

SUE RASMUSSEN

Machine Quilting

This relaxed class is for those who want to go beyond 'in the ditch', stippling or basic outline quilting. After a short review of needles and threads, we take off from each student's personal experience and level, working individually to finesse your stitch length, speed, control, tension issues and smooth quilt lines.

The emphasis is free-motion unmarked quilting, and to understand 'where to go next', to perfect your hand/eye/foot coordination by practicing a huge variety of designs, such as leaves, vines, flowers, and overall background designs.

Here's the opportunity to experiment with your fancy, metallic, and variegated threads. By the last day, students

will be quilting beautiful, free form unmarked feathers.

Confidence and knowledge are the keys to quality machine work. Students begin practicing on large fabric "sandwiches", but may choose to work on a whole cloth or a small quilt towards the end of the class.

Students will have plenty of individual instruction to focus on their particular concerns, challenges and interests of machine quilting, whether in traditional, modern or art quilts.

In addition, we will discuss with demos all aspects of quilting-making which affect your machine quilting: squaring up, marking, fabric testing, washing, battings and their properties, basting, binding and blocking.

SUPPLY LIST

- SEWING MACHINE:** with ability to cover or lower feed dogs- mandatory. Machine must be clean, in good working order; bring machine manual
- STRAIGHT** stitch or single hole throat plate-not mandatory but a huge help
- DARNING FOOT:** or free motion quilting foot that fits your machine-please check this before class, be familiar how to install it
- FIRM PILLOW(s)** or seat pad high enough to raise your sitting height 4"
- 'QUILT SANDWICHES':** 6-8 measuring about 18" [use a solid fabric and do not pre-pin] or 2 yards fabric/muslin and batting.
- Bring **ONE PIECED BLOCK** approx.15" - 18" square or bigger
- NEEDLES:** any/or all of the following will do:
 - Topstitch 80/12, 90/14
 - Microtex Sharps 80/12, 90/14
 - Quilting 80/12, 75/11
 - Metallic 90/14 (if you're interested in fancy threads such as metallic)
- THREAD:** Cotton- such as Aurifil, Superior; invisible nylon .004 thread (such as YLI WonderInvisible Thread, *ylicorp.com*) or clear polyester. Bring a variety of threads that you would like to experiment with such as rayon, metallic or fancy
- SPOOL HOLDER** such as The Universal Thread Holder or similar holder
- SEWING SUPPLIES:** basic sewing supplies, notebook, pencils, machine oil and brush, a few Q-Tips, a few #1 safety pins (one-inch long)

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SUPPLY LIST (continued)

- GLOVES: Quilter's gloves by Timid Thimble Creations, Machingers, Steady Betty or other gloves for traction and control, (I will bring glycerin hand cream)
- Bring 1-2 QUILT TOPS- for class room discussion on quilting ideas-this is an important part of the class, to learn how to critique the quilt for patterns and quilting designs
- SUPREME SLIDER to fit your machine or similar Teflon sheet cover : Available from the Cotton Patch Quilt Shop Phone: (925) 284-1177 - this quilt shop will be on site at Asilomar for Empty Spools Seminars and pre-orders are brought to Asilomar for you or mailed to you
- TABLE TOP LIGHT directed to your needle area: I recommend an Ecolux Light (www.ecoluxlighting.com) also available from The Cotton Patch Quilt Shop (above)
- SOMETHING to cover your work at night and if driving a multi-plug extension cord with surge protection
- WALKING foot or even feed foot (optional)
- Optional:** You can purchase on line the Skillbuilder Fabric Panels #1 or #2 at <http://www.rgadesignquilts.com/store/index.php> (you can opt to practice on these pre-printed panels) ; your own sewing chair; a Sew Ezi Table; small quilts to work on in class (make sure you bring batting /backing/basting pins too)
- Sewing Machine EXTENSION: this enables you to extend/expand the surface area in front, behind, and to the left; such as from <https://www.sewsteady.com>

I will have my books, Quilting 101:What Every Quilter Should Know = \$25,
and my Machine Quilting Designs Book= \$15 for sale in the classroom.
Both of these books are extremely helpful in this machine quilting class.
These are available for purchase only through me.

If you have any questions at all: please contact Sue Rasmussen at 805-624-7640
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