

# Intermediate Level Free-Motion Quilting - by Cindy Basolo

## Supply List\*\* :

**One Hoffman Dream Big panel** of your choice. You can find these on Amazon, or search by “Hoffman Dream Big panel” to find other sources.

**1-1/2 yards backing fabric** - to compliment panel you've chosen. Yardage is for the panel without an additional border. Recommend using a backing fabric that is “busy” to help the backside stitching not stand out. It is helpful if the backing has at least some of the same color as your panel, so you can consider using matching top and bottom thread.

**Batting (two layers worth)** A double layer of batting really accentuates the quilting designs (the store sample has two layers of cotton batting). You'll need the batting to be two inches larger than your top on each side.

**Quilting thread** - Recommend a thinner 40 wt. thread for both the needle and the bobbin. For the store sample, I was able to use the same color thread on the top and bottom except for around the outside leaves where I switched by top thread. If you're not sure what color to use, don't worry. Montavilla has a huge selection of solid thread colors to match your quilt. You will probably need about 1000m of thread.

**Needles** - I used size 90/14 topstitch needles.

**Two Water-Erasable Markers** I used Clover water-erasable pens. You will use one, plus part of a second marker. Select the color marker that should show up on your flower color. Montavilla carries these.

**Quilting Gloves** - These can help those with arthritis. Montavilla has “Machingers” available for sale.

**Practice Quilt Sandwich Squares** - You will want to bring some 12” practice quilt sandwich squares to practice your designs.

**Your sewing machine, with foot control, power cord, free-motion foot, and any other accessories you need.**

## **IMPORTANT! Need to do BEFORE class:**

Before class you should baste the panel, 2 layers of batting and the backing together, using your preferred method. I use safety pins after carefully layering and eliminating any puckers. I don't recommend using spray adhesives by themselves, as they would not stay in place for the duration of the quilting process.

**\*\*Note:** If you want a border around the panel, you will need to sew it on before layering your quilt. Be sure to buy more backing fabric and batting because you will have to piece the back.