

4 in the Raw

Free-Motion Machine Quilting to create simple yet stunning raw edge applique

with Helen Godden

Students will produce a small wall hanging or cushion top, that incorporates free-motion machine quilting to do raw edge applique and decorative quilt on their piece. A choice of patterns to choose from, which demonstrate the use of “positive and negative” design elements to create a stunning piece. The project explores the magic of free-motion quilting to take students beyond the ditch and revealing the freedom of design opened up by raw edge applique.

Starter Kit Includes:

- 1/2m of **black cotton**, cut into two 50 x 50cm squares for back and front.
- 50cm square of cotton batting

Student to supply:

- Sewing machine with **Free motion foot**. Check your manual so you are prepared. **You must have your machines free motion foot to do this class**. Please bring your machines sewing table to extend the sewing area if you have one. Bring your normal **straight sewing foot** too.
- Choose 4 fabrics that tone together as a family, when laid on top of a black background. They can be four different colourways from a set of fabrics, 4 hand dyes or even a mix of hand dye and prints. Have the fabrics tell a story.
- For example 4 x outback colours for the kangaroo design OR 4 blues, greens ocean colours for the fish design OR 4 x pink, purple pretty colours for the flower design, 4 x autumn tones for the autumn leaf design, 4 x jewel tones for the butterfly design. Select strong colours not pale, that look good as a group on black. Give them a quick audition to check they have strong impact. Do not select a fabric with lots of black in its design as it will be lost on the black background. From your chosen fabrics we will cut four, 5”x 5” charm squares, one square from each fabric
- Variegated thread to match your selected fabrics **plus** black. Metallic thread is also an option but you must have a metallic or topstitch needle too. We recommend Isacord, Wonderfil Tutti, Precensia or Wonderfil Konfetti
- Approx. 30cm square of wonder under....enough to use with the four, 5” x 5” charm squares
- Fabric chalk and lead pencil
- Short Ruler, rotary cutter and small mat
- **Small sharp scissors**
- A handful of medium safety pins for sandwiching
- Spare machine needles 80/12 or 90/14
- General sewing supplies
- Enthusiasm to “give it a go!

Bernina Free motion/darning feet:

#9, 24, BSR, 29C, 29, 44C, 73 or 74

Brother free motion feet:

SA129, SA187, SAQKIT, O Foot