

305S Claire's Curves Sunday 7July

Session: 2 x 3hr

Level: Beginner Intermediate



Claire grew up in England surrounded by family that enjoyed all kinds of crafts. Quilting was not something she had tried, although her Mum always had a Welsh Quilt on the bed made by her grandmother. Claire's husband's grandmother and aunt introduced her to quilting in about 2005. It didn't take Claire long to realise that she loved piecing quilts, but her real interest lay in quilting and how simple quilt tops were utterly transformed by the quilting stitches. She bought her first longarm quilting machine in October 2009 and has quilted for customers ever since. She has been fortunate to be able to travel to America on several occasions to learn from expert longarm quilters, and now she runs classes to help beginner and more advanced quilters expand their repertoire of skills, build confidence and get more quilts finished. Claire is an accomplished Master Quilter and has won numerous prizes in quilt competitions both in South Africa, the UK and America – including Best Machine Quilting at three consecutive South

African National Quilt Festivals, Best Longarm Quilting in the World Quilt competition on two occasions and a third place at Festival of Quilts in the UK.

Claire has been the sole distributor for Handi Quilter longarm machines in South Africa since 2013 and spends considerable time developing machine quilting in South Africa as well as supporting her growing 'family' of Handi Quilter owners.



DETAILED COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Continuous line designs can be any design that is stitched in one continuous line and is an essential tool in any free motion quilter's toolbox.

In this class you will be introduced to the basic quilting pathway used in grid-type continuous curve patterns, as well as a variety of simple shapes that can be used to build beautiful patterns. You'll soon be able to put together eye-catching sashing and background patterns.

In the afternoon we will move on to more challenging pieced block designs and see how we can adapt the idea of continuous curve designs to allow us to quilt these blocks quickly in a multitude of ways, ending up with beautifully finished quilts.

We will be using a pre-printed panel with the perfect spaces for working on and you will be able to end off the day with a finished sample.

This class is designed for beginner quilters, but content will be expanded for more advanced quilters looking for a greater challenge.

Cost of Kit (Compulsory): R250

Detailed Contents of Kit:

Custom designed pre-printed panel

Batting

Backing fabric

1 x cone Glide thread

Student Requirements:

DOMESTIC MACHINE QUILTERS:

Your sewing machine in good working order, oiled, cleaned and ready to go

Sewing machine extension table

Your power cable and foot pedal

An extension cord and multi plug

Free motion quilting foot or darning foot

Know how to drop (or cover) your feed dogs on your machine (Claire doesn't know how every model works). Please check your user manual if you are not sure

Bobbins x 3, empty – the correct bobbins for your specific machine

Machine needles – Topstitch or Universal or Quilting needles in a 90/14 size

Marking pens – blue water erasable fabric pen, white chalk pen, white pounce pad, and/or similar

A long ruler for marking fabric

Extra light/desk lamp

Cushion for your back

505 Temporary Adhesive Spray and/or basting pins

Quilting gloves – preferably with a full palm coating and not just the fingertips

Notebook with plenty of space to draw

A practice sandwich with any fabric and batting to test on – about fat-quarter sized

Basic sewing supplies

LONGARM MACHINE QUILTERS:

Handi Quilter machines will be ready and loaded with your kit fabric

Marking pens – blue water erasable fabric pen, white chalk pen, white pounce pad, and/or similar

A long ruler to mark with

Basic sewing supplies incl a notebook with plenty of space to draw