

Trapunto by Machine

Beginner Plus Level

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This class is not for the beginning machine quilter. You must have machine quilting experience and have good control of your stitching quality. You don't have to be an expert but be able to quilt your design by using free motion quilting.

In this class, and using your home sewing machine, you will learn the art of machine trapunto. I will teach you the easy techniques that will allow you to create that dramatic stuffed effect of your quilting designs, without having to stuff and cut the back of your fabric. It will add another dimension to your masterpiece quilt.

It is said, "Quilting makes the quilt". Wait until you see what trapunto by machine will do for your quilt.

Supply List:

- 2 each 20" squares of plain or almost plain light fabric. Fabrics that will work well for this are, plain fabric, Fossil Fern, Moda Marbles, Sateen or some rich-looking fabric without any design or pattern on them. (A lighter fabric allows your quilting to show better than dark fabrics). One piece is for your top and the other is the backing. Fabrics may be different if you like.
- 2 each 20" squares of Polyester batting -- Quilter's Dream Poly or another Poly that you like. Denser poly is better for trapunto stuffing. **Try to avoid a lofty poly batt.**
- 1 each 20" square of batting, Quilter's Dream or Hobbs Wool, Hobbs Heirloom or a cotton batting that you like. Wool is my favorite batting.
- Water Soluble Thread -- there are several brands, Wash Away by YLI is my favorite. Please avoid Dritz brand.
- Spool of thread to match your fabric backing, #50 wt. Aurifil Thread, #60 wt. Mettler, Master Piece by Superior. Any of these will work for your bobbin and should match for fabric back. No Poly Thread Please.
- Bring a selection of decorative threads that you might like to use for the top of your trapunto piece such as #100 silk, # 40 wt. Rayon, or a #50 wt. cotton thread. **No variegated thread please.**
- Pair of blunt nose scissors for cutting trapunto batt. I recommend Heritage Cutlery VP 30 4" Embroidery scissors. If you cannot find, I will have scissors to purchase with me.
- Bobbins for your machine (2-3)
- 1 pkg. Schmetz Microtex #70 Sharp needles
- Blue water-soluble marker and white marking pencil or what will show on your fabric. (Must be water soluble)
- Safety pins for pinning the layers together (approx. 25 pins)
- Sewing machine in good working order with **instruction manual**. For ideal machine quilting you should be able to drop or cover your feed dogs.
- Darning foot or open toed foot for your machine. (If unsure, bring all of your feet)
- Plexiglas surround for your machine (can be purchased at your local quilt shop or on-line) or a small surround that comes with some machines is fine. (Optional but desired)
- I will provide several quilting designs to select from.
- Ruler for marking grid lines (3 x 18 or longer) (Optional)
- Light box (Optional) don't go out and buy one but if you have one, bring it along.

If you have trouble finding supplies, please feel free to contact me at: jillschumacher@frontiernet.net

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Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of class to allow plenty of time to set up your machine.