

HANDS-ON MACHINE QUILTING CLASSES



NOVEMBER 3-5, 2022

We are so excited to host our first Handi Quilter Van Event! Join us for hands-on learning on an HQ Amara with Pro-Stitcher. 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
- Conveniently located near the QEW at Best Western St. Catharines

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.

LONGARM MACHINE QUILTING BASICS

Thursday November 3, 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: \$250, includes lunch



FAST, FUN AND FABULOUS FREE-MOTION QUILTING

Friday November 4, 9 AM – 12 PM

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

Class fee: \$125 (or \$215 for both November 4 classes)

HANDS-ON RULER ESSENTIALS

Friday November 4, 1 – 4 PM

If you like precision and consistency in your quilting designs, you will love using design rulers! These handy tools assist in placing designs accurately and stitching them out precisely. Learn to handle rulers safely with the ruler base and Sure Foot, and how to achieve accuracy with the markings. The wide variety of Handi Quilter rulers will inspire endless new designs.

Objective: Learn to use rulers & templates safely. See ways that you can incorporate these tools in your quilting

Topics Include:

- Handle rulers safely
- Understand and use ruler markings for precision and accuracy
- Use piecing lines and marking tools to build ruler design confidence
- VersaTool quilting, stitch-in-the-ditch, crosshatch, piano keys, clamshells and arcs
- Apply binding with the HQ VersaTool

Class fee: \$125 (or \$215 for both November 4 classes)

EXPLORING PRO-STITCHER HANDS-ON

Saturday November 5, 9 AM – 4 PM

Pro-Stitcher is an intuitive computer-guided quilting system designed especially for use with Handi Quilter longarm quilting machines. User-friendly and simple to operate, the step-by-step process for each function is easy and fun. Whether finishing your own quilts or considering a quilting business, come see the elegant and precise quilting you can accomplish with Pro-Stitcher. New owners should start here!

Objective: Students use the Pro-Stitcher to create areas, stitch designs, and learn how simple and easy it is to use the Pro-Stitcher.

Topics can include:

- Basic overview of how to use Pro-Stitcher
- Create an area and place a block using Skew, Resize, Xform or Align
- Use the modify tools to make a design fit in any space
- Set up an edge-to-edge design three ways
- Cropping the bottom of an edge-to-edge design
- Basic repositioning and advancing an edge-to-edge design
- Moving your start and end points
- Manage sashings, borders and corners
- Cropping, rotating and resizing designs for customization
- Use Mark and Record to create your own designs
- Combining designs

Class fee: \$250, includes lunch



CLASSES PRESENTED BY HANDI QUILTER NATIONAL EDUCATOR NICHOLAS 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.