

Starts Wednesday 22nd

February

for 5 weeks

7-9pm Fee : **£65**

Tutor : Melanie Missin-Keating



Free motion machining is basically drawing with your sewing machine needle. It does take practice but once you have mastered it, it will open so many more design and textile doors for you. The pictures above are what can be achieved with lots of practice.

In the workshop we will be starting from the beginning and just scribbling and drawing basic shapes with our sewing machine then gradually moving on to create floral shapes, apples, pears, writing and so on. By the end of the course, you will be able to 'draw' with your sewing machine needle confidently. You will have made a Pansy or Bee panel (similar to above) which can be made into a cushion, bag, wall hanging or even a panel for a quilt.

About Your Tutor

I am a British Textile Artist and Tutor. I have been working with textiles for over forty five years. In the last fifteen years or so I have been teaching textile and mixed media workshops for beginners and advanced . I love to pass my knowledge on as well as still learning new techniques myself. I have passion for all things floral and fauna as well as old arts and crafts such as Indian Block Printing. I was fortunate enough to visit India in 2019 twice and saw so much inspiration in all that I saw and now using some of it in my present work. I am a past Co-ordinator for Region 9 Quilters Guild. I set up the Elysian Quilters group in Ely, Cambridgeshire. I'm chairman of Stitched Together (formerly Cambridgeshire Embroiderers' Guild) and joined a newly formed Contemporary Quilters Group CQ Icen which is affiliated with The Quilters Guild.

What you need to bring:

- Sewing machine in good working order with the manual
- Sewing machine universal needles size 90/14 or 80/12 and metallic needles the same size.
- Darning foot (essential) check you have one before the class as you may need to order one. (Older non-computerised machines may not facilitate the action of putting feed dogs down so you will need a plate to sit on top of them).
- Sewing kit – sharp scissors, needles, pins, quick unpick etc
- At least 6 of 14 inch x 14 inch squares of fabric sandwiches (a layer of calico, wadding, calico) you may need more.
- A selection of different coloured spool threads – cotton, polyester, variegated, metallic and rayon. Don't buy if you do not have some of these - unless you want to, of course.
- Pen, pencil, fabric marker pen, ruler and notebook

How to book

You may enrol by:

- Phone: 01954 288751
- Email: community@astreacottenham.org

Course fees are payable in full at the time of booking. Bookings and course fees must be made at least 5 working days before the start of the course.

Ways to pay

- Payment can be taken by cheque, payable to Astrea Academy Trust or by credit/debit card in person at Cottenham Village College.
- Credit/debit card payments can be taken over the telephone on 01954 288751

Please note refunds can only be made if a class is cancelled or closed.

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