

Philippa Naylor
Fantastic Free-Motion Machine Quilting
All Levels

A stress free practical two day workshop exploring, in detail, a wide range of exciting free-motion machine quilting styles and techniques.

The first day begins with discussion on materials, equipment and the working methods Philippa employs in her work. After demonstrations students sew a number of samples to practice techniques, get comfortable with their machines and start to compile a fabric reference book of ideas (including stippling, leaf, flower and clam shell designs).

The afternoon of the first day is devoted to trapunto (stuffed quilting) using an easy method which does not involve cutting the backing fabric. Following further demonstrations students are given patterns and then sew a small trapunto sample piece.

Day two begins with exploration of free-motion feathers beginning with contemporary feather designs that are stitched directly on to fabric with no prior marking. This is followed by a lesson on drafting tradition feather designs. Students transfer their designs to fabric and sew them using the techniques practiced on day one.

The final technique to be covered is corded trapunto which uses soft woolen yarn to give sculptural raised lines in the quilting design.

The emphasis is on learning new skills in a relaxed but productive environment, working in a supportive group to discovering individual machine quilting personalities!

What you need to bring with you:

_At least six 100% cotton quilt sandwiches of fat quarter size. These should be of a fairly plain and of a pale color so that the stitching shows up on them. Please put a few pins to hold the layers, but do not baste.

_A selection of sewing machine threads. Bring what you normally use and some decorative threads in a variety of colors. No need to buy lots, bring what you have!

_A few scraps of 100% cotton or 80/20 polycotton or wool wadding measuring at least 12" square.

_Large size sketch paper (A3 or 11" x 17" size or bigger).

_Template material. Large cereal packets work fine.

_Assorted coins, spools or circular templates to draw round.

_Quilt marking pens and pencils.

_Quilter's safety pins.

_Scotch/Sellotape.

_Scissors for paper and fabric. Small sharp scissors are a must for the trapunto.

_Sharp pencils and an eraser.

_Needles. Bring a selection of hand and machine needles.

_Sewing machine in good working order. You must be able to drop the feed dogs on your machine.

Please bring all the accessories you have, including the slide on tray table, knee bar and instruction manual. You never know what you might be tempted to try!

_Free-motion foot. The open toe type is preferable.

_Optional extras: Compass and 'Bendy' ruler for drawing curves. Cushion to sit on. Extension Cord, Piping foot, Zipper foot, Anchor trapunto Wool. I will have some of this wool available to buy.

Please do not feel you need to spend a lot of money on supplies. Bring from what you already have!

Do contact me with any questions. Email: philippa_a_naylor@yahoo.co.uk, I'd be very happy to hear from you.

No additional supply fee.