



“Crazy Quilting using your machine’s decorative stitches”

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Supply List



This is primarily a technique class, but you can easily make this into a lovely project afterward, if you have something in mind. We will be mastering using our character decorative stitches on our sewing machines. We will use many, many of them to embellish the seams of our crazy quilt blocks, as well as decorate the open spaces in our fabrics within the blocks. For those who have them, we will use the sensor pen (Crescendo/Destiny, & Brother equivalents) to accurately stop stitching at seam intersections. Others (Solaris & Luminaire) will use the “End Point Stickers” to stop their stitches accurately.

We will use several different methods of constructing the crazy quilt blocks themselves (piecing on paper patterns, improv piecing on muslin, piecing on adding machine tape). We will experiment with various types of stabilizers to find the one/s that you like best for getting the results you like best once we are stitching the seams and embellishing the blocks with stitches.

Fabric

You may want to use a focus fabric to guide your selection of 7-9 fabrics. You may use scraps but some need to be up to 3" wide. You may want to consider using ties, ribbons, velvets, silk, sateens. Thrift stores are a good source of blouses and ties with fabrics to use. Solids are effective, as are prints; it all depends on the look you are going for.

If you are thinking of a crazy quilt project, perhaps consider a theme. Fall? Holiday? That might guide your fabric selection. Then, what would you use your crazy quilt blocks to create? A wall hanging? A tote? A vest? This will guide you in the size and shape that you will piece your crazy quilt creation.

Embroidery Threads& Stabilizer

- Embroidery bobbin thread (60 weight), white or black
- Embroidery thread, with colors to match the fabrics in your block, with colors both lighter and darker than the colors in the block
- If you have variegated thread options, bring them to consider
- If you have heavier weight thread options, bring them to consider
- I used "Select TearAway" successfully. Its temporary fusible was perfect.

Supplies

- Neutral thread for piecing
- Add-a quarter ruler is helpful, but not required
- Rotary cutter and ruler 6 ½" x 12 ½" or whatever you usually use
- If you have an 8 ½" square ruler, bring it, or 12 ½" (Not required)
- Sewing machine (one with a laser light is helpful), power cord, foot control, your manual with list of decorative stitches
- Variety of needles. You may want to try some of my thicker threads and would need a 90/14
- Bring the standard "J" foot (Brother/BL) as well as the "N" foot