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Heirloom Feathers & Backgrounds

2-Day Studio Workshop

Experience Level: This class is geared towards the confident beginner up to the advanced free motion quilter.

One of the best loved quilting designs of all times is the feather and it seems to be one of the more difficult ones to beautifully quilt. I LOVE to quilt feathers and I enjoy making them my own by adding special touches and details. I also enjoy filling my open spaces with beautifully detailed background designs. It's usually a beautiful background that provides the "WOW" factor to a quilt.

On the first morning I would like to start with a detailed lecture on thread education and how to use all different types of threads in your machines. Then you will start learning how to design and quilt heirloom feathers and how to add personal touches to make them your own. We will take a break and then I will teach you how to create heirloom style backgrounds. I will turn you loose for the remainder of the day to quilt a small sampler on provided Cherrywood quilt sandwiches.

On the second morning I will teach you how to create your own quilting designs using The Ultimate Stencils. You will design and create your own star medallion on the provided 18" fabric square. This exercise is a LOT of fun and I know you'll enjoy it. I will also be teaching how to use the Ultimate Borders and the Ultimate Shape. The remainder of the day is spent with quality time at your sewing machine working on your Cherrywood piece and/or your star medallion.

If you have ANY questions prior to class please feel free to email me at any time. Please reference quilting in the subject line so I am certain to open your email. Thank you!

Hugs, Cindy :)

Things to Bring to Class

- Sewing Machine.** Please be sure that your machine is in good working order!
Be sure to bring your darning foot, power cord and foot pedal too!
- Extension Table.** Optional but helpful!
- Usual sewing notions.**
- Threads.** I will have Superior Threads available for your use.
- Quilt marking pens.** I use and recommend Frixion pens or the blue Mark-B-Gone.
- Sketch Pad.** A sketch pad with a spiral binding is recommended. I have found the best way to learn a design is to sketch it out first and quilt it second. Bring a black ink pen for drawing.
- Practice Panel.** If you would like to practice some of the techniques before quilting them on your Cherrywood quilt sandwich, please bring a practice panel with you. A solid light colored fabric is recommended. A lot of students have appreciated having this practice panel in class!
- Quilting Gloves.** Almost 100% of my students use gloves for quilting. If you don't use these please bring something else that will aid you in providing traction for your quilting.
- Sense of Humor!** Very, very important!!!