



Thumb Quilting

1/2- or 1-day workshop
Workshop Supply List

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Are you new to hand quilting, or struggling with hand quilting? Frustrated with that thimble on your finger? Perhaps you are a thumb quilter, but don't know it! Now is the time to learn this comfortable, ergonomic alternative for hand quilting. All skill levels are welcome.



Before coming to class, wash all fabrics and batting to make sure they are pre-shrunk and colorfast.

- Fabric:** Two pieces, approximately 22" square. Solid, light-colored, plain fabric, 100% cotton, or muslin.
- Batting:** One square, approximately 22". Your choice: 100% cotton, cotton/polyester blend, wool, wool blend, or any quilt batting you want to try. For best results, follow batting instructions about washing and drying before you come to class.
- Thimble(s):** that fit the thumb on your dominant hand. You want a thimble that allows you to control the movement of your needle with the pad of your thumb. I prefer a metal thimble with big dimples (perhaps labeled as a "Tailor's Thimble"). You may prefer a leather thimble. Come with what you have and we will explore alternatives in class. Ask your quilt shop for assistance in finding the right thimble for your thumb.
- Quilt Hoop:** 14", 16", or 18" hoop (NOT an embroidery hoop, there is a difference). If you already own a larger quilt hoop, and want to use it, bring larger pieces of fabric and batting that fit in your hoop.
- Needle for basting:** A long, sturdy needle, size 8 or 9, with a sharp point and good-sized eye for quick threading.
- Needles for quilting*:** Size 10 or 11 between/hand quilting (any brand).
- Hand Quilting Thread:** In a color that contrasts with your fabric. In this class it helps to see your stitches. I prefer cotton Aurifil (28 weight); OK to bring what you like.
- Regular Thread:** for basting, any color.
- Thread snippers or small scissors.**
- Ruler:** 12" or longer; rotary or other see-through ruler for marking quilting lines.
- Marking tools:** A regular pencil or chalk pencil will work. Because we are working on a practice piece, the marking tool is not critical at this point. During class we will discuss various marking options.
- Masking tape:** regular, whatever you have on hand. (Do NOT bring blue/painter's tape.)
- Old metal spoon:** for basting. This will get scratched, so don't bring a good one, or one you would expect to eat with later. It will become a handy quilting tool.
- Optional items:** reading glasses, needle threader*, portable light*.

Some notions are available from Pacific Rim Quilt Company - www.pacificrimquilt.com

** These notions will be available for purchase at the class if you can't find them elsewhere.*