

Taking the Fear out of Machine Quilting – Design Ideas, Tips & Tricks for Success.

Do you struggle with how to quilt the quilts you decide to do yourself? Do you hate to mark your quilt tops? Not sure what threads to use? Looking for new ideas and inspiration? If so, this workshop is for you. Linda has been machine quilting for more than 20 years and her machine artistry has brought many blue ribbons at national shows including Paducah! This hands-on class will help you learn many of the tips and tricks Linda employs every day.

The first part of the class will focus on design ideas and a sketch pad will be helpful as Linda will share many ideas on how she decides what to quilt and how to navigate through the process. Bring a couple of sharpened pencils too because this lecture part of the workshop will be fast and jam-packed full of useful information and design ideas.

Student will need to bring a sewing machine in good working order that has the ability to free motion quilt – any machine quilting experience will help in completing the project and if you have not done any in a while practicing moving the fabric sandwich around at home prior to class will be of great benefit to the student.

Supplies:

Sewing Machine including owners manual and the power cord
Sewing tools – snips, scissors, pins and any other tools you normally use while quilting.
Thread – blending is best – now is not the time for fancy or fussy threads.
Extra needles for your machine.
Bobbins already wound to match your thread – a couple should be sufficient.

If you are a true novice please prepare the following:

Plain fabric cut no more than 36” square, Cotton batting cut 40” square and backing cut 40- 44” square. On the top fabric, draw a 6” border around the perimeter of the 36” fabric and then in the center of that draw a grid in both directions every 6” – pencil or fabric marker is fine. Pin baste the three layers together using safety pins spaced approx 4-6” apart in each direction but not covering a drawn line (you won’t have to remove them when you come to them) Sew a straight seam on the grid lines you drew. Remove pins. Pack with your sewing machine so you don’t forget (I won’t have extras the day of class ☺)

If you are confident beginner you have the option of doing the above OR making a two, three or four block sampler quilt top prior to the class. (It is suggested that if you are a beginner you make the top with fewer blocks, if you are a confident beginner and have some experience and are comfortable with machine quilting then by all means include more blocks but no more than four.) The quilt top, batting and backing must be pin basted prior to class so your time can be spent doing the quilting rather than the prep. Instructions/pattern can be obtained by emailing Linda info@thequiltedgoose.com or by going to her website to download the pattern www.thequiltedgoose.com

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