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Free Motion Machine Stitching I

DATE: _____

INSTRUCTOR: Terre Klipsch

TIME: _____

- ✂ 1. Fabric: Muslin, high quality stitch count, Kona, or like quality, white or cream or both, maybe a yard or 2----- (knowing full well, NO sewer can ever have enough fabric for practice!)
- ✂ 2. Roll of CUT AWAY stabilizer, light to medium weight, enough to stabilize all the fabric brought for class.
- ✂ 2a. One package of low loft batting, crib size, 45 x 36 or approximate. We will use this to create a table runner with a sampling of some patterns to sew.
- ✂ 3. Thread: spools of 100% cotton, and rayon or polyester thread?? Any pretty or shiny or embellishing threads in all colors include white and black, rayon, polyester, 20 wt 40 or 60 wt. The higher the number the finer the thread. A good sewer can NEVER have enough threads.....!!!!
- ✂ 4. Bobbins: The appropriate bobbin for your machine, 3 or 4 minimum and bring them empty! We will use them with different threads so don't fill them too soon.
- ✂ 5. Appropriate needles for your machine, 90/14 top stitching or embroidery, 80/12, but extra sharps are the best. NO ball point needles for 100% cotton. Thicker threads will require a larger needle eye. Metallic needles are great 90, or 80 or 100 are all workable. While sewing, needles will break OFTEN! They will dull quite quickly too. We will begin sewing on paper so bring old needles to start with. If you have spring tension needles, they are wonderful! Expensive but worth the price.!
- ✂ 6. Hoops: the plastic 6" embroidery hoops with the spring tension inner hoop are the best and the fastest to change or move. If your machine is an embroidery machine, the hoops that come with the machine are adequate. Hoops that get too large, over 8", do not hold the fabric stable enough. Wooden hoops would work but they must be able to pass under the needle and the presser foot.
- ✂ 7. Presser foot: darning or embroidery foot supplied with your machine works best. Free motion feet can be purchased separately as long as they match the shank of your machine. "Big Foot" is a brand name that is a good free motion foot. Free motion stitching and sewing can be done with straight stitch and zigzag stitching. Make sure the presser foot you choose is capable of both types. The spring tension needles work well?. Even better than an embroidery foot. But they are expensive and break just as easily as the regular needles.
- ✂ 8. Bring the instruction book for your machine??. .and PLEASE?? make sure your machine has been cleaned and serviced before bringing it for free motion work. If you haven't had your machine serviced by your dealer in over a year, it probably won't like free motion work!
- ✂ 9. Thread snips for your own use. Please mark all your supplies so you return home with everything you brought to class.
- ✂ 10. Sewing machine: any brand or model. Straight stitch and zigzag capability, foot speed control, and feed dog drop or covering.

- ✂ **11. Book:** There are so many books on the market today for free motion sewing, I recommend sewing in class first, and then see if you can find a book that will offer you ideas for your needs.
- ✂ **12. Please bring a bottle of drinking water with you. You can refill it several times whenever you need but water is the best liquid for you.....(makes you sew better.....?) (makes you more creative...???)**