

Free-Motion textures Attendee Information

Hello! Thanks so much for signing up the class! I appreciate your adventurous spirit and curious nature. I think this is going to be new and fun and worth it! Here are the details...

Choose your Device

Plan to join the class using a device that you can keep near you in your sewing space. *The larger the screen the better for your visibility.* Think about how you will keep it powered during class. Think about whether you could angle the camera toward your hands as you stitch if you need feedback on your free-motion technique during class. This could involve raising your device higher on books, leaning it against something near your sewing machine, or having a generous family member be your temporary camera crew as needed.

After you have decided on your device, make sure you have the free Zoom software installed. If your device is a laptop or desktop computer, please visit <https://www.zoom.us/download> to download and install. This is a free download and you will not need to register. If you will join from a tablet or phone, please visit your app store and download the free Zoom app. Do this prior to the event so you don't miss anything! If you would like to check that you did this step correctly you can join a [Zoom Test Meeting](#) anytime to make sure.

Joining the Class

When you register, and again the day before the class, you will receive an email that includes a link to the private Zoom class meeting. Do not share this link with anyone. When you are ready to join the class on the class day, click the link in your reminder email. You will see a pop-up message asking if you want to open the link in Zoom. **Click "Allow"**.

The classroom will open 15 minutes prior to the official class starting time to allow you to get settled with your technology and connect with me about any questions you have. If you have not joined the class by the meeting start time you may have to wait for me to let you in while I begin class introductions. Try to get in the class early!

Supply List

- **A sewing machine.** Before class be sure to put on your free motion foot and clean out the lint under the stitch plate. Make sure your needle is fresh. Thread the machine with some contrasting thread for visibility.
- **Tools you use for free motion quilting.** I use my quilting gloves and my machine's extension table
- **A temporary fabric marker**
- **A free-motion sandwich.** I make mine by layering a 22"x 20" piece of muslin, a 22" x 20" piece of batting, and a 18" x 20" piece of solid fabric. I hold the whole thing together with curved safety pins. If you are someone who stitches very fast or large you will want to make two sandwiches. Most quilters only fill one in our class time.
- **Drawing Supplies.** You will learn as much from sketching as you do from stitching in this session. Make sure you have paper that is large enough to fit several designs together and a pen that is comfortable to draw with. Your sketches will be an effective way to hold onto the ideas we go over in class.
- **Free-motion books.** If there are any books you turn to with your free motion, have them handy for ideas during class! I recommend my book "Step-By-Step Texture Quilting".
- **Your device and its charger.** You don't want to miss something if your device runs out of power mid meeting!
- **Patience.** There are annoying things that can happen in any quilting class anywhere. This class will be no different. Please join with a willingness to laugh at how we are all adapting to new technologies and processes. I promise to do the same!