

Mastering Metallic Thread Supply List– Mancuso Online Quiltfest August 2020

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Notes:

1. PLEASE put my email, sarah@sarahannsmith.com , in your approved senders list. This is especially true if you have gmail or Hotmail. Both are notorious for putting my messages—even when responding to someone with a gmail account, into the spam folder. Thanks.
2. 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 wakiig foot and free-motion foot without assistance, and be willing to adjust the needle tension on your sewing machine.
3. You'll learn about how to succeed with "fiddly" threads and begin quilting. Please prepare a small second quilt sandwich for practice-play-get more experience.
4. There is an optional kit fee which will cover the cost of Sarah's exclusive winter snowflake fabric plus backing; there will be 15 kits available. On your own you will need to purchase at least two spools of high quality metallic thread, one spool of Bottom Line thread (a very fine polyester). I do have some (but not all) of the metallic threads. If interested in ordering those from me, please email me at sarah@sarahannsmith.com and we can work out what and payment via PayPal.

For the Online Quiltfest in August 2020 the fee for the snowflake fabric, backing and shipping is \$32 and is charged with your class registration. If you prefer to use what fabric you have in stash, that is OK too. As soon as you register for the workshop, Sarah will send a PDF of a suggested snowflake outline to mark on your fabric. You may also use any design you like instead of snowflakes.

Sarah ordered the Snowflake fabric from Spoonflower on July 6th. So it should be available for onward shipping to students in the nick of time. If there are any issues with Spoonflower's production schedule, Sarah will contact you at least a week before the class for alternative arrangements. If I have extra, additional snowflake fabric will be for sale—perfect for making matching placemats! I'm hoping to have it for sale on Spoonflower as well—stay tuned!

5. You will receive your Zoom invitation to the workshop from Sarah, not the Mancuso Brothers. Please remember to put sarah@sarahannsmith.com into your approved senders / White List.

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
- Use the machine you will prefer 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
- Topstitch 14 needle for most machines; if you have a Janome, Janome's Purple Tip needle works best.

Fabric:

- KIT for Mancuso Online show INCLUDES tablerunner sized Snowflake cloth (1/3 yard or 12x42") and solid blue backing (2/3 yard for backing and binding) mailed via Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelope.
- Small-ish practice quilt sandwich (top fabric, batting, backing) to test stitch settings and practice; can be 8x11 or 9x9 or larger.
- If not purchasing a kit, you will want a large-ish fabric with a distinct design you can use to outline quilt OR a solid/semi-solid on which you will mark a quilting design. The idea behind the snowflake fabric was to give students a fabric that didn't require them to take the time to mark a design during an in-person class. The kit is for a tablerunner that is 12x42 inches for the top, plus a bit more (about 14x42) for the batting and backing. You can make your class project any shape you wish, but give yourself room to play—don't go too small.

Threads:

Please purchase at least one spool of high quality metallic thread, one spool of Glitter/holographic or alternate metallic, coordinating ultra-fine, smooth polyester for the bobbin and (optional) one of Razzle Dazzle for bobbin work. My preferred brands are Superior Threads and Yenmet for metallics, but there are other good brands available.

For my Snowflake class sample, I used:

Silver Metallic #000, Glitter Pearl #111, Halo in Champagne #331, Razzle Dazzle in Icicle #251, and SoFine 50-wt in 473 for the background quilting, and Bottom Line Light Blue #610 and Silver #623.

For class all you need is Silver metallic, another metallic option, and the Silver Bottom Line.

NOTE: please do not use metallic thread that is ten years old or feels "crunchy" or crinkly. There's a reason it has sat unused for a decade!

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

- Machine quilting gloves, optional—only if you like them (Machingers are my favorites!)
- 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. For Janome machines, I recommend Janome's purple-tip needle instead... it's a wonder and was designed specifically to complement the Janome machine design.
- 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)
- Paper to take notes and for sketching if desired.
- 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.