



Quilting: Easy as 1, 2, 3

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Howdy Y'all,

I hope you are getting excited about your upcoming adventure to Ghost Ranch July 2026, it won't be long until it's Quilting Time. Welcome to Quilting: Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Ghost Ranch is a Sacred, Holy Place and so breathtakingly beautiful. I always get so very excited to head west and feel so renewed and whole when I leave. We are going to have such a great time learning and building our quilting skills along with sharing stories and quilting together for a whole week. There is more information about our class in the Supply List Section. Gosh we are going to have such fun. I cannot wait to see what color combinations you choose.

Now for the details of our class. We are going to make a sampler quilt with 12 blocks, with each block being 12 1/2' unfinished. That will build a quilt top that is a nice sized throw to snuggle up on the couch with.

1. Your first task is to decide what are the colors you want in your quilt. Do you want a simple unified look or a bright happy look or perhaps you love the idea of a scrappy quilt. No matter which you choose you will need a variety of fabrics that compliment each other yet have different values

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and contrast. Plus a background fabric or several complimentary background fabrics.

2. Your second task is it's time to go shopping. Please remember to only purchase or gather fabrics that you simply love. Quilting's #1 rule is it should be FUN and HEALING FOR YOUR SOUL!

Examples:

- A. Choose multiple shades of one or two complimentary colors and a signature fabric that will be used in each block that will tie them all together.
- B. Perhaps you walk into the quilt store and fall in love with an entire collection of 'TULA PINK' or 'William Morrison' fabrics. Well there you go, just pull all your fabrics from their collection.
- C. Now what if you love the true scrappy look that is a great option as well. You will need a healthy stack of scraps with each piece being 5" big or bigger.

****Yardage Needed:

15 fat quarters of fabrics or more (or equivalent amount of a variety of fabrics) as you could bring in several 'Layer cakes' or '5" Charm packs)
Background fabric or several larger piece of complimentary background fabrics that equal 2 1/2 yards.

3. There is a debate regarding washing or not washing your fabrics before you work with them. My preference is to wash. You do what you are most comfortable with.

4. If you are driving and can bring your sewing machine and those basic sewing accessories PLEASE DO! It is much easier and more comfortable to use your own equipment. **** ****Note if you are flying –don't worry about lugging your sewing machine on the plane, there will be several Ghost Ranch machines available to you. Plus I will be bringing 4-5 sewing machines as well. So let me know ahead of time if you need a machine.

5. I will have extra basic sewing supplies on hand along with extra fabric to play with.

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6. You are welcome to bring your own quilting projects to work on or a project you want some help with, as there will be time to play.
7. If you have quilting items/fabrics you no longer want or need and you wish to share with classmates on our "FREE Table" please bring them.

Please, Please, Please holler at me if you have any questions about this class.

Be Blessed and Prayers Upward for Safe Travels,

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Daily Schedule for 2026 Quilting Classes (Tentative and subject to change)

Sunday Evening	Monday - Thursday	Friday
<p>There is usually an Orientation and Welcoming time for the class to gather and get to know each other and set up machines and workspace.</p>	<p>Monday - Thursday</p> <p>900 am - 1200 Instruction, Demonstration and Block Construction</p> <p>1200 - 1:00pm Lunch</p> <p>1:30pm - 4:00pm Open Studio for those who want to work during the day or sew on their own projects, feel free to go take a nap, take a hike, read a book, take a class on the Portal or find a comfy Adirondack chair under the cottonwoods and a friend to have a great conversation with. Afternoon Open Studio time is totally optional. I will try to be there most afternoons to provide extra guidance as needed.</p> <p>5:30pm - 6:30pm Dinner</p> <p>7:00pm - 8:30pm Evening Instruction & Block Construction</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>900 - 1200 It is time to finish up your quilt top. Time to gather to Celebrate a week's worth of learning, laughter and Friendship working together with needle and thread.</p> <p>1200 - 1:00pm Lunch</p> <p>1:30 - 3:00pm Now it is time to prepare for the Art Show and to pack up your sewing machine and assist in packing up the sewing supplies.</p> <p>5:30pm - 6:30pm Dinner</p> <p>Evening Art Show and Group Programs/Concerts</p>