

## *DAZZLING DOODLE DESIGNS ON THE LONGARM*

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### CLASS OUTLINE

This class will be a hands-on method for creating designs without marking and without fear of failure. It is a no stress system for all levels of quilters!

- I. Creativity....Where do I get great quilting ideas??
- II. The importance of keeping a notebook or journal....collecting designs that appeal to you, and DOODLING. Doodling is the key to long-arm success.
- III. Doodle, draw, collect, and ponder....and most of all LOOK around you. Learn to see. Think like an artist!
- IV. DRAW, DRAW, DRAW....DOODLE, DOODLE, DOODLE.
- V. Basics and trouble-shooting quilt projects. Technical and practical aspects of quilting without marking and doodling on quilts. Samples and discussion about what designs will work in various areas of a quilt. Students can bring quilts for help and discussion of how to quilt their piece.
- VI. Questions about thread, batt, and other technical problems students may encounter. How to deal with wavy edges, poor piecing, non square quilts, thread and tension problems, saggy quilts on the frame, using different threads on the top and in the bobbin, skipping loopers, sucking up fullness in quilts, securing your quilt before quilting, stabilizing, and other challenges when quilting. How to float a quilt....quilts with curvy or unusual edges....backs that are pieced or not big enough, and a bit about pieced backs.
- VII. Demo on the machine, discussion, drawing various designs for the students to copy or put in notebooks. Students will quilt on their own practice pieces working 2 to a machine to try out designs themselves.....I will guide them at their machines and help them as needed.
- VIII. Marking and using templates or tools on your quilt.
- IX. Tips for those wanting to go into business and quilt professionally.

Business cards, supplies, pricing, getting and dealing with customers, tax issues, and other business basics students may wish to discuss.

I will use my own little book, Dazzling Doodles, that I have written for machine quilters. It will be available for sale if students would like to purchase it after class. **HANDOUTS WILL BE GIVEN.**

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Supply list notes:

- Bring notebook and pencils for doodling and taking notes
- The machines will be setup with fabric sandwich
- Threads will be provided but if you have something you want to try or that has been difficult, bring it
- Students will leave with a small collage as a sample; Judy will provide info on what to bring for the collage as the class gets closer