

Hand Quilting

I would begin the class with a discussion of hand quilting that would include reasons why a quilter might want to hand quilt a piece. I would continue with preparation of the piece to be quilted with attention to materials, basting, and tools. Techniques of hand quilting would follow with each student, especially beginners, to have an opportunity to practice on scrap pieces. This would be followed by time for each student to prepare a piece to quilt. The remainder of the class would be spent either on practice or on quilting a piece "for real", depending on the student's wishes.

If students have the following tools, they should bring them to the class:

14" round quilting hoop or a square plastic frame for embroidery

Safety pins for basting if desired

Fine needle threader

Materials:

1 16" square panel (commonly called cheater fabric) or a larger panel, any design

Or 1 16" pieced block or a larger pieced item but not larger than a table topper or baby quilt

and Cotton hand quilting thread

Batting 2" larger in each direction than the panel or block

Backing same size as the batting

Regular cotton sewing thread for basting

Or students may use a kit that I could prepare for approximately \$7.00. I will have hoops available for loan. I will supply the needles.