

Deborah Louie

**“Let’s quilt“-learn to quilt your own quilts**  
**Machine quilting preparation, walking foot quilting and**  
**theory**

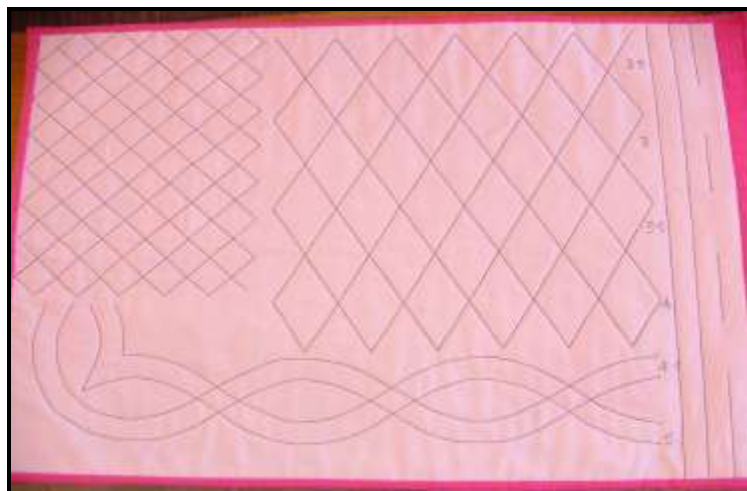
**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**Day One**

*Want to learn to quilt your own quilts and don't know where to start?*

*Deborah will take you through every practical step to quilting your own masterpieces. I will share with you all of my experience of quilting more than 500 quilts and 12 years of teaching this very sensible and very popular approach to domestic machine quilting.*

- Marking the quilt: stencils, pencils, washout pens, dark fabrics, pounces, efficient marking techniques.
- Backing fabrics: what to use and what to avoid, different fabric qualities, seams
- Wadding: difference's of wadding, how they affect the look and feel of your quilt.
- Pinning a quilt: Pinning from the outside to the centre to get the quilt firm and straight
- Threads examining different sizes uses and how they affect your quilt ,
- Sewing machine correct use, tensions top and bottom of machines, how a walking foot works, comfort while sewing,
- Needles the different types and sizes and how they can affect your quilting
- Technique of machine quilting
- Stitch sizes ,using memory in machine if possible to make changing stitch sizes efficient and easy and how different size stitches can make a huge difference to the look of your quilt
- Stopping and starting: lovely neat work no more reversing or tying off of threads
- Stitch in the Ditch beautifully and how the seam can affect the look of your stitching.
- Where and How to start on a quilt
- Efficient quilting: stitching in the direction the quilt is rolled up in.
- Cross hatching single and twin needles
- Cables: curves with a walking foot
- Quilting blocks and borders
- **Theory of how to quilt a quilt of any size, where to start, efficient easy quilting**
- Show and tell some of my quilts discussing how, where and why I quilted them.
- Students to bring tops of their own for discussion of how to quilt then in the future.
- This is a full day intensive workshop.



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**“Lets’ Quilt” Learn to quilt your own quilts**

**Free motion**

**Day Two**

*This workshop is the second day of the Lets quilt “program. It gives you experience with the darning foot. It is designed to give you lots of design ideas and confidence to add texture and individual styling to your quilts To start you off on your free motion quilting journey.*

Demonstration of the free motion technique

Stopping and starting

Control of work through the learning the control of your hands

Quilting swirls with the number 6 and then changing the shape to flowers, spirals, ovals, squares.

Teardrops ,m&ms, stars, flowers, hearts, all suitable as block fillers, borders and sashing, Swirls, spirals, echo quilting, shadow quilting.

Quilting designs such as pebbles. Thatching, cross hatching, stars, geometric designs and numerous more are great textures.

Drawing with the needle: flowers, and your name.

All patterns are designed to give your confidence and creativity

Using border prints

All Techniques will be drawn first together then I will demonstrate each technique on the machine and then they quilt.

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Students to bring tops of their own for discussion of how to quilt



**Many valuable ideas for your quilts**