

Thread and Needle Matters Supply List

1100 – 1400

Class begins at 1100 – come earlier to set up and get organized

This session will explore the relationship between thread and needle, the tensions, CW, ST L, DF, PFP, and Mtc when stitched on quilters cotton or on different types of fabric (optional).

The takeaway is a process. You will identify the stitch anatomy, diagnose the problem and then optimize it using different thread weights on quilters cotton initially. Then apply this skill to all other thread weights, no matter its thread content, serged on different fabric types.

This session supports the Serger Mastery Program.

Bring your serger in good working order, its manuals, power cord and foot controller.

Stitch:

- 3TO-W Overlock

Needles: 130/705H type

- Topstitch 80/12. Bring Topstitch 90/14 in case serging on heavier fabrics.

Main Foot:

- Clear or metal foot that came with your serger

Upper Looper Thread: Bring an assortment of colors and/or variegated threads in different weights from your stash. If have metallic, bring it. I will bring a stash of thread for you to use. **Not all threads will be tested**, but you will select which ones to use and to diagnose. This is the time you can use cotton and a polyester thread in the loopers, either separately or together. Think a 12 wt with a 40 wt in one looper – see below.

Thread weights to bring to test: (your choice)

- 12 wt
- 30 wt
- 40 wt
- 50 wt (this is your serger thread)
- Texturized (Wooly nylon, poly yarn – about 8 wt)

Fabric for your samples:

- Bring ten or more light colored solid 6-inch x 6-inch squares (minimum) to 8-inch x 8-inch squares (maximum) of quilters cotton. Can bring heavy weight muslin for testing. Bring a marker / pen to write on the fabric, hence a solid fabric.
- ***If*** you have any lightweight fabric like lawn, batiste, chiffon or heavy fabric like denim, corduroy, home dec, in your stash and can spare it, bring it. Cut it into 8-inch x 8-inch squares. I will have some for you to use in class - take home to play some more.

Needle Thread and LL:

- Bring serger thread, 50 wt, for both in different colors to your fabric color. Need to see the thread contrast in your samples.

Plus...

- Will demo the lasso technique and
- **A BONUS:** How to serge a braid....this is a slow and steady stitch using a 12 wt and 40 wt in a looper. Thread can be cotton and polyester as one or all cotton or all polyester. Imagine the tensions! Yikes. Frowns. Apply your new skills! Happy Smiles follow!

Other helpful items:

- Bring a notebook, or a binder to keep your samples organized!
- A chair cushion.
- A snack.
- A covered beverage.
- Sewing / serging notions – just the basics.