

Drawing with Your Sewing Machine – Julia E. Pfaff:

Supply List ~ To Bring:

- ◆A bag lunch
- ◆Your own **sewing machine** and if possible it's instruction manual as well.
- ◆Your machine's **embroidery / free motion / darning** foot attachment. This allows you to see clearly what the needle is doing. It's called different things but each is basically the same. If your machine does not have one you can purchase a "universal foot" at most sewing machine stores. **You do not need this to machine quilt** –but it is one of the things that allows you to free motion quilt.

- ◆**Fabric** – you will need small pieces of both top and backing fabric these are to practice on. I recommend working on skills on smaller pieces of fabric. 13 x 13 can be turned into a 12" pillow.

I wouldn't work much bigger than 20 x 20 to start. It's better to do a whole bunch of smaller ones and get a system worked out and experiment with different patterns.

- Top:** –white or muslin pieces to start with – all the better to see what you are drawing
- Fabrics of your choice to work on – solids or patterns – whatever you feel comfortable working on. A big figured fabric might give you some challenges for stitching around a figure.

- Backing:** I prefer machine quilting for wall pieces on a sport or heavy weight cotton fabric. Either duck or a twill (like a denim). This gives more stability and allows the piece to hang well. You can have a quilt weight fabric on the back if you prefer – or best case situation try both and see the difference.

- ◆**Batting** – I will have ***Warm and Natural*** available for purchase during the workshop. This is my preferred batting. You are welcome to bring your own batting – 100% cotton for machine quilting. There are many different brands available. You need scraps to practice with and enough to do your samples (see above)

- ◆You may want to bring a good piece or two of fabric to practice on. It should be cotton and medium weight. It can be a solid, a print, or even a pieced or appliquéd block. To save time pre-cut fabric to 13 inch block size.

- ◆Wash out fabric pencil or chalk marker.

- ◆Rotary cutter, ruler, and cutting board (**optional** since I will have several available for class use)

- ◆**Sewing thread for your machine.** Coats and Clarks all purpose works fine but you can try any machine sewing thread. It does not have to be "machine ***quilting*** thread". Rayon sulky threads work and my new favorite is Coats and Clark's trilobal polyester machine embroidery thread. You can use any color for samples also bring something that "goes" with any good fabrics you may be bringing.

- ◆10 or so sheets of **drawing paper** – scrap is fine, a sketch book, copier or printer paper

- ◆pencil or pen whatever you feel comfortable drawing/writing with.

- ◆basic sewing kit

- ◆depending on the size of the group – your own iron – if you bring everything cut and well pressed an iron isn't so necessary (some provided for shared use)

Provided:

- ◆Some basic thread colors

- ◆Rotary cutters, rulers, and cutting boards for shared use.

- ◆irons

Available for purchase:

Warm and natural batting \$.35 per square foot