

Intro to Ruler Work for the Sit-Down Quilter by Patsy Thompson

Thursday March 22 2018 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Remember to bring your own lunch and beverage in a covered container.

Supply List:

1. Well-cleaned and oiled sewing machine in good working order; it must be capable of free motion work. Make sure your machine has a zigzag throatplate as you may need to alter your needle position to do ruler work. **You need a true ruler foot that fits your machine. If your machine manufacturer does not offer this yet, check with your dealer to see if a Clarity foot or Westalee foot can be ordered for your machine ahead of class, or email me to see if I have a foot that you can purchase. You will also need some type of extension table for your machine; a narrow throat will not provide enough support for ruler work.**
2. Basic sewing supplies, including scissors, pins, temporary marking pen/pencil that can easily be seen on your quilt top. Quilt gloves, if you use them. Small screwdriver set if you need to adjust your ruler foot.
3. Before class, prepare 1 quilt sandwich, roughly sized at 22x 27 inches, 1 sandwich roughly measuring 14 in x 20 in, and 1 sandwich that measures at least 18 inches square. (Exact sizes do not matter for the first two, but that last sandwich needs to be at least 18 in x 18 in!) **Solid color fabrics are recommended for the sandwich tops, or a non-busy fabric that "reads" as a solid since you'll want to be able to clearly visualize the stitching line and a busy fabric will make that difficult.** Please spray baste your sandwiches together and use a batting that will be easy to machine quilt. (i.e. 100% cotton or an 80/20 cotton/poly blend. I would avoid high loft battings for this class).
4. Thread that you will enjoy using and that will have a **high contrast** with your fabrics. (Remember, you want to see that stitched line clearly!) I would bring at least 3 different solid colors of thread that will show well against your fabric.
5. I will loan you both straight line rulers and arc rulers to use during the class; you do NOT need to buy any rulers for this class!
6. Marking ruler at least 6 in x 24 in (i.e. the same kind of ruler you use to cut fabrics.)
7. Several sheets of unlined blank paper that you can draw on (i.e. scrap printer paper)
8. Pencilw/eraser for drawing and pen for taking notes
9. Compass to create circles with some type of temporary marker that can be used w/compass. **If you don't already own a compass, do not buy one for this class!** (I will have a way around this for you.)