



Let it Snow!

a workshop with Susan Brubaker Knapp

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Stitch up your own snow storm! Learn how to thread sketch delicate flakes and swirls, then embellish with paint. This is a good workshop for those who already have basic machine free-motion experience who want to expand their skills and do more with thread on the surface of a quilt. You'll learn how to:

- create line, color, texture and movement with thread
- gain control and confidence when free-motion stitching
- trace snowflakes onto your fabric
- stabilize the fabric surface to avoid draw-up and puckers
- choose the right threads and needles for thread sketching
- regulate stitch to eliminate tension problems

SUPPLIES to bring:

- 22x19" dark blue cotton fabric for the background. A subtle pattern is okay, but stay away with designs that will draw attention away from the snowflakes. I like to use batik because it is a bit heavier and it has a very tight weave/high thread count, which provides more stability. Stay away from light-weight fabric.
- White cotton thread, 50- or 60-weight (for snowflakes)
- 2 or 3 shades of blue cotton thread (may be varigated or a solid color), 50- or 60-weight (for swirls)
- masking tape and Scotch tape
- paper scissors (sharp)
- fabric scissors and seam ripper
- mechanical white chalk quilter's pencil (I like Bohin and Sewline)
- Two pieces 22x19" of Pellon 910 non-fusible "sew-in" interfacing, OR Pellon 809 Decor Bond fusible interfacing, OR Pellon 882 Soft-N-Stable, OR Shaping Aid (Heavy Weight). You can usually find these at Hancock's or Jo-Anne Fabrics.



- 10 straight pins or safety pins
- light box/light board (if you have one)
- Sewing machine – must be in good working order, able to drop feed dogs, and have a free-motion or darning/embroidery foot.
- manual for your machine
- Universal or Microtex needles, 80/12 or 70/10
- extended surface for your sewing machine (if you have one)

SUPPLIES to finish your project:

Note: Bring these if you are an extra-speedy learner and think you may have time to quilt your project in class!

- Fabric for the backing: 22x19"
- Batting: 22x19"
- Fabric for the binding or facing

Please e-mail me if you have any questions!



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