



BEGINNING MACHINE QUILTING

by **Cindy Needham**

This is a popular, very hands-on workshop where I provide you with a good foundation of information and teach you the basic skills of machine quilting.

The first half of the class covers setting up your work space, how to pick the perfect batting, eliminate the mystery and frustration of choosing the correct thread and needles, learn how to easily and safely change your tensions and how to properly baste your quilt. You will be spending the second half of the class at your machine where you will obtain that perfect stitch and rhythm... guaranteed! ☺ You will learn some very easy background designs, learn how to do feathers, circles, points and scribbling. This is a fun, informative, inspiring and stress-free class!

THINGS TO BRING TO CLASS

Sewing Machine

Please be sure that your machine is in good working order! Have a new needle in your machine (I recommend Schmetz Quilting 90/14 or Topstitch 90/14) and **bring your sewing machine manual**. Know how to drop your feed dogs prior to class.

Darning Foot

Make sure you know how to put this on your machine **prior to class**. Many people have left class unable to do any quilting at all as the wrong foot was purchased!

Muslin & Batting

Please cut 4-5 muslin/batting sandwiches into approximately 18" squares. These will be used for your practice panels in class.

No polyester batting please! I recommend Hobbs Heirloom, Warm & Natural or Quilters Dream batting.

Machingers Quilting Gloves

About 95% of my students end up using these gloves for quilting. They are available at most fabric and quilt stores.

Quilt marking pens

I recommend the blue Mark-B-Gone pens or the Frixion pens by Pilot.

100% cotton thread

Please bring two spools of **cotton thread** in **two different colors**...one for the bobbin and one for the top. This allows me to check for tension problems. Mettler has worked well as a learning thread. **No Coats & Clark or Gutterman please.**

Optional Supplies:

Extension table

If you don't have one for your machine, you can still participate in the class but I guarantee that you will be wanting one when class is over. Many quilt stores can custom order one for your machine and they take about 6-8 weeks to arrive.

Walking foot

This is a necessity for machine quilting but **is not necessary for class**. Again, if you don't have one now, you will be ordering one later.

If you have any questions either prior to or after class, you are more than welcome to e-mail me at linenqltr@comcast.net or cneed1934@aol.com. Please reference "quilting" in the subject line or I will not open your email!

*Thank you!
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