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RULER PLAY ON A DOMESTIC MACHINE MATERIALS LIST

Westalee Sew Steady Ruler Foot (includes arc ruler) and Sampler Template Set 1. Both of these items 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.

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

Thread that will blend or contrast with your practice pieces

Water soluble marker, such as Mark-B-Gone

Ruler for marking orientation lines; I used a 3"x18", but anything similar would work

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.

For each practice piece, you will need:

- 2 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.
- Preparation before class would be to make a practice sandwich by either spraying with temporary adhesive spray or pinning with safety pins.
- Plan on having at least two practice pieces assembled; if you are a fast stitcher (you know who you are!), plan on making 3-4 pieces.
- **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.

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