

Long Arm Quilting

Presented by Kawartha Quilting and Sewing

Dara Tomasson



Dara is dedicated to liberating quilters to find their quilting signature through the development of free motion quilting skills. Dara has built a reputation for creating gorgeous custom quilts with her freehand skills she also has a keen eye selecting just the right allover designs to use on her Gammill Statler Stitcher. A trained teacher, Dara loves to spend her time teaching long arm quilters how to improve their free motion quilting skills and business skills at retreats, quilt shows, her on-line courses and trade shows in North America. When she isn't quilting or teaching you can find her cheering on her 5 kids (7-16) at their basketball games, hanging at the beach and doing lots of laundry and cooking meals!

All the Feathers in All the Places

Love the look of feathers quilted on a quilt and marvel at how they go together? Dara will demonstrate how the basic feather design elements when modified can transform into gorgeous feathers that add incredible texture, movement and interest on the quilt.

Thurs, Fri and Sat 9:30 am – 10:30 am Gammil Room – Show Floor
Included with your admission!

Swirls How I Love You, Let Me Count the Ways

It is amazing how a circular line can be transformed into so many different shapes. Take the swirl, a circular shape that twists around. Come and watch how Dara is able to transform a basic swirl into so many different configurations that really impress.

Thurs, Fri and Sat 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Gammil Room – Show Floor
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How Do I Quilt It? Get Into a Quilter's Brain and See How to Make a Plan and Execute It

Watch how Dara dissects a quilt top when formulating a plan. Learn some tricks of the trade on how professional long arm quilters approach a client's quilt. Dara will also demonstrate how Gammill's different quilting feet can help embellish the quilts that are on the frame.

Thurs, Fri and Sat 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Gammil Room – Show Floor
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Don't Understand How To Use Rulers? Want to Improve Your Skills?

Using rulers opens up the possibilities for your growth as a quilter. Dara will demonstrate how to use rulers to stitch in the ditch, create unique spaces on the quilt, create 3-D objects and even fun designs such as lady bugs and piano keys. So whether you are new to rulers or want to expand your ruler usage, come prepared to learn new skills that you can use as soon as you go home. These skills will be demonstrated on a Gammill but can be used on domestic machines.

Thurs, Fri and Sat 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Gammil Room – Show Floor
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Daf Summers
Farmable Fibres

Drop Spindle Spinning Introduction

Before there was a spinning wheel, fibres were spun using a drop spindle. This original fibre tool is the most convenient way to spin anywhere. Using Corriedale sheep's wool in a fabulous array of colours, this introductory course focuses on teaching the Park-And-Draft spinning method. Fibres and drop spindles are provided.

Thurs 9:30 am – 11:30 am & 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Spinning Weaving Room – Show Floor

Fri 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm Spinning Weaving Room – Show Floor

Sat 9:30 am – 11:30 am & 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Spinning Weaving Room – Show Floor

Class Fee \$20

Kit Fee \$40

Tapestry Weaving Introduction

Make a bracelet or a bookmark on a tapestry loom in this introduction to weaving class. In this class you will learn tapestry weaving techniques, freeform weaving, and a Norwegian krokbragd pattern! Enough yarn is provided to complete a full sized sample on the loom (included in Kit Fee). In class lesson - start to (mostly) finished project.



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