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## FLUFF & STUFF

### Workshop Materials List

IMPORTANT: Your quilt top must be pin basted when you bring it to class. There is neither time nor space to baste in the classroom!

#### STRAIGHT STITCHING:

- Lap or twin size quilt, prebasted with small (size 1) safety pins, using a low-loft batting such as Warm & Natural or Quilters Dream Cotton. For ease of basting, make sure that your batting and backing are both at least 4" longer and 4" wider than quilt top, centering the quilt so that there is an excess of 2" batting/backing on all four sides. Do not mark quilt top for quilting.
- Even feed foot (walking foot): If you have not used your foot before, install before class and get your machine technician's help, if necessary, to learn how to install it and to make sure that it is the right foot for your machine.
- Thread in colors compatible with your chosen piece, plus monofilament (I prefer Transfil from Mettler Threads) in clear and/or smoke.

#### FREE MOTION STITCHING:

- At least two muslin "sandwiches" (2 pieces of muslin approximately 18"-20" square with a piece of low-loft cotton batting between them) for practice stitching. If you are a fast stitcher, bring 3-4 of these sandwiches so you won't run out of sewing space. Instructor will provide stencils to mark designs on practice piece.
- Darning foot: There are several different styles on the market. Make sure the foot fits your machine and get a technician's help if necessary. If you can find one, an open toed foot provides excellent visibility. If you have a Bernina machine with BSR capability, bring the foot and all the sole plates that came with it.
- Matching or contrasting thread (your preference, although dark thread on light fabric is somewhat humbling)
- Water Soluble Marker, such as Mark-B-Gone.

#### GENERAL SEWING SUPPLIES:

- Straight pins
- Seam ripper
- Small scissors or thread snips
- Extra safety pins — use small ones; large pins tend to poke holes in fabric
- Extra sewing machine needles, size 80 (schmetz denim needles work very well for cotton batting; microtex/sharps are good for polyester batting)
- Owner's manual for your machine for reference
- Sewing machine — cleaned, oiled and ready to sew!

NOTE: Most machines come with a tray, sometimes called an extension table, that converts the free arm of the machine to a larger flat surface. It is important to bring this to class. If you have a larger extension table and the shop where you are taking this class has the space, bring the larger table.

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