

**Machine Quilting Essentials with Sue Nickels
(Learn to Machine Quilt and Love it!)**

All

Levels



Learn the fundamentals of machine quilting on the home sewing machine. Sue has taught machine quilting for many years. She will share her tips and tricks to be a successful machine quilter! This multi-day workshop will explore machine quilting in depth. Introductions and discussion on supplies will start the workshop.

Working on pre-printed squares, straight lines and free motion quilting will be covered. Continue with Sue's favorite quilting motif- feathers. Learn the details of quilting beautiful feathers and adding fillers. Sue's book "Feathers and Fillers" will be provided as bonus!

Ruler work is next. Sue has her own line of rulers for machine quilting that will be used in class. These rulers will be available for purchase, if desired. A small project will be provided for learning these techniques. Sue will include a lesson on how to design quilting motifs for your quilt- from feathers to how to incorporate ruler work for your quilts.

We will end with another small project used to bring all of our skills together in a "Sampler of Machine Quilting Techniques". This multi-day workshop is packed with information and intended to explore all aspects of machine quilting. Learn to love machine quilting in this relaxed format!

***There is a required kit for this workshop (see page 2)**

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Required Kit for this class includes:

printed squares \$20.00

12 pre-

Basic ruler work project (basted, ready to quilt including thread) \$25.00

Sampler ruler work project (basted and ready to quilt including thread) \$25.00 Bonus-

Feathers and Fillers book

Total cost of

required kits: **\$70.00** *cash preferred (can take check/credit card)

Sue Nickels Rulers: Straight line ruler, Circle wedge set (5 circle wedges) and 4"/5" Arc ruler will be used in class. Students have the option to buy these rulers after trying them

in class. Price for rulers is \$75.00 (discounted price for this conference). Students can also buy the rulers individually.

For Ruler work- Sue needs to know if you have a high shank or low shank machine to bring the correct thickness of ruler for you. Please contact Sue at nickquilt@aol.com prior to the seminar with this information.

Supply List

SEWING MACHINE- bring instruction manual, extension bar or table and accessories. **Don't forget your foot pedal and power cord!**

DARNING FOOT- a must for free motion quilting- open toe preferred

WALKING FOOT – bring if you have one

RULER FOOT- you must have for ruler work portion of the class. Make sure this foot fits your machine before coming to the retreat. All brands of machines have this foot available, but it does not come with the original machine attachments. BERNINA's ruler foot is #72 or 72S

Straight stitch throat plate- Very helpful for success with machine quilting- most brand of machines have this available

Twelve 12" squares muslin or off white cotton fabric

Twelve 12" squares cotton or cotton blend batting (I use Hobbs Heirloom)

50 safety pins (I use size 1)

Sewing machine needles- 80/12 & 70/10 sharp (Schmetz brand called Microtex Sharp)

Thread for practice squares- I use Aurifil 50/2 or Mettler 50/3 for machine quilting. Bring a tan or gray (not high contrast color and not exactly matching the off white fabric of the pre-printed squares.

Quilters Gloves (I use fingers cut from good quality dishwashing gloves)

Basic sewing supplies- scissors or snips for clipping threads

Design supplies: white copy paper-10 sheets, graph paper-10 sheets, pencil and pencil sharpener, fabric marking pencil, ruler (6"x12"), paper scissors, compass and one 12" x 12" square muslin.

Sue will have some supplies available in class- marking pencils, snips.

Any questions about class content or supplies- please email Sue at nickquilt@aol.com (NEQS workshop)