



Ruler Work: Template Tasting & Quilting Clinic

Supply List

So many templates, so hard to decide! If you are wondering which ruler work templates would be fun and useful, now you can take some for a test drive. Betsy will bring a selection of rulers from her collection for you to try out on your own sewing machine.

This class will be in two parts. First, you can experiment with ruler work templates on practice sandwiches. Then, the class will tackle the challenges of devising a ruler work quilting design that complements a pieced quilt top. In this quilting clinic, we'll go over thread selection, quilting density, and methods of coming up with a quilting design. Then you can practice on a small quilt of your own or on a quilt provided by the instructor.

Consult the supply list below, so your machine and quilt sandwiches are ready for class.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Ruler Work Quilting for Domestic Machines or equivalent (ask the instructor). You must be comfortable with the basic ruler set and using your domestic machine for ruler work.

Supply List

Rulers

- Ruler foot for your machine (with screwdriver to tighten it)
- Spacing gauge
- Stitching line discs (plus paper and pen or pencil)
- Thumb tack (for spinning templates)
- Straight ruler, such as the 12 in. arc ruler or the centering & border ruler
- 8-point Crosshair Ruler
- Westalee basic template set (for the quilting clinic)

Sewing Machine

Bring your domestic sewing machine in good working order and with the ruler foot installed. You will need an extended flat sewing surface, such as an extension table. Don't forget your power cord and foot pedal.

Notions

- Schmetz Size 90/14 Top-Stitch needles
- Scissors or snips

- Iron-off and brush-off markers that show on your fabric, such as:
 - White chalk marker, either Chacoliner or Bohin mechanical chalk pencil
 - Air- or water-erase pens, such as the Sewline Air Erasable Fabric pens
 - Frixion **felt tip** (not ballpoint) markers in several colors (for white fabrics)
- Large rulers for marking the sandwiches

Fabric

For the template tasting, **bring 4-6 (or more!) prepared sandwiches.**

- Sandwiches are for your future reference, so the fabric doesn't have to match. Prewash or not.
- Sandwiches can be whatever size works for you, but good sizes would be 12x12 in., 14x14in., or fat quarters.
- Spray baste or steam press the layers (safety pins are okay, too).
- Muslin is fine, but medium to darker solids or near-solids make it easier to see the template markings and your stitching.
- Quilter's Dream Cotton or Poly Request Batting. You can mix and match from your stash, but keep track of which batting you used in each sandwich for reference.

Thread

- Choose a color that contrasts with your fabric, so you can see the stitching.
- Use what your machine likes best for ruler work:
 - 50 wt. Aurifil cotton thread OR
 - 40 wt. Omni polyester thread OR
 - 40 wt. Glide polyester thread.
- Thread stand (optional)
- **Bring at least two full bobbins and at least one empty bobbin.**

Quilting Clinic

We will be using real, pieced quilt tops for the Quilting Clinic. We will talk about determining a quilting design and implementing it with ruler-work templates.

- Bring one of your own pieced quilt tops (smaller than twin, please), sandwiched and ready to quilt, plus the thread you'd like to use OR
- Use one of the charity quilt tops provided by the instructor

Questions?

Contact the instructor, Betsy Kulamer, at quilter@kulamer.com.

Capital Quilts Policies for All Classes

- Please do not bring visitors to class.
- Be sure to check your supply list before class. Bring all supplies with you.
- If you must cancel the class, your fee can be refunded **ONLY** if you have notified us at least seven days before the class. The refund will be a store credit. If someone on the waiting list can fill your place, you will receive store credit for the fee, even if you have not notified us by the deadline.
- Capital Quilts reserves the right to cancel a class due to insufficient participation. We require at least two people in a daytime class and three in an evening class. If we cancel the class for this reason, you will receive a full refund of the class fee. (You can avoid this situation by getting a friend to sign up with you!)
- If Capital Quilts cancels the class for any reason, including inclement weather, you will receive an email advising you of this situation. We also post store closings on our website, www.capitalquilts.com, and on Facebook. If the class is rescheduled, you will be invited to come to the new class before the class is opened to public registration. In the event you cannot take the rescheduled class, you will receive a full refund of the class fee.
- Classroom sewing machines are available for rental during a class. There is a \$10 fee per class session. Quantities are limited, so please ask to reserve a machine as soon as possible. Plan to come to the shop early on the day of class so that we can show you how to thread and operate the machine.

