

Free Motion Machine Quilting

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Come and learn the basic techniques needed for successful free motion quilting. Batting, thread, needles, and machine set up will be discussed in class. You will take home reference samples, confidence and lots of ideas for quilting your next project.

Supply list

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- **Sewing machine**-it is a good idea to bring an extension cord or power strip, just in case
- **Darning or Quilting foot** - for your machine- this is essential for free form quilting. Please be familiar with how these feet attach to your machine.
- **Machine needles**- size 80/12 sharp point, NOT Universal point (bring more than one, just in case !)some needle companies list a comparable needle as size 11
- **Thread**- off white in color, you may bring a contrast thread, this will help with determining tension problems (tension in the machine, not in YOU :-) DO NOT buy cheap thread, it will break easily and frustrate you. We usually start with cotton thread.
- **Masking tape**
- **Marking pencil**- lead pencil, a chalk pencil, *or* a washout marker to show up on the muslin.
- **Scissors**
- **Safety pins**- size one (one inch) nickel plated, approximately 50
- **Muslin**- 4 pieces, 15" X 15" each
- **Batting**-light to medium weight, 2 pieces 15" X 15". I prefer cotton for my quilts, but you may practice on whatever you like.

- If your machine has a removable, flat surface that is of manageable size to carry, it is helpful.

• **IMPORTANT!!!!!!**

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- **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.**

