

Beginning Machine Quilting- JoAnn Cooper

Learn basic techniques for preparing a quilt for machine quilting, straight line quilting with the walking foot, and simple free-motion quilting. This is a techniques class; we will not create a specific project during these sessions. If you have a finished quilt top that you would like to quilt using your new skills, please bring it to the second session with you.

Class Supply List

Book: Heirloom Machine Quilting (4th edition) by Harriet Hargrave

Basic Sewing Supplies:

- Sewing machine capable of dropping its feed dogs. If your machine has a portable surround of any kind, please bring that to class as well. You will need the largest possible flat area around the needle area to work on. Familiarize yourself with the following functions of your machine BEFORE class: Automatic needle up/down, changing upper tension settings, dropping feed dogs, setting stitch length, and changing the pressure foot pressure setting. You may find it helpful to bring your machine manual to class with you.
- Bobbins, spool pin, power cord, foot control
- Walking foot if available for your machine
- Free-motion or darning foot
- 50 weight cotton thread in a color that will contrast slightly with natural colored muslin
- Fine monofilament thread (I prefer .004 YLI)
- Pencil and unruled scribble pad about 11" X 14" (children's doodle pads work well)
- Thread snips or small scissors
- 6" X 24" rotary ruler
- 1" to 1.5" rust proof safety pins (regular straight safety pins or quilter's curved pins are both fine)
- Quick clip (optional)
- 1 craft size cotton or cotton/poly bat, light weight
- About 2 yards of inexpensive natural or white muslin for practice
- Additional batting and fabric samples will also be supplied for our class practice sessions

Session One:

Bring all items above. Have a small quilt sandwich prepared before class and bring it with you: Layer a piece of cotton batting about 20 inches square between two pieces of muslin the same size as the batting. With a permanent pen draw a square on the top piece of the muslin about 2.5 - 3 inches inside the edges of the sandwich. Draw two additional lines dividing the square into four smaller squares. Pin the sandwich with a safety pin at each corner.

Session Two: (afternoon portion of the all day class)

Have another practice sandwich prepared before class. Bring all items listed above. If you have a quilt top that you want to quilt yourself but you need help knowing where to start, bring it to session 2.

I TRY TO BEGIN CLASS PROMPTLY AT THE TIME SPECIFIED. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH TO HAVE YOUR MACHINE SET UP BEFORE THE SCHEDULED STARTING TIME!