

LETS GO BOLD CLASS

Suggestions for FREE MOTION stitching while using 12 wt thread:

1. Insert a 90/14 chrome topstitch needle.
2. Thread the needle with 12 wt thread.
3. Optional: You may also use 12 wt thread in the bobbin.

Here are some suggestions for using 12 wt thread in your bobbin:

- Slow down while winding your bobbin
- Use a second bobbin case. You don't want to adjust your standard bobbin case.
- The tension on your standard bobbin case is set for standard sewing thread which is a 50 wt thread. The 12 wt thread is of course thicker so the tension will be too All bobbin cases have a tension arm on them and a screw near it to adjust the tension. Some are inside the bobbin case and some are on the outside. Locate that tension arm and screw. Using a small screwdriver, turn the screw an 1/8th of a turn to the left to loosen the tension.

4. Set your machine for Free Motion stitching. Some machines have a button you can push or a setting in your settings menu. If you don't have those settings, drop the feed teeth and loosen the pressure on your pressure foot.
5. Attach a free motion foot. Some have a spring on them or some are just a smaller foot. You choose which works for you.
6. Bring the bobbin to the top.
7. If you have a single hole stitch plate it helps.
8. TEST first. Use scraps of your fabric and batting to test your stitch.
9. Place fabric under pressure foot, lower the needle and bring it back up to bring the bobbin thread through and to the top of the fabric.
10. TIP...The more the needle is up the easier it is to move the fabric. So...when doing free motion stitching keep it moving. Give it some "gas" and start moving your fabric. Keep the fabric straight instead of turning it to create your stitch pattern. You'll move your fabric up and down and left and right.
11. Stitch a little bit, stop and check out the stitches. They should look similar top and bottom. More than likely with the 12 wt thread in the bobbin, the bobbin thread will be too tight and pulling the top threads to the back. You will see little dots of the top thread on the back. Remove the bobbin case and turn the screw to the left just a little bit more.

Play around and have fun! Wheeee!