

DOGS DOWN with Sue Dennis
A technique workshop - 1 day
Suitable for beginners & anyone wanting to go beyond just stippling

Contrary to the title this workshop is not about dog obedience! DOGS DOWN is an introductory class designed for anyone wanting to learn the secrets of free-motion quilting. Warm up exercises, repeat motifs & machine writing is covered. Open the door of possibilities & enjoy greater creative use of a basic sewing machine for quilting, textile art or garments.



REQUIREMENTS

*As this is an introductory course we will practice on small sample pieces only
Photographs above are an example of some free motion quilting motifs covered in class*

If you have a quilt top bring it for quilting ideas to be discussed at the end of the day

- 2 x 16" square quilt sandwiches pinned or spray basted ready for stitching - with a plain colour fabric on top
- I prefer to use low loft wadding, but experiment with different types of wadding if you have them
- 1 x 16" square quilt sandwich with a large floral fabric on top - bring both matching & contrasting thread to background colour of floral piece
- Sewing machine in good order and spare bobbin
- **Sewing machine extension table- *this is essential*** - bring telephone books if you don't have an extension table
- Darning foot for free motion sewing
- **Can you drop your feed dogs or do you need to cover them? Please check your sewing machine manual if you have never done this**
- A small variety of threads which match & contrast with your sample fabrics- cotton or polyester, rayon, variegated or metallic
- Machine quilting needles [75-90]
- Metafil needles if using metallics
- Scissors
- Tailors chalk, soap sliver or another for marking your quilt sandwich
- 24" quilt ruler for marking lines
- Quilting, gardening [washed] or horse riding gloves for grip while quilting
- Notebook, pen, nametag & coffee mug