

*Mastering Your Machine*  
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**Master your Machine.**

Your sewing machine can be a creative drawing tool when doing free motion quilting. Learn techniques that will increase your comfort and control level. Learn to create your own style of machine quilting.

- a matter of comfort - ergonomics/lighting
- choosing threads and needles
- a matter of thread and tension
- building a quilt sandwich
- starting and stopping
- many patterns to practice
- creation of your own designs

Leave with a booklet of techniques and samples.

**Supply List**

- a sewing machine in good working order that is able to drop its feed dogs. Please bring a machine you are familiar with.
- machine quilting or darning foot
- sewing machine manual (bring recommended needle size for machine quilting)
- bring some extra needles in a variety of sizes if possible
- small scissors for snipping threads; larger scissors for cutting batting, cloth, etc.
- Temporary Quilters Spray (if you have it on hand)
- good quality thread for machine quilting (experiment with a few varieties)
- pencil/pen for notes
- pen/pencil specifically for drawing on quilts

**You are making samples for yourself, so you can bring 12" scraps of the following.**

**I suggest about two meters of batting, so about four meters of cloth:**

- cotton fabric for machine quilting for both the front and back of sample pieces
- quilt batting, either cotton or wool preferred, you are welcome to bring bamboo, soy or rayon, etc., just not in a high loft variety