

Supply List-Start with a Square

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- Machine-in good working order. Bring the one you will really work with at home if possible.
- Manual for machine. Please know how to set up your machine for free motion before class.
- Free Motion foot for your machine-open-toed is preferred but not required. The foot usually has a spring on it. You do need this for the class-if you're not sure, please check with your dealer to make sure you have the right one.
- Put the free motion foot on your machine, and lower the needle to make sure it fits and works with your machine. Your quilt sandwich should move freely under a lowered presser foot with your feed dogs down.
- Two 18" quilt sandwiches of quality 100% cotton fabric and quality batting in lighter, neutral color- could be white, a lighter value of any color, beige, light taupe, etc. We will use one for practice before putting motifs on the other.
- A fat quarter (or larger) of a large scale print to use as your "starter". See note below.
- Handful (8-10) of 1" safety pins for basting
- Several colors in the medium range of quality thread to compliment your "starter".
- One empty bobbin.
- Topstitch needles appropriate for the threads you're bringing
- Marker of choice-blue wash out, Sewline chalk, anything that marks well.
- 24" quilter's ruler.
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter (will only use to cut a starter square, students can share
- 3 full size paper towels (I'll explain!)
- Snips.
- Pencil and 15 sheets of blank paper or a notepad.

NOTE: We'll break for a ½ hr lunch - it's probably best to bring one along.

Bring only if you already have (don't rush out and buy them!):

- The bed extender that came with your machine if you have one. Or, bring your Sew Steady table if you have one.
- Any free motion supplies that you typically use-gloves, slider, etc
- Straight stitch throat plate.
- If you like to do "ruler work", bring your ruler foot and ruler(s).

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Notes on choosing a Starter Square:

A “starter scrap” will be your inspiration for creating your own combination of filler and feature motifs for an 18” square. You’ll want to choose a fabric that you find interesting and fun to work with. I do have a few suggestions below:

- Motifs need to be simple enough to easily stitch around. Something with lots of nooks and crannies would be difficult.
- You want to like the fabric-something that interests you.
- It works best if the motifs are mainly stand alone, not all connected and intertwined.
- Scale is important: motifs bigger than your closed fist may be too big and motifs smaller than a silver dollar could be too fussy.
- Bring threads to compliment your chosen fabric. In general, error on the side of lighter than darker. Darker threads can look “spider web-ish” and also will show less-than-perfect stitching more easily.

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