



## **Introduction to Machine Quilting - Laura Blanchard**

We will spend the day practicing different machine quilting techniques, including marking. Your kit will be waiting for you when you come to class.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

BRING TO CLASS WITH YOU:

- \*sewing machine in good working order. Bring your machine manual with you.
  - \*if your sewing machine has an extension table, bring it.
  - \*firm cushion to sit on - one that will raise you up.
  - \*100% cotton sewing thread - large spool muslin colored thread (50wt., 3-ply) - we carry Mettler silk finish. Don't use Star Thread for this class.
  - \*2 or 3 bobbins filled with the muslin colored cotton thread
  - \*WALKING FOOT
  - \*DARNING FOOT (must have! - also called a free-motion foot)
  - \* stainless steel safety pins - size 1. You will need about 80 - 100.
- PLEASE OPEN ALL PINS BEFORE COMING TO CLASS.

\*masking tape -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " - 1" wide

\*Sewing machine needles - Schmetz machine quilting needles, size 75/11

\*Basic sewing supplies: straight pins, scissors, seam ripper, pencil

\*Optional - small omnigrid -type ruler (6" x 12").

\*If you own the following items bring them with you:

-----Continuous-line stencils for borders and blocks, chaco-liner, marking pencils (for marking stencil designs), hera marker, Kwik Klip (for closing safety pins), quilting gloves. [You may want to purchase some of these items in class if you don't already own them.]

If you have reserved one of our shop machines to use in class, please also bring the following:

- Machine needle appropriate for your class. Please take your needle home with you at the end of class.
- Thread - Please use only good quality thread in our machines. We prefer Mettler or Aurifil for piecing. No WalMart thread, no cotton-covered polyester, please.
- We will provide you with one bobbin for use in class. If you prefer to buy your own, we also sell the bobbins here.

Notes:

- Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the start of class to allow the teacher and shop staff time to prepare the classroom. If your class requires a sewing machine, try to arrive a few minutes early to get your sewing machine set up.
- If you have reserved one of our shop machines, we will provide bobbins for your use. We do not provide thread. If you want a particular needle for your class, please bring it; otherwise you will be using whatever needle was left in the machine.
- In consideration of other students and employees with allergies, please limit your use of scented personal products when attending one of our classes.
- If your class requires a sewing machine, please be sure that you are familiar with its operation, it is in good working order, and bring your manual along to class just in case!
- Cancellation policy: If the class minimum is not met within seven days prior to the class, it may be cancelled and you will be notified and will receive a full refund. Please keep this possibility in mind when you purchase supplies for your class. No refunds of class fees will be given if student cancels within the one week prior to class.