

Quilting - Some things to think about.

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Links -

Four Patch quick piecing tutorial and layout at Tamarack Shack – www.tamarackshack.blogspot.com.au/2014/05/four-patch-charm-quilt-with-tutorial.html

Quick Curve Ruler - www.sewkindofwonderful.com/products/quick-curve-ruler

Curved Log Cabin Block – www.tamarackshack.blogspot.com.au/2013/01/curve-it-up-log-cabin-block-7.html

Michelle Yeo's Giant Dahlia - <http://www.michellyeoquiltdesigns.com/online-shop/acrylic-templates/giant-dahlia>

Metro Hoops – www.sewkindofwonderful.com/products/metro-hoops-pdf-pattern

Think about the quilting before and during the quilt making process.

Allover or Custom Quilting

Allover is usually softer for functional quilts. Custom is usually for show, wall hanging, applique or special quilts.

Busy fabrics or plain fabrics

Quilting shows more on plain or tone on tone fabrics, and on lighter rather than darker fabrics.

Thread

Can change the colour or tone of a quilt, lighten a dull quilt or create interest.

Straight lines or curvy lines

Straight lines can add interest, draw the eye, and create the appearance of additional piecing. Curved quilting lines can offer a contrast and add softness and texture.

Ditch Stitching

If you plan to ditch stitch your quilt, take time to consider which side to press your seams with this in mind.

Density of Quilting

Dense quilting around piecing or applique will make the un-quilted areas of the quilt appear to pop up – or be more prominent.

What is the quilt to be used for?

The more heavily quilted, the stiffer the quilt becomes. If the quilt is to be used to snuggle under, then more open quilting will give a softer effect.

Batting

Choose a batting that you like the look and feel of taking into consideration loft, colour, what the quilt is going to be used for, and how it is going to be quilted.

Backing

Pieced backings use up fabrics, but a backing with a lot of borders is not the best option for professional machine quilting, instead go for strips or abstract designs. Consider the thread colour when choosing the backing.

For more information about professional machine quilting go to
www.addictedtoquilts.com.au