

BEGINNER'S TOOL KIT

For machine quilting on a domestic machine
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Welcome to the beginning quilting class where we will utilize Joy Quilts to learn the basics of Free Motion Quilting and Quilting with a Walking Foot. Kits including top, batting, backing and binding will be provided.

It is our goal to provide you with an opportunity to practice a variety of techniques on small quilts that will be donated upon completion, instead of practicing on a quilt top that you have worked so hard on to create. It's really all a matter of experimenting and practice!

Some of you probably already do some machine quilting and are not really beginners. If you do have a quilt top that you want to work on, feel free to bring it to class and we can make a plan to get you working on that at the appropriate time.

There are all sorts of tools, supplies and gadgets associated with machine quilting. It's absolutely endless! You do not need to go out and buy tons of stuff! First see how things are done, and then determine what types of tools work best for you. We may or may not use some tools that you have seen others use. Whatever helps you, is exactly what you need.

MACHINE

For **free motion quilting**, you need a machine that allows you to lower the feed dog. If not, there is a cover for the feed dog that you can get for some machines that will work. I've used one on a very basic Singer. You will also need a special foot. Check your manual to see what it's called. Sometimes it's called a darning foot, others are called a free motion foot! It's nice if your machine has a needle down option. If not, you will need to be aware of always stopping with the needle down! Multiple bobbins that fit your machine. Size 12 or 14 machine needles.

For **quilting with a walking foot**, you obviously need a machine that has a built in system that engages, or a separate walking foot designed for your particular machine. Multiple bobbins that fit your machine. Size 12 or 14 machine needles.

TOOLS

Fabric cutting scissors

Small scissors or clippers

Orange sticks, knitting needle, or purple thang (to assist in getting fabric under the presser foot)

2-inch safety pins (for the small Joy quilts not too many). But, when you are working on larger quilts, you need lots and lots of safety pins.

Container for your safety pins

Seam ripper

1 to 1 ½ inch wide masking tape or painters tape. For larger quilts you will want wider tape.

Various colors of all-purpose thread. Include some neutral colors. Some people always use 100% cotton—but not me. I use cotton covered polyester or 100% polyester (whatever I have that doesn't cause me trouble when I start sewing)!

Clips for binding—metal or plastic. I have both and now prefer the colorful plastic ones!

Hand sewing needles and thimble if you use one

Pin cushion or magnetic pin holder

Long sharp straight pins (I like the type with flat flower heads)

Colored pencils, pens or chalk that can be erased

ONLINE HELP

YouTube—Easy Mitered Corners for Quilt Binding (Quilters Magazine)

YouTube—How to Join Binding Ends With No Overlap or Bulk (Bonnie Browning) or **(Quilt Fabrication) EASIEST TO UNDERSTAND and shows the mitered corners, too!**