

## PHILIPPA NAYLOR

SESSION V • Friday to Wednesday, May 3–8, 2019

### Working in Miniature

#### *Miniature machine embellished whole-cloth quilt.*

After many years as a quilter who made very large quilts I realised that size wasn't everything, and working in miniature would offer me lots of advantages:

- Even after decades of sewing I learnt many new things technically and creatively
- My work became more autobiographical and had greater integrity to me as a maker
- I bought far less 'stuff'
- No more quilt storage problems

- I loved the precision and found that I could get great results
- The miniature work was just as impressive as the really big quilts.

This workshop offers an exploration of materials and a wide range of machine quilting techniques; composition and drawing lessons to create your individual design.

Make your ideas a reality and sew your miniature quilt!



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The suggested maximum size for this work is 24" (60cm) on any one side.

### EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

- Sewing machine, extension cable, instruction manual, slide on tray table and knee bar if you have one. A straight stitch plate is also useful.
- Range of sewing machine feet to include quarter inch, free-motion (open-toe preferred) and satin stitch (open-toe preferred).
- Selection of sewing machine needles to match chosen threads (see below).
- Small or medium cutting mat.
- Rotary cutter with a sharp blade in it.
- A long and a short quilter's ruler.
- iPad or similar for taking photos.
- Large size sketch paper. This is for drawing and to make a master pattern.
- General sewing kit to include fine pins, hand sewing needles etc.
- Scissors for paper and fabric. Please include small scissors with sharp points for snipping.
- Scotch/Sellotape.

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- Pens, pencils, coloured pencils, notepad and an eraser.
- Quilt marking pens/pencils.
- A choice of thread. I have used the following (and more) in my miniature work: Bottomline 60 weight polyester, Decobob 80 weight polyester, Invisafil 100 weight polyester, Kimono 100 weight silk thread, shiny 40-weight polyester threads.
- Optional extras which are useful if you have them - compass, flexible ruler for drawing curves, Karen Kay Buckley's 'Perfect Circles' and 'Bigger Perfect Circles', small amount of mylar plastic template material.
- Door viewer or similar to help you create your design (cheaper from hardware shops rather than quilt shops).
- Fabric for your quilt top. Plain or subtly printed. The finer the fabric the smaller you will be able to get your stitches. I have used up to 3 layers of a very fine cotton lawn for miniature quilt tops. Bring plenty of this as you may want/need to use several layers.
- Fabric for your quilt back. Again the finer the weave the better.
- Thin batting/wadding.
- A couple of quilt sandwiches to practice techniques.
- A hand embroidery hoop.
- Supreme Slider type of free-motion mat.
- Tearaway or other stabilisers of your choice.
- Photographs, books and any other design reference you think you might need - including actual items.
- A Sew-Ezi table is very helpful for free-motion work, but not essential!

PAT Testing: Make sure your electrical equipment (sewing machine, iron, etc.) has been recently PAT tested.

Please follow the supply list carefully and don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions. Thank you!

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