

# Textile Design Entrepreneurship 2014

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## NOTES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Supplies or things I use for resources.

**Kinco Gloves #1791**- comes in small, medium, and large (I purchase mine at IFA--Intermountain Farmers Association, very inexpensive and work great.)

**Supreme Slider**—[www.freemotionslider.com](http://www.freemotionslider.com)

This is a Teflon sheet that makes free motion so much easier. This is a wonderful tool but quite pricy.

**Fons And Porter**- Mechanical fabric pencil/chalk.

**Frixion**- ball pens by Pilot. Mark quilt and iron off marks later. (I haven't used this very often but others swear by them).

**Little Genie**- "Magic Bobbin Washers" helps to keep bird nests from forming on the back of quilts when free motioning.

**Quilt Halo**- Rubberized ring that helps when you do free motion quilting. I have tried this and like the results.

**Orvus Paste**- horse shampoo to wash quilts. (I buy a gallon jug, snack size ziplocks and give each student one slightly rounded teaspoonful to wash each quilt).



**Crayola Washable Markers-** to mark quilts. Cannot be ironed over or left in the sun or near heat or it will heat set the marks. I find that black, brown and blue come out the easiest. However I personally have never had any trouble with any of the colors, but many of my students have. But I do not know if they did everything I told them to do.

**Craftsy.com-** amazing classes on line to purchase. They are yours for life. I have gleaned so much valuable information from them.

**Winline Textiles-** LuAnn Farr, 801-393-7498 or 800-945-9873. She is located in Ogden, UT. She can ship it to you anywhere. She works well with schools and gives you a great deal. She has beautiful batting of all kinds. I prefer 80% Cotton/20% Polyester, in both 96 "and 120" wide, 30 yard rolls.

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#### **Accurate**

**Cutting**

**Sewing**

**Pressing**

**Measuring**

**Pinning**

**Are essential when quilt making.**

**Thus, making the project so much faster and easier in the long run.**

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#### **Why use a Home Sewing Machine VS a Commercial Quilting Machine?**

There is a great article online from "Mr. Quilt" Don Linn, "My thoughts on quilting Machines.



### These are my reasons:

Quilting on a home sewing machine (HSM) is more economical for a student or anyone starting out.

Biggest advantage to learning on a HSM is:

- You can do the entire process on it from piecing, quilting to binding.
- You can do any sewing project on a HSM ! Not limited to just quilting.
- Doesn't take up as much room to quilt on a HSM. A commercial machine needs 10 ft by 20 ft.
- Easier to start less expensive and then you can upgrade if that is what you really want to do.

### Hints for Quilting at school:

- Start Small- do a baby quilt first or a 60"x60" lap quilt. Then as time goes on and you become more confident and increase your tools and knowledge you can move up to a Full or Queen size quilt. \*NEVER a KING! It can be done, but very difficult. (I wouldn't recommend it).
- Stretching and safety pinning your quilt on boards before quilting is half the battle.
- Quilting the quilt is a tough task at first. The need for more table space is next to impossible at school. You need to be able to keep the quilt from falling and dragging, gravity works against you. The quilt needs to be able to move freely so your hands and shoulders don't cramp up. However at school this is not possible



so we roll the quilts from outside to center. Accordion pleat the rolled up quilt to hold on your lap. Some students have found that throwing the rolled quilt over their shoulder is easier for them. Some students just bunch it up and go!



- When using the walking foot for quilting you have to keep the quilt loose in the front so it can feed through evenly and make even stitches. If you shove it through you end up with BIG ugly stitches. If you don't allow it to feed easily it makes tiny tight stitches and ends up breaking your needle.
- When doing free motion quilting the more area you have to balance the bulk of your quilt the better. You need the area you are free motioning to move all directions freely. However this can be accomplished 6-18 inches at a time.