

**CLASS:** Tree of Life

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**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- Sewing machine (extended bed helpful but not essential) (please know how to adjust presser foot pressure on your machine)
- Walking foot, and darning or machine quilting foot Black thread works best for most of this project
- Thread (standard sewing thread is fine - good contrast with fabric)
- 80/12 sewing machine needles (topstitch is first choice)
- Masking tape or painter's tape (1") (we can share)
- Small safety pins (but not too small - you have to close the little buggers!)
- 1 plain fat quarter cut in half for practice (2 pieces - 18" x 11")
- Mike will bring batting and backing for you
- Optional - bring a project - wall hanging, lap sized or larger - a cheater panel is fine - with batting and backing (please don't pin anything until class)

**TOPICS COVERED:**

- Quilt preparation
- Domestic machine quilting strategies
- Feathers without marking
- Background possibilities (life beyond stippling)
- Using rulers
- Ergonomics