

MQSC Basic Skills Class: Free Motion Quilting
Saturday, January 27, 2018 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM at Village Sewing
Center, Santa Rosa

Class Description

Learn the basics of free motion quilting in a hands-on, supportive class. We will cover sewing machine set-up, strategies for success, and some basic designs that do not require marking. Leave with the confidence to quilt a whole quilt yourself!

Supply List

Sewing Machine:

- You need a darning foot, sometimes also called a free motion foot or an embroidery foot.
- You must be able to set the stitch length on your machine to 0.
- You must be able to drop the feed dogs (or you have a plate that can cover them).
- If you have an extension table, bring it.
- If your machine requires you to oil it, please do so before class or take it in for service. The machine should be running well.

Thread:

- We will use two different colors (one light, one dark) of 50 weight cotton or polyester thread.
- Before class, wind at least one bobbin of each color and have them ready.

Needle:

- A new, sharp needle is important (universal is OK but a specific quilting needle or microtex are better).
- The needle size (for 50 weight thread) should be 80/12. Size 75/11 or 90/14 will work too.

Quilt Sandwich:

- Before class, prepare a quilt sandwich approximately 18"x22" (fat quarters work well for this!). One side should be a solid or read as solid, and the other side can be anything (solid, print, or pieced top).
- We will talk about intentional pin basting, and different batting types, in class.

Optional (If you have these and like them, bring them to class, but don't worry about buying them just for this class if you don't have them already):

- Quilting gloves
- Supreme Slider or generic Teflon sheet
- Magic Bobbin Genies
- Paper and pencil or pen for taking notes

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at Karen.a.bolan@gmail.com or call (707) 338-3579.