



Free Motion Quilting on Home Machines: Basics & Beyond Aligning YOUR Free Motion Quilting Stars

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Learn the basics of free motion quilting on your home sewing machine. We'll cover the fundamentals including pin basting, batting options, needle and thread choices, tension adjustments and other FMQ tips & tricks. We'll take the mystery out of the process so you can finish your quilts at home. Several designs (echo, swirl, pebble, loop, paisley) will be discussed, drawn and stitched. Continuous Curve (Orange Peel) and McTavishing will also be presented.


Supplies: ** Identifies supplies available during workshop at a discounted price

- Sewing machine with a Darning or Free Motion Quilting Foot (I prefer a rounded foot)
- 1 to 2 yards light colored quality cotton fabric (cut into 18" squares for quilt sandwiches)
- ½ to 1 yard batting (****Quilter's Dream 100% Wool** is my favorite)
- Spools of light colored high quality 50wt cotton Thread (****Aurifil** is my favorite)
- Small scissors (****Elan** serrated edge scissors are my favorite)
- Quilting Gloves (****Machingers** are my favorite)
- Basting Safety Pins and Blue Painters Tape (for basting)
- Needles 80/12 or 90/14 (****Top Stitch**, Quilting, or Microtex Sharp Needles)
- Pencil & Paper to practice designs (or White Board, Ipad or Tablet)
- Marking tool(s): ****Hera Marker** ~ ****Air or Water Soluble Marker** ~ Soapstone ~ Other
- **Optional:** ****Quilter's Touch – Quilter's Preview Paper (Transparent)**
- **Optional:** ****Supreme Slider by LaPeirre** -or- ****comparable Teflon sheet**
- **Recommended:** Extension table or large flat, flush surface for quilting.
** Sew Steady extension tables can be ordered to custom fit your machine. They are perfect for Workshops & Retreats. Contact me or check with your local quilt shop or machine dealer. They need to be ordered at least 5 weeks prior to the Workshop. Direct ship to your home is an option. redbirdquiltco@gmail.com
- **Extra:** Bring a pillow for your chair!! The correct height helps avoid future aches and pains.
- Good working knowledge of your sewing machine is recommended. If possible, bring your sewing machine manual or user guide.

Preparation:

Cut backing fabric and batting into 18" squares prior to class.
Cut top fabric slightly smaller than backing fabric and batting (1" all around)
Layer and pin baste if you're comfortable with that step.

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Free Motion Quilting Basics and Beyond Sampler

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