

Machine Quilting

Machine Features

Your machine should preferably have the following features:

1. The needle should be able to stop in the down position.
2. Your machine must be able to stop immediately and NOT stitch a couple more stitches.
3. You should be able to control the speed.
4. The feed dog should be able to drop.

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Walking Foot

The walking foot is used for straight lines and gentle curve quilting. It evenly feeds all three layers. When using a standard foot, the top of the quilt is held back by the pressure of the foot. The walking foot and the feed dog work together as the feed dog moves the bottom layer of fabric the walking foot moves the top of the quilt. This enables you to work the fullness without sewing in any folds.

Quilting with the walking foot

1. Feed dog must be in the up position.
2. Make sure that the walking foot is on correctly.
3. Stitch length must be a little longer than piecing on about 3 stitch length.
4. Stitch tension between 3 and 4.
5. When stitching in the ditch, sew on the lower side of the seam and not on the bulk.
6. When stitching in-the-ditch, you will inevitably run across seams that have been pressed in opposite directions on two sides of an intersection seam. This means that the low side of the seam line will change sides. If the intersection seams do not match, take one or two stitches to the left or right, so that you are always stitching on the low side of the seam.
7. Sew all the straight lines first. Then do all the outlining of the motifs and finally all the background quilting.
8. Start quilting from the top to the bottom sewing the length starting from the top at the middle centre line, working the bulk out of the machine. Sew the width lines in the same manner. Follow the diagram below.

1. Position the needle exactly on the starting point in the centre middle of the quilt.
2. Lower the foot and make one stitch in to the quilt.
3. Undo safety pins that will be in your way while your are sewing, only remove them when you get to them.
4. Hold both threads firmly in your left hand and start sewing from the top to the bottom (length wise) sewing the centre line first working the bulk out of the machine. Step 1 RED.
5. Rotate the quilt so that the top becomes the bottom and the bottom the top and sew in the same manner as before. Step 2 BLUE
6. Rotate the quilt to sew the width of the quilt. Sew as above. Step 3 GREEN and 4 PINK.

