

SPRING TULIPS – EAC/ACB-OWNED PROJECT

INTERMEDIATE - BLACKWORK

by Colleen Darling

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Spring Tulips blends classic technique with gentle creativity. You will be working with tulle, fabric markers, fabric paint and embroidery floss, and choose your own blackwork filling patterns from the curated collection provided. Each decision shapes the tulips' curves and shadows, allowing you to build depth in a way that feels personal and expressive. As the petals take form, the piece begins to echo a quiet garden scene, tulips swaying in a light breeze.

Project Details

Techniques: Blackwork and mixed-media

Stitches: running stitch, backstitch, whipped backstitch, stem stitch

Kit: Optional partial kit available, containing painted fabric with pre-printed design and green tulle. No threads included.

Supplies Needed:

- 28cm x 41cm (11" x 16") white or antique white 32 count linen
- 15cm x 15cm green tulle
- DMC stranded cotton in 602, 603, 604, 701, 702, 703 or your own choice of light, medium and dark shades for the petals and the leaves/stems
- sewing thread in mid-blue
- #24 or #26 tapestry needle
- #9 or #10 embroidery/crewel needle
- water-soluble fabric marker
- acrylic fabric paint in your medium petal shade
- small flat paint brush
- embroidery and fabric scissors



An invitation to play with light & line

About the Artist

Colleen Darling is an award-winning embroidery artist and teacher based in Ontario, Canada. Known for her expertise in counted thread techniques, she is the author of the EAC/ACB's Intermediate Hardanger, Intermediate Blackwork, and Basic and Advanced Counted Thread courses. A dedicated member of the Orillia Stitchery Guild, Colleen has contributed to the EAC/ACB in many ways, offering both administrative leadership and creative guidance.

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