

## Beginning Machine Quilting by Ann L. Petersen

Suggested book: *Machine Quilting – The Basics and Beyond* by Lynn Witzenburg - \$27.95

1 1/3 yd muslin or other solid fabric (see below)

1/3 yd 90" wide cotton batting such as Hobbs Heirloom or Warm & Natural (or use scraps) NOT polyester

#50 cotton sewing threads in colors that show on the solid fabrics – bring several different types and at least one thread you personally like to use. Colors shouldn't contrast too much (i.e. no black thread on white.)

Sewing machine – clean, in good working order (with your manual), sewing machine extension table (if you have one).

Extra bobbins

Feed-dog cover, if feed dogs don't drop, an index card can work for this, too.

**Darning foot or free-motion foot – a must** (put foot on machine and a quilt sandwich under the foot and make sure you can move the sandwich with the presser foot down)

**Even-feed foot or walking foot – if you have one**

#90/14 quilting needles and/or #90/14 topstitch or embroidery needles to fit your machine

Scissors, thread snippers

Pencil

If you like quilting gloves such as Machingers by Suzanne Hyland, bring them. I recommend 4" to 5" scraps of rubberized shelf liner or rug backing to help move the quilt.

**BEFORE CLASS:** Cut from muslin or other solid fabric – four 12" x 22" rectangles, three 11" x 20" rectangles, two pieces 6" x 20". Cut four 22" x 12" pieces of batting. Make three quilt sandwiches using larger fabric rectangles for backing, batting, and smaller fabric rectangles for top. Sew the 6" x 20" pieces together along the 20" sides, press the seam to one side. Make 1 more quilt sandwich using the pieced fabric as the top.

**Class Time Goals:** Discuss several basting techniques for machine quilting. Practice feed-dogs down free-motion quilting. Learn ways to mark quilts and practice following marked lines. Get ideas for quilting without marking. Practice several background designs.

Please call the instructor, Ann Petersen, with any questions. Her number is 303-638-6061.