



Class Name: Dream Big Flower or Leaf Panel FMQ – For Both the Bring Your Own Machine or Q20/7 Series Experience Classes

Instructor: Karen Hodge

Supplies Required:

Hoffman Dream Big Flower or Leaf Panel of your choice – The Quilt Crossing has a variety of flower and the leaf panel in many colorways

Backing fabric of your choice to complement the panel – 1 3/4 or 3 yards ** (See comment below.)

Batting --- Using a double batting really accentuates the quilting designs. Use one layer of 100% cotton or 80/20 cotton/poly blend batting (Dream or Hobbs) and one layer washable wool batting (Dream or Hobbs). The panel without borders is 42" X 42" so choose the size of batting accordingly.

Border fabric – A border is totally optional with these panels. The class models show the flower without a border and the leaf with a border. It is really your personal preference.

Quilting thread –

- I recommend a thinner thread such as Aurifil 50 wt or Glide 40 wt for both the top and bobbin. You may want to wait until class to select thread since thread choices will be covered in the class discussion.
- If you choose the Autumn Leaf Panel, we have a thread kit of small spools of Glide thread specially selected for this panel.

90/14 Top Stitch machine needles (I prefer the Superior Titanium Coated needles but a regular top stitch needle is fine)

Air-erasable marker

Sewing machine, free motion foot for machine, thread snips, quilting rulers if you want to use them but not required, and a large eye or self-threading (Sench) sewing needle for burying threads. Bernina Stitch Regulator for Bernina Owners if you have one.

Supreme slider or other type of Teflon mat for machine bed

Quilting gloves or whatever tool you use to move your quilt while free motion quilting

***** You may find it helpful to bring practice quilt sandwich squares, such as, 10x10 or 12x12 in case you want to practice a design before moving to your panel.**

**** Purchasing fabric for the back** - Both panels are about 42"x42" prior to quilting. You may get away with 1 3/4 yds of 44" wide fabric if you do not have a border. If you are concerned about the width of the backing fabric, then purchase 3 yards and piece the back with a single seam. You will have quite a bit of extra which you can use for the binding if you want. If you include a border around the panel, then you will need to recalculate the amount of backing fabric needed.

Class Preparation:

Before class, you should baste the panel, batting, and backing together using your preferred method. The wool batting is on top of the cotton batting so the loft accentuates the quilting. I prefer to pin baste but do what you prefer. Please note that *you will not be able to spray baste in the classroom*. If pin basting is new to you and you want Karen's help, please contact Karen directly to set-up a time.

Pre-washing the panel and backing is not necessary. Do not prewash your batting.

If you are concerned about the panel being square, you can watch the YouTube video by Hoffman Fabrics, "Squaring up Hoffman Fabrics Panel." I've quilted many of these panels and have found each one to be "square" enough if I am not adding a border and I'm trimming them square after quilting.

For the All Day Class (10:30 to 5:30pm) Feel free to bring a lunch and drink.

Optional but helpful supplies:

Karen will provide some drawings of free motion designs for your to practice. You will also find these books very helpful:

Organic Free Motion Quilting by Amanda Murphy

Free-Motion Meandering by Angela Walters

We appreciate it when you buy your class supplies from us - these purchases enable us to offer a robust class schedule and keep your dollars local.

Cancellation Policy: We must commit to our teachers and to other students one week before the class begins so we can't give refunds or transfers after that time (unless we can fill your spot from the waiting list). You are welcome to send someone in your place if you are unable to come. If enrollment has not met the minimum required for the class, we will cancel it one week before the first session. We love your kids but your fellow students left theirs at home and hope you will too.