

Beginning Machine Quilting

Saturday, May 5, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Grace Baptist Church

3370 N. Water

Sewing Machine: In good working condition. You need to be able to lower feed dogs or have a plate to cover the feed dogs. This is a must for free motion quilting.

Attachments: Free motion (darning) foot is a must. One that is open in the front works best.

Large, plexi-glass extension table (if you already have one or your free-arm extension bed for your machine will work.)

If you have an Ott light or small lamp it is very helpful.

Needles: Sharp machine needles (size 70 or 80) I prefer 70-10 Schmetz Microtex needles or Schmetz Microtex 60-8

Threads : Mettler # 50 cotton thread, Mettler # 60 cotton thread, Auriful 50 wt cotton thread, 100 wt. silk thread Superior or YLI, Bring a variety of different threads. If you don't have all of these just bring a variety of different wt. threads to practice with.

If you have machine quilting gloves or some other method you use bring them as they help to grip the fabric. I will also show you another method.

Bring 4 squares of muslin 22 inches x 18 inches and two 22" x 18" of batting (100% cotton or 80-20) these will be practice pieces.

Regular sewing supplies: Scissors, pins, safety pins 1 inch size, blue water soluble marking pen, small ruler, lead pencil or pen for note taking.

Before class make a small wall hanging (pattern inclosed) to have to work on in the afternoon.

Practice Sampler Wall Hanging Pattern

Fabric should be prewashed, generously spray starched and pressed. This will help you cut and piece more accurately and also helps with machine quilting.

½ Yard of background fabric

½ yard of main fabric

Batting and backing, a square of each 22" x 22".

Cut one strip each of background and main fabric 3" wide. Sew these together long ways and cut into 3 in units. You will need eight units. Sew two units together to make 4 four-patch blocks. (Use ¼ inch seams through out)

Cut 4 squares of background 5 ½"x 5 ½"

Cut 1 square of main fabric 5 ½" x 5 ½"

Cut two borders 3" by the width of your pieced center which should be 15 ½"

Cut two borders 3" by the length of the other two sides which should be 21"

Cut four strips of main fabric 2" x 22" for binding

This wall hanging needs to be completely done and brought to class with the backing and batting unpinned.

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