

Intro to Freehand Machine Quilting

Jill Whittaker

Skill Level: All

July 13

Thursday ~ 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Freehand machine quilting can be liberating! Machine quilting allows a quick completion of projects. As with any technique, setting up your machine properly is a must. And then, of course, practice makes better! Please join Jill for this introduction to freehand machine quilting- you'll be off to a great start!

Fee: \$18.00

365 Free Motion Quilting Designs

Jill Whittaker

Skill Level: All

August 31

Thursday ~ 6:30pm – 8:30pm

There is a marvelous new book in the shop titled "365 Free Motion Quilting Designs" by Leah Day, a young quilter and blogger. Jill often felt in a rut with her machine quilting so imagine her excitement when she discovered this book! It is a fantastic visual reference guide, offering 365 quilting possibilities, (plus many more on Leah's website). Please join her to explore several of Leah's free motion quilting designs. You will want to try every one after this introduction. (Some prior knowledge of free motion machine quilting is helpful, especially how to set up your machine.)

Fee: \$44.75 *(includes a \$36.00 book)*

Hand Quilting

Sue Blayney

Skill level: All

June 29

Thursday ~ 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Sue's passion for quilting is staying strong! If you haven't yet learned this treasured traditional technique, she would love to share her knowledge with you! The book, "That Perfect Stitch", had been a big inspiration for her; she knows you will love it, too. She will share what she has learned - from needles and thread choices, to suitable batting for hand stitching and more.

Fee: \$18.00

Utility Quilting

Sue Blayney

Skill Level: All

August 5

Saturday ~ 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Sue loves handwork! A patient sister-in-law spent many hours teaching her basic stitches and she was hooked. Now she gives every new handwork technique a try. She loves utility stitch quilting because of the bold and unique quilting stitches using pearl cotton thread that add so much to a project. It's a great way to quilt pillows, baby quilts, and other small projects. The book "Utility Quilting", included in your class fee, will also help you design borders for your next piece.

Fee: \$37.50 *(includes a \$27.95 book)*



QC Pillowcase Race

August 5th -19th

It's that time again - time for all you speedy stitchers to rev up your sewing machines! Our annual race provides children (from the very youngest to 18) hospitalized in Pittsburgh with a cheerful pillowcase to brighten their hospital rooms. The mountain (literally!) of cases created find their way to the hospital via the efforts of a special organization, A Case for Smiles. You can gather a group of friends to form a sewing team, or work alone - either way the goal is to create as many cheerful pillowcases as possible. Consider getting the children in your life involved with this project. The pillowcase technique we use is easy to teach (if you would like to see the amazing method, ask for a quick demo at the cutting table) and children seem to be truly grateful for a chance to help others like themselves. Of course there are prizes like any other race - goodies for most pillowcases by both a team and an individual and for our favorite pillowcase. A little fabric, a little time, a huge impact - how can you resist?!