

Machine Quilting the Modern Way

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- Sewing machine-it is a good idea to bring an extension cord or power strip, just in case

IMPORTANT!!!!!!

•PLEASE be sure your machine is in good working order with even tension, cleaned and properly oiled. It is imperative to machine quilting to have your machine running well. Be familiar with your machine. Know how to adjust the tension, drop your feed dogs, and attach the different feet. Check with your dealer BEFORE class if you need any help. Bring your machine manual so we can refer to it if we need to. Please come with the appropriate attachment (or foot) for free motion stitching!!! You CANNOT do this technique without a free motion stitching capable machine!!! It is only fair to all students that you come knowing how to use your machine.

- Fabrics-

Muslin- 2 pieces, approximately 15" X 15" each

Solid color cotton- 2 pieces approximately 24" x 24"

- Batting-light to medium weight

- one piece 15" X 15"

- one piece 24" x 24" I prefer cotton for my quilts, but you may practice on whatever you like. Polyester batting can be more "squirmy" .

- Free motion Quilting foot - to fit your machine - this is essential for free form quilting. Please be familiar with how the feet attach to your machine.

- Quality Machine needles- I like a topstitch or quilting needle, a size 12 or 14 usually works best. (bring more than one, just in case!) NOT universal point!

- Thread- off white in color, and a color to blend with your chosen solid color fabric. I prefer a lightweight thread. A close match in color is a good idea as it is more forgiving. :-) It is easiest to use the same thread in the bobbin. DO NOT buy cheap thread, it will break easily and frustrate you.

- Masking tape or painters tape

- Marking pencil- lead pencil, a chalk pencil, or a washout marker to show up on the muslin, a chalk or other washout marker to show on your chosen solid.
- Ruler- approximately 18" in length, (this is for marking purposes only, not rotary cutting)
- Scissors or thread snips
- Safety pins- size one (one inch) nickel plated, approximately 50
- Pencil and paper (several sheets of computer printer paper or a sketch book on which to practice drawing the quilting designs)
- If your machine has a removable, flat surface that is of manageable size to carry, it is helpful.
- Any other sewing items to make you comfortable