

Quilting the Garden :: Thread-Coloring the Flower Supply List

You MUST be comfortable doing free motion quilting to take this class. You don't have to think you are good at it...just able to do it! Also, be willing to adjust the needle tension on your sewing machine!

Sewing Machine--OMIT if at a venue that provides sewing machines.

- Sewing machine, in good working order, that can do free-motion quilting (lower or cover feed dogs) AND that you are used to using; do not bring a mini "class" machine--bring what you use to quilt!
- Sewing machine manual (just in case); also omit if
- Extension table (if you have one)
- Free-motion quilting foot or darning foot

Fabric, notions and other stuff:

- Eyeglasses/reading glasses If you need them

Your kit fee at most venues includes a photo printed on fabric (approx. 11 x 14 inches), five spools of Superior Threads 40-wt shiny polyester thread for the flower and two pre-wound bobbins of coordinating colors, a piece of stabilizer the size of the photo-on-fabric, and a page-size photo of the flower. Please read the venue/show catalog description carefully. If you still have questions, please do email me at sarah@sarahannsmith.com.

- Batting and backing at least 2 inches larger than your photo-on-fabric, so 13 x 16 inches
 - o NOTE: if you want to add a border to your photo-on-fabric, please increase the backing and batting to be one inch wider all around than your anticipated finished size. For example, if you think you'll add a 3" border to have a top that finishes at 17 x 20, cut backing / batting 19 x 22 inches.
- Green threads for the background quilting (some will be available for purchase in class)
- Sewing machine needles--For this class, the Topstitch size 14 is the best all-around needle--please have one package of this type of needle (Sarah also will have some for sale).
- Extra practice sandwich with top, batting and backing about 10 inches square. Top can be a single fabric, or use one strip that is green, the rest the color of your flower
- Empty bobbins if bringing your own machine (you'll re-wind the bobbin thread onto a bobbin that fits your machine)
- Basting pins (if location permits, you may use basting spray outside of the classroom)
- Chalk marking pencil (optional), white is best
- Machine quilting gloves (optional but encouraged)
- Scissors or thread snips and seam ripper
- A sense of humor ;^}
- Chocolate and caffeine often help <grin>!

A permission slip, written out to yourself, to try this without expecting perfection from yourself on the first try! After all, there aren't very many two-year olds running marathons! Walk first, run second. Then practice! Then practice some more!