

Material Girls Present: The Traditional Quilt

May: What Makes a Quilt a Quilt?

QUILTING

SANDWICHES

A quilt sandwich doesn't sound like an appetizing lunch. However it is the main ingredient to a proper quilt. The patchwork top covers a batting layer and bottoms out with a backing fabric. The layers are then basted together to maintain the even distribution of the layer with each other, to prevent slippage and bunching of fabric.

CHALKING THE STRING

From water and flour a paste was made. Then a string of yarn was dipped into this paste. Two women, each at opposite corners of the quilt, (while on the frame), held an end of the string which was lined up carefully then plucked, like a carpenter's plumb line. They marked the diagonal, then the opposite diagonal and the rest was freehand quilting.

HANDQUILTED

Practice making consistent quilting stitches: layer backing, batting and 1/8 inch grid gingham material. Stitching a stitch per square will help develop the "pace" that works for your perfect quilting stitch. In no time your stitch work will look like you were born doing it!

QUILTING TODAY

In our modern times we no longer have to chalk the line. There are numerous methods for marking, basting and quilting. All aspects of quilting have all been updating in an effort to make easy work of this tradition. Machines that do the work for us, fabrics pre-marked with quilting lines, stencil to trace and even to use guide the stitching.

WICKEDLY WONDERFUL WEBSITES

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BATTING

<http://www.threadsmagazine.com/item/3735/choosing-the-right-batting> What batting to use? Advice and chart

MARKING FOR QUILTING

<http://www.taunton.com/threads/pages/t00085.asp> no marking instructions

<http://video.about.com/quilting/Hand-Quilting-Techniques.htm> hand quilting tutorial

<http://www.hgtv.com/video/easy-hand-quilting-tips-video/index.html> Left hand and /or awkward with a thimble? Watch this video

<http://www.threadsmagazine.com/item/4286/quilt-it-freehand> article on freehand quilting

<http://www.threadsmagazine.com/item/3734/perfect-your-hand-quilting-stitch> Article with good tips and instructions

<http://www.thebluebox.com.au/view/all-about-quilting/tips-hand-quilting/> hand quilting tips

http://www.ehow.com/way_5139437_hand-quilting-pattern-tips.html more hand quilting tips

MACHINE

<http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/machine-quilting-tips-and-tricks.html> tips & tricks

http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/techniques/machine/machine-quilting-like-a-pro_1.html machine quilting techniques

http://www.quiltersreview.com/article.asp?article=/tip/expert/010813_b.asp free motion sewing tips

<http://www.quiltmaker.com/pdf/quiltmaker/tip17.pdf> free motion sewing tips

<http://www.quilting-tidbits.com/machine-quilting-designs.html> machine quilting information

MOFIT & STENCIL PATTERNS

<http://www.allcrafts.net/fjs.htm?url=www.patchpieces.com/Flyinggeese.html> continuous line printable patterns

<http://www.thegadgetgirls.com/free-quilting-designs.html> quilting designs

<http://www.victorianaquiltdesigns.com/VictorianaQuilters/Library/QuiltingDesigns/Quiltingdesigns.htm> quilting designs

<http://www.all-about-stencils.com/quilting-stencil-patterns.html> free stencils and links to more