

Fun with Free Motion

Requirements list

Something to write on

Pencil or pen

Sewing machine in good condition – either yours, or if it is possible, arrange with the organisers of your workshop to hire or borrow one. Make sure if you are taking the latter option to arrange the necessary feet as well.

Walking foot if you have one – I will demonstrate its use in the workshop but it is not essential.

Free machine quilting foot or an equivalent like a darning foot – anything that will draw freely when the feed dogs are down or covered ***

NB This item is ESSENTIAL for this workshop. It is NOT a Walking Foot. It is not always a normal part of your sewing accessories so make sure you have one before you come to class. If you have a machine other than a Bernina and you have to buy one please take your machine with you to buy it and ask the dealer to show you how to put it on and make it work. If you have a recent Bernina buy a No 29 or you can use your BSR.

Machine needles – I use an 80 Quilting needle or 80 Jeans needle, and a Schmetz Embroidery 80 or 90 needle for rayon or metallic threads.

Safety pins for sandwiching - one size larger than the size dry cleaners use

Threads - a selection of cottons or anything you usually use to machine quilt

Iron – but check as the organisers might be supplying these

Masking tape about 1 inch wide

Ironing boards for the group - not everyone will need one

Power boards and extension leads if not supplied for you

Most of the day will be spent on practice pieces. These can be almost anything but preferably cottons and plain in colour to help you to see what you are doing. All pieces should be at least half a metre - these will fold over a fat quarter sized piece of batting to give you a quilt sandwich for practice. Calico is ideal. You will probably use at least three pieces like this on the first day. You will need batting scraps to make them up. The thinner types are best and I prefer the wool mix battings like Matilda's Own 60/40 or cottons like Warm and Natural.

Batting pieces do not have to be a fat quarter shape - just the equivalent area.

This class is suitable for anyone at any age.

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