

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

Do you struggle with how to quilt the quilts you create? 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 and the designs and techniques apply to any machine: domestic, shortarm, midarm or longarm.

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.

For class, 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 ☺)

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