hours we really need for this class. If we need to run long or add another session, I'll be glad to do that with no extra fee. The perils of taking a new class!