

Machine Quilting Essentials with Sue Nickels (Learn to Machine Quilt and Love it!)

Beginner/ 1 day

Learn the fundamentals of machine quilting on the home sewing machine. Start with an in-depth discussion on thread, needles and notions. Next, practice the basic techniques of straight line and free motion machine quilting on small quilt packages. Stipple quilting and marked designs will be covered. After learning the skills to feel confident with these techniques, Sue will demonstrate how to successfully baste; package and machine quilt the actual quilt. Go home feeling confident to quilt any size and style quilt. Sue's quilts will be shown for inspiration with lots of ideas for quilting the quilt- from traditional to modern style. With Sue's patient guidance learn all the basic skills needed to machine quilt on your home sewing machine. Please note- Students will stitch using pre-printed squares provided by Sue.

Required Kit \$10.00 (six pre-printed practice squares)

Supply List

SEWING MACHINE- bring instruction manual, extension bar or table and all accessories. **Don't forget your foot pedal and power cord!**

DARNING FOOT- a must for free motion quilting
(Sue prefers the open toe darning foot)

WALKING FOOT

Straight stitch throat plate- optional, bring if you have one

Six 12" squares muslin or off white cotton fabric

Six 12" squares cotton or cotton blend batting

50 safety pins (I use size 1)

Sewing machine needles- 80/12 & 70/10 sharp (Schmetz brand called Microtex Sharp is preferred)

Cotton thread- Med. Tan or gold color, 50/3 ply or 50/2 ply

(I use these brands: Mettler, Aurifil, Superior Masterpiece)

Rubber Gloves- good quality kitchen dishwashing gloves (playtex or Mr.Clean are good brands) one size smaller than you wear for dishwashing (I use the fingertips for control in free motion quilting)

OR GrabeRoo's brand gloves.

Basic sewing supplies- scissors or snips

Optional, but a good idea- small cushion for extra height, extra light

"Machine Quilting: A Primer of Techniques" is a companion book for this workshop- not required.