Retreat Packing Checklist

Source: <https://shipshewanaquiltretreat.com/retreat-packing-checklist/>

For your sewing machine –

* Sewing machine, clean and oil before the retreat if needed. Don’t forget the manual.
* Foot pedal and power cord to your machine.
* Extension cord and power strip.
* Extra needles for your machine.
* Bobbins
* Lint brush
* Sewing machine oil
* Little screwdriver
* Extension or tilt table for your machine. *You can use rubber door stops to tilt your machine.*
* Any of the feet you might need for your machine.*Walking foot, 1/4″ foot, zipper foot, etc.*
* Pad or cushion for your chair

**For your projects –**

* Thread for each project
* Button, zippers, batting, interfacing, etc. you might need
* Scissors for cutting fabric, a pair for paper and a pair for cutting threads at the machine or when hand sewing
* Cutting mat, small or medium
* Rotary cutter and extra blades
* Rulers
* Seam ripper
* Thread catcher
* Pincushion and pins
* Hand sewing needles and thimble
* Marking pens and pencils
* Measuring tape
* Masking tape and/or scotch tape
* Basting glue or glue stick
* Basting spray, batting, safety pins and backing if you’re layering a quilt
* Zip lock bags in a variety of sizes
* Travel iron and small board or mat if doing paper piecing, etc.
* Spray starch, sizing or Best Press
* Ott light and magnifier, if needed
* Fabric for your projects. You can pre-cut things at home to save time. Don’t forget some scraps to test out your machine
* Hand-stitching project in case you get tired of sitting at the machine or just want to sit and relax.
* Pattern, book or instructions for your projects

**Misc. Things –**

* Paper, a notebook, graph paper, pens, pencils, felt tip marker, Post-it-notes
* Your glasses! Sunglasses too
* Prescriptions
* Water bottle you can refill
* Band-aids
* Tylenol, Ibuprofen or other painkillers
* Kleenex
* Nail file – you might need it to smooth out templates too
* Hand lotion
* Lip balm
* Camera and battery
* Charging cables for camera, phone, laptop, tablet, etc.
* Stain remover pen
* Clothing you can layer depending on the weather
* Comfortable shoes and slippers
* Snacks to share
* Chocolate!
* Maps or an app on your phone so you won’t get lost