



FREE MOTION QUILTING

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Class Description:

FMQ, Meander, Stipple, Leaves, Love Hearts and QAYG – if this means nothing to you or if you know what it means and want to learn more then this class is for you! FMQ is Free Motion Quilting and not as scary as it sounds. Anita will start you off with the Stipple design and you will be practising on 10" blocks which you can then either keep as a reference for future quilting or put them together using the QAYG (Quilt as You Go) method.

Fabric Requirements

If you want to make your blocks into a quilt, you will need:

- 10" squares of fabric either from your stash or from a 10" precut pack (also known as a Layer Cake).
- 1m wadding
- 2m backing fabric

If you just want to practise your quilting, you will need:

- 6-8no. 10" square quilt sandwiches.

Equipment:

- Rotary cutter, cutting mat & acrylic ruler
- Sewing machine (don't forget foot pedal, power lead and accessories e.g. feet, bobbins, needles plus your manual). Note: *please check you can and know how to lower the feed dogs on your machine.*
- Darning or Free Motion Quilting (FMQ) foot for your machine.
- Extension table for your machine (if you have one).
- Sewing machine needles: Anita recommends the purple tip Janome needle for FMQ.
- Threads for quilting.
- Quilting gloves.
- Temporary spray adhesive for fabric (e.g. 505 spray).
- Basic sewing kit (scissors, hand needles, thread snips, unpicker, pins, etc)
- Notepad, pen and a propelling pencil

Please remember:

- We have 6 sewing machines (Janome M100 QDC) for hire; if you would like to hire one for this class, please do book one in advance – they are available on a first come, first served basis.
- The windows may be opened periodically during the class to allow for adequate ventilation.
- To bring your own equipment where possible.
- Please read the terms and conditions (under "Classes and Demonstrations" on our website).