

Big Stitch and Tidy Tie: Finish Those Quilt Tops!

With Madge Ziegler

Supply List

In this class you will learn two methods of holding your quilt layers together. I usually teach these as two different classes. As you can see the supply lists overlap a bit. Please double check the Class Prep List, too.

For the **Big Stitch** part of the class, please bring basic hand sewing supplies (straight pins, scissors, thimble). The project is a 7-inch block (from the kit). You will also need a pencil for marking. Bring your eyeglasses for close work, if you need them. You can bring a quilt top or pattern that you think might benefit from Utility Quilting. We'll discuss the possibilities.

To learn to **Tidy Tie**, bring a smaller than crib size quilt, layered up and basted (pin baste or thread baste) and ready to tie. There will not be time in the class for you to baste your quilt. If you don't have a top available, just baste two layers of colorful fabric together and you can use it for a charity quilt or gift. A cheater panel would also work well. When you pick the fabric and thread colors, it is best to pick a thread that will not show through the fabric from the inside. A soft fluffy batting is easier to get the needle through than thin cotton batting. Mountain Mist Polyester Batting works very well. Check the batting package and make sure you can quilt or tie at least 4 inches apart.

You will also need the following:

- ❑ long needle (at least 5 inches long). A doll-making needle works nicely. I will bring some to sell in class.
- ❑ Perle cotton size 5 or 8 or Knit Cro-sheen crochet cotton that will fit in your needle
- ❑ the largest quilting hoop you have (I use a 24", 18" will do) or a large Q-snap frame. It is essential in this method to use a hoop or frame. Let me know if I should bring some to share in class. You may have friends that would loan you a large hoop.
- ❑ Scissors, thimble

Note: When you baste your quilt, be sure the backing and batting are at least one or two inches larger than the quilt top all the way around in case things shift as you tie.

If you have any questions, call Madge Ziegler (302-234-1394) or e-mail quiltzig@comcast.net. Let me know if you have trouble finding any of the supplies. I'd be happy to help you.