



T.N.T. - THREADS, NEEDLES AND TENSION WORKSHOP

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One day workshop (6 hour day)
Intermediate and Above machine quilter
You MUST be able to free-motion machine quilt

The DYNAMITE of machine quilting.
Understanding needles and tension is **ESSENTIAL** to all machine quilting.
Different thickness of thread will make your quilting look more interesting.

This workshop is for quilters wanting to understand tension and use different threads for their machine quilting i.e. 30wt and 40wt cotton, metallic, silk, and threads for bobbin work. Learn how to adjust your bobbin tension for thicker threads and what needles are required for what thread.
An information filled day working on Play Pieces. You may get started on a cushion in the afternoon.

REQUIREMENTS

Sewing machine and all normal sewing supplies
Darning and walking foot
Play Pieces of fabric

Four 50 x 50cm squares of homespun

Two 50 x 50cm squares of batting

Pin these together as two quilt sandwiches before the workshop

EMPTY bobbin – four, more if you have them

IMPORTANT – a small screwdriver that will fit the tension screw on your bobbin case (this does not come with the machine)

You will need 2 different colours of normal dressmaking thread as a starting point for tension (ie. Rasant, Gutermann, Mettler etc)

'The Bottom Line' thread from Superior Threads – in a mid grey
A marker that will be visible on your fabric (and come out).

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Any threads you may have at home and have not been game to try. Including
Metallics of all thicknesses
Rayon embroidery thread
Fine crochet cotton or fine metallic knitting yarn
30wt & 40wt cotton machine quilting thread (Mettler, Signature, Superior,
Maderia)
A couple of 100% polyester or polycotton threads
Monofil in either smoky or clear
Any other specialty threads you may have.
I will have a very limited range of some thicker threads available for sale

NO Hand Quilting thread

Needles –

Universal Size 70 & 80

Metallic Size 80 or 90

Topstitch Size 90

Jeans/Denim Size 80

One large eyed, sharp pointed hand needle to finish off heavy threads

Needle threader

Fine black felt tip pen.

A pattern will be supplied in the workshop and we may start on this in the
afternoon.

Requirements for cushion-

Half metre (50 x 112cm) fabric that you can see through to trace the design

50cm square of batting

You will need 3 or 4 different threads so buy them in one colour family or
colours that go together, different thicknesses of thread will make your work
look more interesting.

For Example

Blue threads with silver metallic OR

Different gold threads OR

Red threads with black metallic and/or black variegated threads