

Beginning Machine Quilting
#413
July 11, 2024
Colleen Blackwood
jc.blackwood@gmail.com

Learn skills that will enable you to quilt your own projects in the future! Class projects will be "sandwiches of 18 x 22 " of fabrics or muslin" – not an actual quilt.

Please bring the following to class:

1. Sewing Machine - with instruction manual .
2. Walking foot and darning foot for the machine
3. Size 90 topstitch needles – new needles. I will talk about different needles in class.
4. Thread – that doesn't match the fabric you are using – we want the stitches to show.
5. Fat quarters of fabric for both the top and bottom layers of your practice pieces - we will layer them in class – or – use squares of leftovers from your stash – please make sure they are at least 12 – 15" square – bring enough for 2 or 3 practice pieces.
6. Batting – the same size as sample fabrics for practice sandwiches.
7. Pencil or marking device.

I use the following products – there will be a discussion of products and informative books during the class.

Needles: Topstitch needles – size 80 – 90

Machinger brand or some other brand of quilters gloves that will improve your grip on the fabric.

Mettler, Auro-fil, or Presencia threads for solid colors – King Tut or Sulky Blendables for variegated threads. I love the rayon threads and the poly sheen threads – great effects.

I recommend the purchase of a good instructive machine quilting book to add to your library – Sue Nickels, Harriet Hargrave, Angela Walters and Cynthia Needham all have comprehensive books with excellent illustrations.

I use 1" safety pins for the layering process – pinning class practice pieces is not necessary -