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“My Designs” Workshop

4-day Teaching Workshop

Superior Threads Education Center~St. George, UT

Presented by Cindy Needham

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Due to many requests from past and present students, I am thrilled to be holding 4-5 day teaching workshops and even more excited to have been invited to teach this workshop for Superior Threads at their Education Center in St. George, UT.

I love to design the quilting for both traditionally pieced tops as well as wholecloth quilts... to me it is the icing on the cake! Since I do heirloom style quilting my marked quilting lines are important to me. After an amazing workshop with Diane Gaudynski she taught me how to use minimal lines and to make “My Designs” my own.

I have created this 4-day workshop for the confident beginner up to the experienced free motion quilter. I will provide you with a good foundation on thread choices; how to make good quilting design choices; how to create and design fabulous feathers and my new French paisley designs; and how to create beautiful background designs with minimal marking. Everyone will go home with a beautiful wholecloth sampler quilt that is created during the week. This is a stress-free, inspirational and creative workshop where you will learn how to make quilting designs “Your Own”.

I have earned my reputation for providing excellent workshops with great instruction and handouts. Each day will begin with a morning lecture covering a different subject and you will have the remainder of the afternoon as uninterrupted quilting, designing, shopping and relaxation time.

Each retreat is limited to 25 students. Extensive handouts are organized in a binder for you as well as other goodies!

Price

\$400 per student

The price of the workshop includes four full days of instruction, lunch and dinner. This does not include your hotel or airfare. Breakfast may be included at your hotel.

Payment may be made by clicking on the Superior Threads' link on my website under "Workshops".

If this class is canceled by either myself or Superior Threads 60+ days prior to the class, we will not assume any financial obligation. It is highly recommended that your plane and lodging reservations NOT be made until after the 60-day deadline. The minimum of 15 students must be made before the class is officially scheduled.

Curriculum

Tuesday...Day One~Threads.

You may arrive by 9 am. Morning welcome, introductions and instructions.

Lunch served from 12-1.

Threads lecture.

Classroom open until 5, dinner afterwards.

This will be my Open Thread Bar lecture where you will learn how to use all different types of threads in your machine; how to change your tension both top and bottom; how to choose the correct needle for the type of thread you are using and the fabric you are quilting on. I will also provide my detailed pin and straight basting demonstration. You will spend the remainder of the afternoon/evening playing with provided Superior threads on your beautiful fabric getting everything dialed in to work on your class project.

(If you have already participated in my Open Thread Bar class you are welcome to work on a quiet non-sewing machine project of your choice during the lecture).

Wednesday...Day Two~Elements of Design.

Classroom will be open from 9am to 5 pm.

Lecture from 9-12.

Lunch from 12-1, dinner afterwards.

I will be teaching you the basic elements of quilting design. Since our class project is based on wholecloth quilting, this will be the primary focus. Everything you will be learning today will be applicable to both wholecloth and pieced quilts. I encourage my students to bring one unquilted, pieced top for group discussion on possible quilting designs. This has become a favorite part of this lecture...very popular! The remainder of the day will be spent laying out and marking the bones of your wholecloth quilt sampler, pin basting and straight basting.

Thursday...Day Three~Fabulous Feathers and More!

Classroom will be open from 9 am to 5pm.

Lecture from 9 am to 12:00.

Lunch from 12-1. Dinner afterwards.

Feathers are one of the most romantic and best loved quilting designs ever...one of my favorites! I will be teaching you many different ways to quilt feathers and make them your own. No stencils needed...I promise! Several other adaptable beautiful quilting designs will be taught including my French paisleys. You will spend the day marking, designing and quilting the primary designs of your wholecloth sampler.

Friday...Day Four~Amazing Backgrounds.

Classroom will be open from 9am to 5 pm

Lecture from 9 am to 12:00.

Lunch from 12-1. No dinner provided tonight.

We know how important sunshine and shadow is in our quilting...a beautiful background design makes our primary designs pop and can turn an average quilt into a WOW quilt. I will teach you some beautiful background designs and how to easily design them using simple lines...and make them your own! You will spend the afternoon designing, marking and quilting your background designs and putting the finishing touches on your wholecloth sampler.