

Free motion Machine Quilting

Supply List

The sewing machine should be clean and in perfect working order. If the sewing machine hasn't been serviced in the past year, it would be a good idea to have it serviced before the class.

Make sure the feed-dogs can be lowered, or covered, for free-motion quilting.

For this class, we will use a 1 m piece of fabric (by the width of the fabric) to practice the different quilting techniques.

- 1 m of backing fabric
- 1 m of batting of your choice
- 1 m of top fabric -light coloured- tone on tone (no large or busy prints)

You will need to prepare the sandwich by layering the 1 m piece of top fabric, batting and backing using your favourite method:

- Basting
 - Pinning
 - Using Temporary Spray Adhesive such as Odif 505
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- Thread in a color that contrasts with the top fabric - so you can see the stitching
 - Bobbin thread to match the top thread (please have 2-3 bobbins wound with this thread)
 - Extra sewing machine needles
 - Free-motion quilting foot – my preferred is an open-toe, slanted free-motion foot
 - Cover for the feed dogs (if required)
 - Scissors or thread snippers
 - Several marking pencils, chalk, etc. You can use a mechanical pencil as this is your practice piece
 - Paper and pen for note taking
 - Several pieces of plain copy paper or a sketchbook – to draw your designs first
 - A marker or pencil to draw your designs with

Once the 1m piece of fabric has been layered, roughly divide the piece in three and **stitch** lines down the center and across as shown below. You can use straight lines or SLIGHTLY curved lines. This is just to anchor the piece, so keep in mind that they don't need to be perfect, and they don't need to be measured to be the exact distance.

