

Introduction to Machine Quilting

An Adventure In Free Motion Machine Quilting

Beginning Level

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Objective of this Class: In this class, you will learn to quilt loops, curves, designs, free motion straight lines and simple stipple by using your home sewing machine. You will also learn how to follow a design, both continuous and beautiful heirloom feathers. You will learn the art of Heirloom free-motion machine quilting. Today's quilts are tomorrow's heirlooms.

Supply List:

- 6 each 14" squares with backing and batting. The 6 squares of fabric should be plain fabric without any design on it. The backing fabric should be plain but does not need to be expensive fabric. Note: Plain fabric or a Moda Marble type will be fine. This will enable you to see your stitch quality and you will be able to see your progress as you develop your quilting style. **DO NOT** use batiks or patterned fabrics for this lesson. **Muslin is fine for this lesson.**
- 1 each completed Ohio Star Block with a piece of backing and batting to fit the block. Make the Ohio Star block out of fabrics of your choice, something you'd like in your home. Backing fabric of your choice. Separate Directions Included.
- Recommended Battings: Quilters Dream Cotton, Cotton Theory 80/20 blend
- Sewing Machine in good working order with instruction manual. For ideal machine quilting you should be able to drop or cover your feed dogs.
- Darning foot for machine or any open toed foot. If unsure, bring all of your feet for machine.
- Plexiglas surround for your machine. (Can be purchased at Cottage Quilts) or a small surround that comes with some machines is fine. (This is optional but is desirable)
- Scissors (small) For machine quilting, I recommend Snip Eze – spring action scissor, available at your quilt shop.
- 1 pkg. Schmetz Microtex Sharp #70 machine needles
- Assorted decorative threads for top stitching such as Robinson Anton Rayon, Aurifil Cotton Thread, Superior Threads, etc. Look for 40 wt. or 50 wt. threads for top. **No variegated thread please.**
- Spool of either Aurifil Thread #50 wt or Superior MasterPiece thread for the bobbin thread. Does not need to match fabric. Better if it is an opposite color to enable you to see the progress of your work.
- Blue water soluble marking pen or white pencil for marking your design. (Must be water soluble). **Do not use purple air erase marker.**
- Safety pins (just a handful)
- Ruler for marking straight lines (3" x 18" recommended) (Optional)
- YLI Clear nylon monofilament thread for ditch work.

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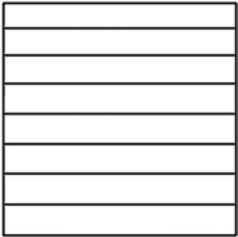
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Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of class to allow plenty of time to set up your machine.

Instructions for Pre-marking your squares:

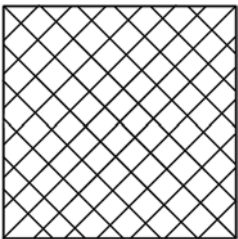
Use either a blue water-soluble pen or a white marking pencil. Make sure you can see your lines and lines can be removed with water after you have finished quilting.

- Mark (2) squares with horizontal lines, one inch apart on the entire square.



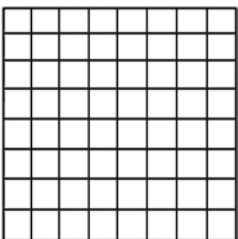
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- Mark (1) square with diagonal lines in both directions one inch apart.



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- Mark (1) square with vertical and horizontal lines one inch apart.



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- Leave the 2 remaining squares blank until class.

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