

Machine Quilting Basics

Nine-patch top completed. See below for directions.

Cotton batting, 30" square.

Backing fabric, 30" square.

Please bring fabric and batting scraps for practice!

Notions

Small, sharp fabric scissors

Cotton thread to match backing fabric

Invisible polyester thread-Superior Monopoly or Sulky

80/12 machine needles (I prefer "Sharps")

Quilter's safety pins (size 1) – approximately 75-

opened or MicroStitch Basting Tool and Tacks

1" x 12" (or 18") Rotary Ruler

Masking tape

Ultimate Marking pencil **&/or** Fine-line water-soluble pen (Marking pens and pencils will be discussed in class. Bring all you have!)

Sewing Machine in good working order

2 bobbins wound with cotton thread to match or contrast with Backing Fabric

↔ **Required!** ↔

Even feed or walking foot

Darning or Free motion foot -feed dogs must be able to drop or be covered by a plate.

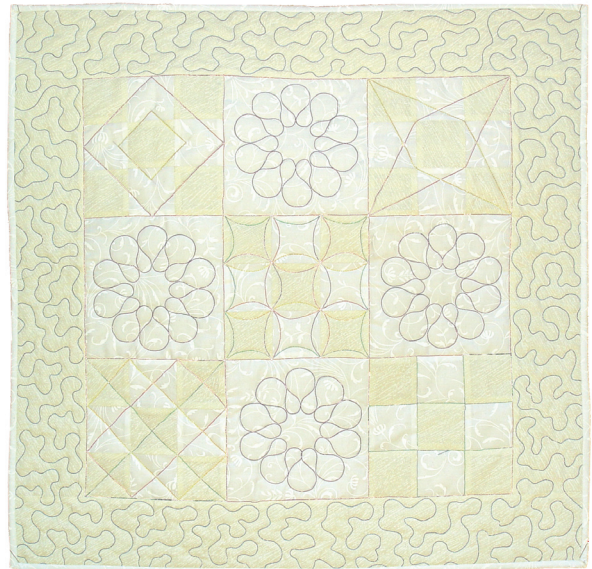
Bring your sewing machine manual!

Please Note: In order to get the most out of this class it really is important to come to class with the supplies listed. **The most vital part of machine quilting is a sewing machine in good working order and the right attachments! Please test your new attachments before class. If they don't fit, you won't be able to enjoy the class!**

Also Note: The class is formatted around working with the nine patch quilt. We will be sampling different techniques on each block in the little quilt. Please complete the nine patch sampler quilt before class to get the most out of the class.

One Last Note: If you arrive in class before me, please don't set up your machine. We won't need it right away and we'll need the space to baste our quilts.

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Nine Patch Sampler

Finishes about 24" square

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard **Border fabric:**

Cut 2 strips $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF (width of Fabric)

Cut each strip into an $18\frac{1}{2}$ " and $24\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

Cut 3 strips 2" x WOF for binding

$\frac{1}{3}$ yard **Coordinating fabric:**

Cut 3 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard **Background fabric:**

Cut 3 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

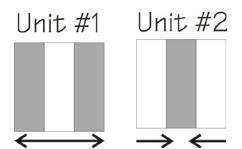
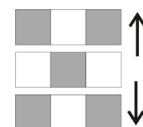
Cut 1 strip $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

Cut into four $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

1. Using the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of coordinating and background fabrics and a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the two strip sets shown. Press the seams as shown by arrows.

2. Cut Unit #1 into ten $2\frac{1}{2}$ " slices.

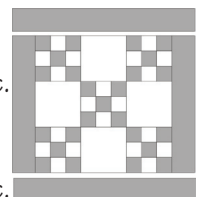
Cut Unit #2 into five $2\frac{1}{2}$ " slices.



3. Assemble the slices to form a Nine Patch block. Make 5 Nine Patch blocks.

4. Use the Nine Patch blocks and the four $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Background blocks to make a larger Nine Patch block, which creates the pieced center of the quilt.

5. Sew the $18\frac{1}{2}$ " Border fabric strips to opposite sides of the Nine Patch quilt. Press the seams towards the Border fabric. Sew the $24\frac{1}{2}$ " Border fabric strips to the top and bottom of the Nine Patch quilt. Press the seams towards the Border fabric.



6. Bring the binding strips to class.