

Free Motion Quilting with Rulers on a Domestic Machine

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Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

(set-up at 8:40am)

Workshop Fee: \$45.00

Class description:

Take your free motion quilting to the next level with ruler work! In this hands-on class, Gina will guide you through the essentials of free motion ruler quilting, showing you how to create clean lines, graceful curves, and professional-looking designs using quilting rulers.

You'll learn how to safely and confidently use rulers with your sewing machine, choose the right tools, and position your hands for smooth, controlled stitching. Gina will demonstrate a variety of ruler techniques and motifs, along with tips for troubleshooting common challenges like slipping, uneven stitches, and spacing.

This class is perfect for confident beginners who are comfortable with basic free motion quilting, as well as experienced quilters looking to expand their design skills. By the end of the class, you'll have the confidence to incorporate ruler work into your quilts for borders, blocks, and all-over designs. Beginning & Advanced

Supply List:

- Domestic sewing machine
- Expanded machine base (optional)
- Sewing machine manual
- Free motion ruler foot such as: Westalee, BERNINA 72(s), etc.
- Gloves- can be free motion quilting gloves or simply latex gloves for gripping fabric
- Erasable marking implement (visible to you on the fabrics you will be using)
- Pencil for note taking
- Sketchpad
- 10- 12" x 12" fabric/batting sandwiches using dark colored, solid fabric with cotton batting
- Light colored thread
- Thread snippers
- Optional: Pad to sit on for comfort
- Extra lighting
- Glasses for close up work

Please ensure that your sewing machine is in good working order, has been serviced, and has all its parts prior to class. This allows everybody to enjoy a positive learning experience without machine frustrations.