

Machine Quilting Master Class

Nine-patch top completed. See right for directions.

Cotton batting, 30" square.

Backing fabric, 30" square.

Please layer and pin baste **FOUR** 18-inch square quilt sandwiches. These little bits only need 10 to 12 pins, tops.

Notions

Small, sharp fabric scissors

Cotton thread to match backing fabric

Quilter's safety pins (size 1) – approximately 75-*opened*
or MicroStitch Basting Tool and Tacks

1" x 12" (or 18") Ruler

Masking tape

Marking pencils as needed for your fabrics, generally one white (I love Sewline) and one dark (such as a Fine-line water-soluble pen)

80/12 machine needles (I prefer "Sharps")

Topstitching needles, size 90/14

Small iron and ironing surface (optional, but only two irons per classroom are provided by the conference)

Threads:

Invisible polyester thread-Superior Monopoly or Sulky Good Quality 100% cotton thread that **contrasts** with your quilt sandwich fabric.

Decorative threads that you'd like to explore

Bring a pencil to practice the designs

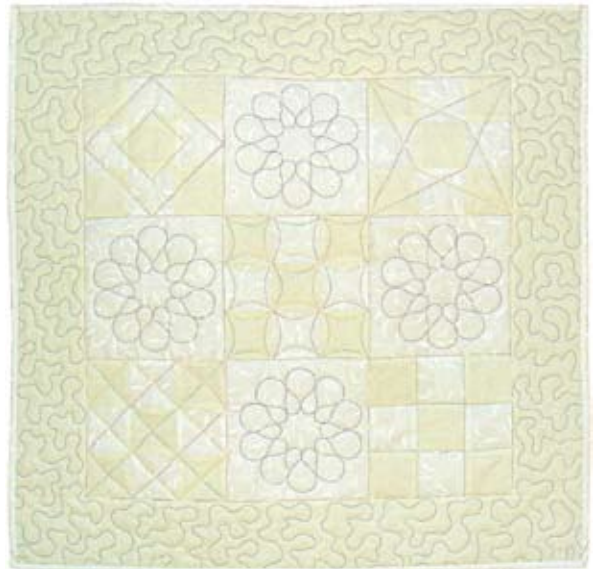
Not required but strongly suggested:

Machiners or any other tools that you may like to use for free motion quilting. I'm not a big fan of gloves, so we'll talk about alternatives in class.

Absolutely required: your inner child, preferably age nine, and a wicked sense of humor.

Please Note: The class is formatted around working with the nine patch quilt. We will be sampling different techniques on each block in the little quilt. Please complete the nine patch sampler quilt before class to get the most out of the class.

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Nine Patch Sampler

Finishes about 24" square

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard **Border fabric:**

Cut 2 strips $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF (width of Fabric)

Cut each strip into an $18\frac{1}{2}$ " and $24\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

Cut 3 strips 2" x WOF for binding

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard **Coordinating fabric:**

Cut 3 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

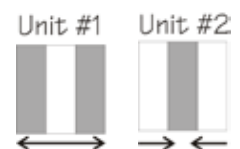
$\frac{1}{2}$ yard **Background fabric:**

Cut 3 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

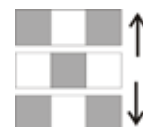
Cut 1 strip $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

Cut into four $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

1. Using the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of coordinating and background fabrics and a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the two strip sets shown. Press the seams as shown by arrows.



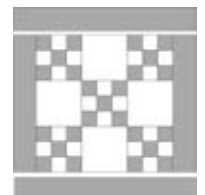
2. Cut Unit #1 into ten $2\frac{1}{2}$ " slices.
Cut Unit #2 into five $2\frac{1}{2}$ " slices.



3. Assemble the slices to form a Nine Patch block. Make 5 Nine Patch blocks.

4. Use the Nine Patch blocks and the four $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Background blocks to make a larger Nine Patch quilt block, which creates the pieced center of the quilt.

5. Sew the $18\frac{1}{2}$ " Border fabric strips to opposite sides of the Nine Patch quilt. Press the seams towards the Border fabric. Sew the $24\frac{1}{2}$ " Border fabric strips to the top and bottom of the Nine Patch quilt. Press the seams towards the Border fabric.



6. Bring the binding strips to class.