

Quilting Designs by Machine

Class list

We will make practice pieces only. Most quilting will be free motion using a darning foot with feed dogs down. We will make few marks on top of the quilt sandwiches.

- Fabric “sandwiches” – Bring 12 – 15, 12” square or larger. Bring only solid fabrics. Muslin is fine, but you will want 2 pieces of darker colored fabric. Use cotton batting for best results. No need to baste these sandwiches.
- Sewing machine in good working order, cleaned and oiled.
- Instruction book for your machine (in case we need to problem solve).
- Extension table for your machine (you cannot quilt on just the free arm). If you do not have an extension table, bring books and/or magazines that you can place around your free arm to make it a flatbed
- Darning or free motion foot. This is a spring action foot, also called a quilting foot.
- Walking foot.
- Machingers brand quilter’s gloves. Be sure to get the size that fits you perfectly. There should be no webbing between your fingers. You can thread your sewing machine needle with these gloves on. You will love these gloves for quilting! OR I will provide “grips” that work just fine.
- Basic sewing supplies, including tweezers.
- Children’s rounded point scissors (I use Fiskars, but not the pre-school variety – the ones with slightly more pointed tips. Do not purchase the ones with the rubbery handles. They’ll stick to your fingers when you want to drop them!)
- Paper and pencil for doodling
- Permanent marker like Sharpie (not ultra fine)
- Water soluble or air erase marker
- Thread: good quality regular sewing thread will be fine. Do not buy bargain threads, as they usually are made up of shorter strands, break more easily and deposit more lint in your machine. You may try invisible thread (YLI or other very fine thread, .004 weight) if you wish, in the top or bobbin. I have discovered The Bottom Line by Superior, a polyester bobbin thread that comes in many colors and gives a nice look on the top of the quilt also. If you use thread that matches your fabric, you will not see your mistakes. If you use contrasting threads you will see everything! (This is also easier for me to see how you are doing.) *Please bring contrasting threads for the top and bobbin so we can adjust your tension, if necessary, at the beginning of the class.*
- Bobbins: bring extra for contrasting or invisible thread.
- Needles: I like Schmetz topstitch (expensive, but easy to thread), quilting, or microtex size 80/12 or 70/10. The smaller the needle, the smaller the hole it makes in your quilt. Size the needle to the thread you are using.

Pillow to sit on

Contact me if you have any questions.

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