

Making Friends with Your Quilting Machine with Rob Appell

Trouble shooting your threads, needles, tensions, accessories and over all machine set ups while focusing on free motion machine quilting.

Spend a day with Machine Quilting Mad Man, Rob Appell and learn from his vast knowledge of the technical side of sewing machine service and operations, plus a few motifs that work well almost anywhere. Rob has a very fun way to explain how to trouble shoot all of those “what gives” moments, especially while free motion machine quilting. Learn all about how to check and adjust your tensions, needle and tread choices, all the crazy accessories, and so much more. Understand how your machine is designed to work, and the way we can benefit as quilters by understanding the set up of the different machines.

The class will be mostly lecture format on machine designs and the troubleshooting, with a bit of hands on skill building. Rob will also help students to understand their own equipment, such as their machines, needles, thread, and all the little gadgets so that they can apply their knowledge when they return home. The Lecture will also address body mechanics, physical techniques and practice drills for quick improvement.

Learn to practice, warm up, and trouble shoot all from the same samples. The class will be more of a lecture/demonstration, than a how do make quilting design class. Come prepared to have all of “those sewing machine” questions finally answered in a practical way.

Optional Supplies Recommended

DO NOT bring your best quilt top to class!

- Your Sewing Machine, in good working order with a FREE MOTION QUILTING FOOT.
- 1 yard of muslin.
- Baby size Batting, or loose batting chunks at least 24” x 24” Polyesters and Cottons to play with a variety.
- Cotton 40 wt thread
- Polyneon, Rayon, and/or Polyester 40wt
- Thread that is a contrast to the print so you can see your work.
- All those threads you want to talk about.
- Curved Safety Pins for basting
- Sharps 80 Needles, Denim 90 Needles.
- Machingers Gloves
- Sew Slip Mat Teflon glide mat for machine bed.
- Sew Steady Table (plastic extension table) if you have one.
- Due to space - “Sew Easy” Tables not recommend.

