**Quilting Basics**

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**Semesters offered**: Fall & Spring

**Time**: 1:00p-3:00p

**Day**: Thursday Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, Mar 1, 8, 15 (rescheduling may occur due to weather)

**Place:** In A Bind Services (my studio on my property) 221 E St Mary’s St, Decatur, MI 49045

*If you are interested in this course, but the dates/times are an issue please contact me to see if we can work something else out.*

**Directive**: This elective aims for the student to gain knowledge about basic quilting techniques. The goal is to learn how to select appropriate fabric, measure and cut correctly, aim for accurate piecing, and create two projects: a mug rug and a fence-rail table runner. Each session is a hands-on piecing class to complete their tops. Students are required to provide material for the table runner so they will learn how to choose fabric correctly, interact with retail workers, understand the value of the project, and have a personal stake in the finished project.

This class is a pass/fail class. Students are expected to attend at least 80% of classes and complete two quilted projects. A pre-test and post-test will be given per requirements of partnership.

**Age/Grade**: 9 years +

**Prerequisite**: basic sewing proficiency required (ie: thread machine, fill bobbin, straight stitch, etc)

**Course Materials**

A basic sewing machine will be available, but it is preferred the student brings their own to learn how to use it properly for future sewing enjoyment. I will also provide an iron, ironing board, rotary cutters, and other tools used in the quilt making process for student use. The first project’s material for the mug rug will be provided by me. The table runner material (fabric, backing) will be provided by the student. I will provide the batting for table runner!

**Other required materials**: Students must bring with them: a good sharp pair of fabric scissors or snips, pins, spool of white thread and empty bobbins (if bringing own machine), and something to carry these in. Fabric/material needs for crib quilt will be discussed during class.

**If you are bringing your own machine please have a walking foot!**

**Course Schedule**

**Week 1:** Introduction to the world of quilts! Discuss fabric selections, color choices, pattern styles, vocabulary terms, ways to finish a quilt, and use of quilting tools. Learn how to prepare the cloth for cutting and begin creating the mug rug.

**Week 2:** Continue working on the mug rug. Discuss what colors you will want to choose for the table runner and receive fabric amounts required for pattern. Table Runner fabric and materials must be purchased and ready for next week!

**Week 3:** Continue working on the mug rug, if needed. Begin table runner preparations.

**Week 4:** Work on table runner; strip piecing. Accurate seam allowances and seam matching are important!

**Week 5:** Continue working on table runner using strip piecing method. Accurate seam allowances and seam matching are important! Prepare binding as time allows. Please bring your backing and batting to class.

**Week 6:** continue working on table runner, piecing top per pattern requirements, cut border fabric

**Week 7:** Border must be completed today and runner ‘sandwiched’ and machine quilting started.

**Week 8:** Finish the table runner by adding binding and completing the project! Both quilt projects must be completed by end of class today.