

HANDS-ON MACHINE QUILTING CLASSES



OCTOBER 26-28, 2023

We are so excited to host our fall Handi Quilter Van Event! Join us for hands-on learning on an HQ Amara with Pro-Stitcher. Back by popular demand, Handi Quilter National Educator Nicholas Turcan will lead you to quilting success.

Event Highlights:

- Low student teacher ratio ensures you will get individual attention
- 2 students per machine gives you lots of time to practice during class
- Variety of classes to suit all quilters
- Rare opportunity for hands-on Pro-Stitcher Training
- Tuition buy back - if you upgrade your longarm or purchase a new system before December 31, we will refund your class fees
- New Venue! Hearth Room at St. Johns Church, 2878 St John's Dr, Jordan Station, ON L0R 1S0.

The classes are well suited to those considering purchasing a longarm system and longarm owners. Join us to learn new skills and build your quilting confidence! This will be a hands-on learning environment. Classes cannot be recorded or streamed.

Please call 905-397-9500 or visit Kindred Spirits to register for classes.

Presented by: Kindred Spirits Quilt Co. & Jane's In Stitches
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LONGARM MACHINE QUILTING BASICS

Thursday October 26, 9 AM – 4 PM

Does longarm quilting interest you, and you'd like to learn more about it? Or do you want a refresher of longarm quilting fundamentals? This class removes the mystery of longarm quilting by explaining machine and frame elements and features, how to load a quilt, and vital facts about thread, needles and tension. Handi Quilter longarm machine and frame systems come in various sizes for every budget and are user-friendly because they are designed by a quilter, for quilters – just like you!

Objective: Learn skills that will help you manage your long-arm machine with confidence

Topics Include:

- Basic machine and frame elements and features
- Bobbins, tension, needles and thread
- How to load a quilt onto a frame
- Quilting with Groovy Boards and pantographs
- Rulers, Adjustable and Micro Handles, and basic free-motion

Class fee: \$199, includes lunch



FAST, FUN AND FABULOUS FREE-MOTION QUILTING

Friday October 27, 9 AM – 12 PM
(Morning Session)

Quilters everywhere love the gorgeous texture of free-motion quilting! However, some quilters are intimidated by the blank slate of a freshly loaded quilt. It's easier than you think! You will create flowing designs by connecting simple elements with continuous lines, travelling across the quilt or filling in a specific area. Learn how drawing and muscle memory contribute to beautiful free-motion quilting, and how you can create stunning designs.

Objective: Learn to create free motion designs that can be used to finish any quilt.

Topics include:

- How to develop an inventory of free-motion designs
- Proper scaling and spacing of design elements
- Edge-to-edge free-motion quilting
- Adjusting your quilting path to create your own new designs
- Using Micro Handles and adjustable handlebars for free-motion control

FEATHERS, FEATHERS & MORE FEATHERS

Friday October 27, 1 – 4 PM
(Afternoon Session)

This class will take you beyond the basics and into the unknown! Feathers can be one of the most versatile and interesting designs to fill a space, once you know how to adapt them properly. Together we will explore and learn the many ways you can spice up your feather game!

Objective: Learn different feather shapes, and how to mark variations and spine fills.

Topics Include:

- Marking out different shapes and spaces on fabric
- Come up with creative ways to adapt feathers to stretch and fill them
- Learn different ways to mark (or not!) spine variations and fills
- Learn different feather shapes to add to your quilting arsenal

Full Day Class fee: \$199 for both October 27 classes,
lunch included

PRO-STITCHER BEYOND THE BASICS & ONTO ADVANCED

Saturday October 28, 9 AM – 4 PM

This six-hour class will transform your understanding of computer-guided quilting, whether it is finishing your own quilts or starting a quilting business come see the elegant and precise quilting you can accomplish using Pro-Stitcher.

In the morning we will cover the basics of Pro-stitcher, learning how to use the most common tools to get you quilting quickly, including setting areas, modifying designs to fit blocks, how to set edge-to-edge designs, the proper use of Baseline, just to name a few. In the afternoon we will build on what we started in the morning and learn more of the advanced features of Pro-Stitcher such as using the mark and the record feature, cropping and combining multiple designs, "chunking" borders, and more! By the end of the day, students will fully comprehend the tools available in Pro-Stitcher, allowing them boundless creativity to create everything from simple edge-to-edge to full computerized custom quilting!

This class is for All Pro-Stitcher owners and those interested in exploring the unlimited possibilities of Pro-Stitcher. Students should be prepared for a full day with lots of information presented to them, and they will be given "homework" to go home and practice these new skills. Come prepared to "Pick" Nicks brain, with all of your Pro-Stitcher Questions!!

Class fee: \$199, includes lunch



CLASSES PRESENTED BY HANDI QUILTER NATIONAL EDUCATOR NICHOLAS TURCAN



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TURCAN**



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Nicholas' journey into quilting began in 2012 with one quilt that quickly turned into several, which made him realize that he needed a better way to finish quilt tops than a small, domestic-sized machine.

In 2014, Nicholas purchased the HQ Fusion to help with this task. It didn't take very long to realize that the creativity this machine unleashed from within him deserved to be shared. To further feed his quilting obsession, he took a part-time job at a local quilt shop, where his passion for fabrics, quilting, and designing patterns grew.

He is now a talented longarm quilter who helps his clients enhance their quilts with his creativity. In 2020 he decided to become a full-time quilter! Taking the plunge and investing in Pro-Stitcher Premium allowed him to keep up with the overflow of quilts that started to pour in from every housebound quilter.

Early in 2021, Nicholas set up an in-person classroom and a small filming studio for virtual classes, trunk-shows, and video tutorials. In addition to longarm quilting for customers, he has started to teach free-motion quilting workshops, where students can learn the confidence and skills required to further their own quilting abilities.

For more information about Nicholas, please visit his website www.mysterystitch.com and check out his YouTube channel Mystery Stitch Designs.