

Level: Beginner

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Beginning Free Motion Quilting

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

In this class you will learn and practice the basics of free motion quilting from stippling to 'e's and 'o's as well as other fills to create beautiful quilts on your regular sewing machine.

- How to regulate your stitch speed and fabric movement to create even stitches
- Setting your tensions for different threads
- What threads to use for different looks
- What needle you should use
- Stippling
- Pebbles
- 'e's and 'o's
- Practice other types of fills such as waves, swirls, leaves and feathers
- Build your confidence in your new quilting ability

YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):

- Machine in good working order and with the ability to drop the feed dogs or has a feed dog cover
- Free motion foot/darning foot
- New topstitching (80) or quilting (80) needle
- Fabric marking pens
- Snips or small scissors
- Tweezers
- Quilting thread for needle and bobbin that contrasts your fabric (so you can see your stitches). Berger's carries Cotona
- Gloves, **or** finger grips, **or** something like The Gypsy Quilter Fabulous Fabric Glides to grip the quilt (my favorite are the Wonder Gloves)
- At least 10 blank pieces of paper (to practice drawing your stitches)
- Regular ink pen AND a pencil
- At least 5 Quilt sandwiches: they should be about 18 inches square, a solid color (quilting cotton) for the top, any solid for the backing, and quilt batting (100% cotton or an 80/20 blend of cotton and polyester) in the center. Have them fused together; you can use a spray adhesive, powder heat activated adhesive, or a temporary fusible batting such as Hobbs fusible batting.
- Extension table if you have one-this is optional, but they are very useful
- Free-motion gliding sheet-optional

You can purchase finger grips or gloves from Berger's, but come in early we sell out frequently. For the Wonder Gloves you will need to put in a special order with your size (Xsm, Sm, Med, Lg, XLg) at least 3 weeks in advance.

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