

Beginning Machine Quilting with a Walking Foot

Learn the basics of machine quilting, using a walking foot, by hands on practice with a small quilt top. You will learn how to baste your quilts, and a variety of designs that are easy to quilt with a walking foot, from stitching in the ditch to designs using straight lines or gentle curves. You will be able to complete your quilts with confidence after this class.

Supplies:

Sewing machine in good working order, with walking foot that you know how to attach. Some machines have this feature built into it. Please consult your instruction book or dealer if you are unsure about how to attach or engage the walking foot, and practice attaching it before class day.)

Extension table for your sewing machine if you have one.

6 Quilt Sandwiches (See reverse for details) (any batting ok.)

Approximately 25-30 basting pins. Please bring #2 size pins which has about 1" of pin space. These are not the tiny brass pins. Please do not bring larger pins-they are too big for this job. Size #2 curved basting pins are ok.

Kwik Klip - tool used to close safety pins (**Optional**, but is kind to fingers.)

Size 75/11 or 80/12 Quilting or Sharp needles for your machine.

Spool of good quality cotton thread in a color of your choice. A slight contrast with the muslin fabric will be helpful for class.

Two bobbins already wound with above thread or bobbin thread such as Bottom Line

Thread scissors or snips

Machingers Quilting Gloves or gardening gloves with nubs on the finger tips or rubber fingertips

Notebook or paper and pencil for note taking

Please Note: The most vital part of machine quilting is a sewing machine in good working order and the required foot attachment! Please test your attachment before class.

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How to Prepare Quilt Sandwiches

Please **come with 6 quilt sandwiches (14"x18") prepared** using muslin as explained below, or if you prefer to use other relatively plain fabric you have on hand, you may use that.

(Cut **2 yards** of muslin into ½ yard lengths. Cut each ½ yard vertically into 3 rectangles approximately 14x18".

Premark your rectangles

First, press all fabric so it is smooth.

Use a blue water-soluble pen or white marking pencil (if your fabric is a dark color). Or pencil. Make sure you can see your lines.** (DO not use an air erasable marker...it might evaporate before you get to the quilting!!)

- Mark 2 fabric pieces with horizontal lines one inch apart on the entire piece, using blue washout marker, or pencil

Make the Sandwiches (no...this is not lunch yet!!)

Make 2 sandwiches using the above 2 marked pieces as the top fabric for the sandwiches, 2 batting pieces and 2 14x18" fabric pieces, placing pins in each sandwich about a fist width or about 4 inches apart, or use the spray baste to assemble your sandwich following the instructions on the can.

If using spray baste, you will need to spray the backing first, put down the batting square, then spray the batting, and put the next muslin piece on top, creating your sandwich. (If using spray basting, please do that before coming to class. We don't want to spray indoors at the teaching location.)

Make 4 sandwiches using 8 plain fabric pieces and 4 batting pieces.

** For class it's not critical, but when working on a real quilt you should test your marker on fabric samples from the quilt to be sure the marks will come out after you have finished quilting.

If you have ANY questions before class, please catch me at a SBSQC meeting, email me, or give me a call. Secondwindquilts@gmail.com 360-477-8580

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