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RULER PLAY 2 – FEATHERS, CIRCLES, & MORE

Workshop Materials List

PREPARATION BEFORE CLASS:

Make a few practice sandwiches by either spraying with temporary adhesive spray or pinning with safety pins. Bring at least two practice sandwiches assembled; if you are a fast stitcher (you know who you are!), bring 3-4 sandwiches.

For each practice sandwich, you will need:

- Two fat quarters fabric in a medium value color, either solid or tone on tone. Using fabric with a medium value color will make it easy to see your orientation markings for accurate ruler placement. Once you are comfortable with the techniques and ruler usage, then you can bring out all the wild things!
- Batting, also fat quarter size; wool, cotton, bamboo will all work. High loft poly batt is not desirable in that it will push the quilt too high, interfering with the ruler process.
- **NOT REQUIRED BUT HELPFUL:** The more of these classes I teach, the more feedback I get back from students that using a slider sheet on their extension table really helps them to move the fabric sandwiches easily while doing ruler work. These sheets are tacky on the back to adhere to your extension table and slippery on the top to help your fabric move. They are easily removable and repositionable without leaving residue on your machine or table. There will be Free Motion Gliders (\$40 for 12"x18" size) available for purchase at the workshop; other common brands are Sew Slip and Supreme Slider. The Free Motion Gliders are very competitive price-wise, so if you don't already own one of these sliders, you can purchase it in class.

YOU WILL ALSO NEED:

- **Westalee Sew Steady Ruler Foot Starter Package (includes ruler foot, 12" Arc Ruler, and Spacing Gauge).** The Starter Package and the various rulers used with it come in low and high shank so make sure you purchase the correct foot and ruler set for the machine you will be bringing to class.
- **Templates Required for Workshop: 10" Spine (#WT-FSPINE10) and 4 Piece Feather Template Set (#WTFS4) in the shank height appropriate for your machine.**
- Thread that will blend or contrast with your practice pieces.
- Water soluble marker, such as Mark-B-Gone. Test on your fabric first to make sure that the marks will show up.
- Ruler for marking orientation lines; 3"x18" or something similar. Westalee also makes a Crosshair Ruler that is excellent for this.
- **Every student MUST have an extension table for their machine. It's impossible to do this work just over an accessory box (most of them curve and then the ruler wobbles) and even worse over a freearm. Different types of extension tables are available... talk with your sewing machine dealer about the different options.**

Rulers may be pre-ordered through your dealer to purchase the day of class.

OTHER WESTALEE TEMPLATES DEMONSTRATED IN THIS WORKSHOP:

Spin-e-fex Feather Set of 4 Templates (#SFXF8X4)

Circles on Quilts Set of 4 Templates (#WT-COQ-SET3)

Hearts Templates Set of 6 Templates (WT-WHRT-6pc)

NOTE: This is a techniques class designed to familiarize the student with the use of the rulers and does not result in a finished project.

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