

When “Oh, Just Stipple It” Just ISN’T Enough

Workshop with Laura Lee Fritz

Supplies list:

MUST-HAVES:

Each person will need to bring a **sewing machine** she or he is familiar with, PLUS an **open-toe sewing foot (that’s the ideal, or your “regular” sewing foot if you don’t have an open toe version) *** see note below.

Fabric-batt-fabric sandwiches, we will use about four, each a fat-quarter size. HAVE ONE SIDE SOLID not print, and bring sewing THREAD TO CONTRAST the solid side.

Bring your basic sewing supplies: thread snips, scissors pins but not many, pen and pencil.

HOPE YOU BRINGS:

Machine Quilting Gloves, such as Machingers, or close-fitting garden gloves with rubber dots or rubber finger tips, or nitrile “rubber” gloves like deli-workers wear. IF you forget them for class, you will compensate by wetting your fingers as you work, so don’t obsess if you cannot get this

IF you have one or have been looking for the right excuse to get it, your workspace will be improved if you bring a **sewing machine bed extender**, such as Sew Steady clear acrylic portable table (each is specifically made to fit a machine brand/model, be sure to get one to fit your machine, \$60 - \$170 more or less).

BONUSES:

These are NOT required, but could enhance your day of play:

Clear rulers and templates which you may have,

Frixion pen if you have one, I will bring a few such pens to use in class.

*** If you don’t have all these feet, please don’t worry over it. Let me help you decide what you may want:**

The best investment of all, for freemotion quilting, is the sewing foot with an open toe, that means you can see the exact next stitch you are going to take, between the toes of the foot, it is not solid across the front.

If you love straight lines, either a walking foot or a ruler foot (the ones made by your machine manufacturer for your machine are the best, not the generic ones).

If you love curvey, swirly, meander lines, you want a freemotion foot, also known in the olden days as a darning foot. If you want to use clear acrylic templates for “ruler work”, order your ruler foot now, as it make take time to arrive at your machine dealership.

The bottom line, is, that any foot is better than none, and if you are uncertain what you have, take the time before class to watch your machine instructional video or peruse the booklet which came with your machine, to see what you have which might do the above jobs.