



The ABC's of Stitching

February 28 – March 8, 2026

The Great Lakes Region of the Embroiderers' Guild of America invites you to join us for our "Seminar at Sea" – an 8-day Carnival cruise, visiting [Aruba](#), [Bonaire](#), and [Curacao](#)!



ITINERARY

Our 8-day cruise consists of four days of stitching at sea, and three days to explore the beautiful Caribbean, with stops in [Aruba](#), [Bonaire](#), and [Curacao](#)!

Day 1: Board the Carnival Horizon in the port of Miami, Florida. Ship sails at 4pm ET.

Day 2 & 3: With the ship at-sea, registered stitchers can enjoy our dedicated space to stitch and socialize. Optional 2-day class, *Rustling Leaves*, offered by featured teacher Kathy Rees.

Days 4, 5, and 6: Port days at our three destinations! Planned excursions are available through Carnival, or you can explore on your own.

Day 4: Aruba

Day 5: Bonaire

Day 6: Curacao

Days 7 & 8: With the ship at sea, registered stitchers can enjoy our dedicated space to stitch and socialize. Optional 2-day class, *Copper Diamond*, offered by featured teacher Kathy Rees.

Day 9: Arrive back at the port of Miami.

GLR SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Registration for the ABC's of Stitching is **\$50** for EGA members and **\$75** for non-EGA members. Your registration reserves your seat in our dedicated stitching area during our four days at sea. Two optional 2-day classes are also being offered by featured teacher Kathy Rees. See the following page for details.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://forms.gle/9vZCzJU28vwHyTH37>

You will receive a link to pay your registration fee (and class fees, as applicable) after you have submitted your registration form.

Your registration does **not** reserve your cabin aboard the Carnival Horizon! Please see the section titled *Cruise Reservations* for information on how to book directly with Carnival.

2-DAY CLASSES

We are delighted to announce that **Kathy Rees** will be our featured teacher for the cruise! See her full bio at her website: [Needle Delights Originals](#)

Kathy will be offering two 2-day, intermediate-level classes. You may register for one, both, or none, but make sure to register early, as space is limited!

There will be a **\$50** teacher fee per student, per class, plus the kit fee(s) for your selected class(es).

Rustling Leaves (below)
2-day class, sea days 2 & 3
Design Size: 4" x 12"
Kit Fee: \$115

Copper Diamond (right)
2-day class, sea days 7 & 8
Design Size: 12" x 3.5"
Kit Fee: \$120

****limited seats available!****



GUESTS

Have a spouse, family member, or friend who wants to cruise with you? Bring them along!

Guests who would like to join us in our dedicated stitching space (whether they will be stitching or not!) **must** register for the seminar using the form linked above. Guests who will not be joining us in our stitching space do not need to register for the seminar.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airfare and hotels are not included in your GLR seminar registration or your Carnival cruise reservation. Carnival offers booking assistance for airfare and hotels, or you may book these on your own. It is **HIGHLY ADVISED** to arrive in Miami on **Friday, February 27th**, to ensure that any unexpected travel delays do not cause you to miss the ship. The ship will leave **promptly** at 4pm on February 28th, and will not wait for late guests.

A PASSPORT IS REQUIRED to travel to the Caribbean. Your passport must be valid for at least **six months** beyond the date of our return. If you do not have a valid passport, or if your passport will expire prior to September 8, 2026, we suggest you start the process of applying for or renewing your passport now, at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>.

CRUISE RESERVATIONS

You **MUST** book your trip **by phone** with Carnival Cruises – this is NOT included in your GLR registration fee!

We will be sailing on the [Carnival Horizon](#). All cabins include two twin beds (convertible to a king) and include a sitting area, private bath with shower, TV, telephone, hair dryer, and 110v / 220v electrical outlets. Additional amenities vary by cabin type. Information about ship amenities, shore excursions, etc. is available online.

We have reserved a block of cabins at a guaranteed rate. **All cabin prices include cruise fare, taxes, and port fees.** Extras such as wi-fi, drink packages, and shore excursions are not included in these rates. Rates are based on double-occupancy; call for solo rates. Options are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is an additional required gratuity of **\$258** per cabin. A **\$250** refundable deposit per person is due at booking. This cruise is totally refundable should you need to cancel before November 30, 2025.

Interior (Deck 7): 3 configurations available, from \$979/person to \$989/person + gratuity

Oceanview (Deck 1): 1 configuration available, \$1,164/person + gratuity

Balcony (Deck 7): 3 configurations available, \$1,404/person to \$1,419/person + gratuity

BOOK YOUR CABIN NOW BY CALLING CARNIVAL CRUISES:

1 (800) 438 – 6744, extension 70229

Booking # R9RX15

(Monday – Friday, 9am – 8pm Eastern time)

You **MUST** use this phone number to book your room; do not book online!!

Prices may vary if we need to reserve additional rooms. Premium cabins may be available; rates will vary and are not guaranteed. If you would like to book a premium cabin, call the number above to reserve your cabin, and have the agent add your cabin to our room block.

KEY DATES

August 15, 2025: Last day to register for the ABC's of Stitching!
All registrations, teacher fees, and kit fees must be paid in full.
****Registration and teacher fees are non-refundable after this date!****

September 1, 2025: Registrants will be notified if final registration numbers do not support the offered classes. Refunds of teacher and kit fees will be issued for any cancelled class(es).

November 30, 2025: **BALANCE DUE** to Carnival Cruises! (Deadline to cancel with full refund.)

CANCELLATIONS

Your GLR **registration fee, teacher fee(s), and kit fee(s)** are fully refundable if you cancel your registration on or before **August 14, 2025**. If you cancel on or after August 15, 2025, you will receive a refund of your kit fee(s) only. You will not receive a kit if you cancel your registration.

Your Carnival Cruises **\$250 refundable deposit** and any other payments made toward your trip cost are **fully refundable** if you cancel before November 30, 2025. Trip insurance is available for purchase through Carnival.