

Tame Fussy Fiddly Threads-Materials List

Notes:

1. 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, know how to change to your walking foot and your free-motion foot without assistance, and be willing to adjust the needle tension on your sewing machine.
 2. There is a kit fee which will cover the cost of three spools of Superior Threads (one variegated polyester, one metallic, one holographic, a spool of heavy poly and a bobbin of The Bottom Line bobbin thread), paint, brush, plate and cup. Price is about \$35. There will be two colorways available (blues and earthtones).
 3. We'll stencil-paint our leaves in the morning and begin quilting by late morning. You may substitute some or all fused leaves; please bring pre-fused fabric if you want this option. Large leaves are about 2 ½ by 4 inches; small leaves are about 1 ¼ by 2 inches. Make as many or few leaves as you wish. My sample has five large and 24 small leaves.
- Glasses or reading glasses, if you use them!
 - Sewing Machine
 - Should be in good working order
 - Should be able to drop or cover the feed-dogs for free-motion work
 - Bring the machine you will be using for machine quilting (not a lightweight class machine)
 - Instruction Manual** for your sewing machine—your owner's manual allows me to help you better!
 - Walking foot and Free-motion or darning foot for your sewing machine
 - Sewing Extension table if you have one
 - Fabric:** 16" square of *pre-washed black* cotton fabric; 16 or 17" square batting (cotton or cotton blend is best); 18" square backing fabric. Small practice quilt sandwich (top fabric, batting, backing) to test paint colors, stitch settings; can be 8x11 or 9x9 or thereabouts.
 - Threads:** *Kit fee of about \$35 includes four spools of fancy threads from Superior Threads. Please bring ALSO one spool black (cotton or poly) and any of your favorites, especially if they give you trouble.*

Other Stuff and The USS Quilt (Usual Sewing Stuff for Quilting):

- 16" square **Freezer paper—essential!!!**
- 3-6 **paper towels**
- Plastic gallon size baggie** or flat white kitchen garbage bag (to cover/protect table)
- Machine quilting gloves**, optional—only if you like them (Machingers are my favorites!)
- 18 mm rotary cutter** (to be used on the freezer paper) **and** small rotary cutting **mat** (optional but encouraged)
- Paper scissors**
- 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). If you have some also bring Jeans/Denim, Sharps, Metallic (or Metafil) or Quilting needles—sizes 10, 12 or 14—whatever you have.
- Fabric Scissors, Seam ripper
- Pins, extra sewing machine needle(s) (just in case...sigh...it happens!)
- Safety pins for basting your quilt sandwich, if you have them (if not, you can use straight pins for the class)
- Lined paper to take notes.
- Pen and *pencil* for notes and for doodling.
- 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.