



American Sewing Guild OPEN THREAD BAR WORKSHOP

I am excited to teach this workshop and know that you will leave with confidence to use a broad range of thread for your sewing and quilting!

The workshop will begin with a brief session where I will teach you how to use specialty threads, how to work with your machine tension and correct needle usage. I will have a variety of quilts with me to demonstrate different threads and techniques.

You will be treated to an "Open Thread Bar" where you will have a large selection of Superior Threads available to use. You will start on a practice panel where you will learn how changing your machine tension affects the stitch quality of each of the decorative threads. I encourage you to bring samples of the different fabrics you use at home so you can test these threads on fabrics you are already familiar with. Since I am a quilter, and many of you are too, I will be bringing preprinted fabric panels if you would like to play with free motion quilting and thread painting.

I would like to emphasize that this class is NOT a commercial. I am here to educate you on how to use any and all types of threads in your machine. I do not bring products to sell but refer you to your local quilt/fabric store. If you do not have a local store that supplies your threads, you are always welcome to purchase threads on-line.

Supplies needed for class~

1. Sewing machine in good working order and **please bring your manual!** Bring the sewing machine that you will most likely be using these threads on at home.
2. Free motion quilting foot. Decorative stitch foot (one that you can use with a zig-zag stitch, etc.)
3. Needles: Schmetz Topstitch 90/14. If you have specialty needles you use at home please bring these too for testing threads.
4. Bobbins: Please bring at least 2 empty bobbins.
5. Extra light if needed.
6. Scotch tape (optional).

*There is a \$10 kit fee for this class. This includes your pre-marked/assembled practice panel, unlimited use of thread painting floral panels and batting/backing packets, unlimited use of all threads and your handout.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the workshop, you are more than welcome to contact me by e-mail at linenqltr@comcast.net OR cneed1934@aol.com . Be sure to reference the class in the subject line. Thank you! Cindy Needham