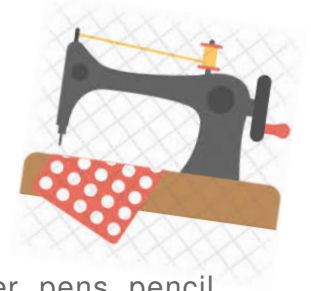


Quilt Retreat Packing List



For Your Sewing Area:

- Sewing machine (*foot pedal and power cord!*)
- Power strip/tower (*newer ones have the USB plug*)
- Extra machine needles and bobbins
- Tools: *lint brush, screwdriver, feet*
- Extension table for machine
- Pad or cushion for your chair
- TV Tray (*to extend sewing area*)
- Portable pressing surface
- Lighting

For The Projects:

- Neutral colored sewing thread
- Paper & Fabric Scissors
- Rotary mat and rulers
- Rotary cutter and extra blades
- Specialty rulers or acrylic templates
- Seam ripper
- Thread catcher
- Pincushion and pins
- Hand sewing needles & thimble
- Zip lock bags in a variety of sizes
- Spray starch, sizing or Best Press

Misc. Items:

- Your GLASSES
- Notebook, graph paper, pens, pencil.
- Travel iron and small ironing surface if doing paper piecing, etc.
- Prescriptions (*include painkillers*)
- Insulated cup for tea or soft drinks.
- Charging cables for phone, watch, laptop, tablet, etc.
- Light jacket or sweater
- Portable Fan
- Comfy shoes or slippers
- Snacks (*fruit, veggies, nuts, and cheese*)

TOP TIPS!!

- Precut and 'kit up' projects BEFORE you come. Be sure to include the instructions, notions, and specialty rulers with each project to start sewing right away.
- Prepare a few 'no brainer' projects. Pre-cut '**Three Yard Quilts**' are perfect for late evening sewing when your brain needs to take a break.
- Label items with your name that might get mixed up with others, like rotary cutters, rulers, and extension cords .

More Pro Tips:

- As a seasoned retreat gal, I have a 'GO BAG" that includes all those items that I need for sewing '**somewhere else**'. If you only go to one or two retreats a year, you probably don't need this, but as someone who sews '*somewhere else*' many times a year, I have a KIT that includes items such as the legs to my Sew Steady, seam rippers, rotary cutter, replacement blades, needles, pre-wound bobbins, scissors, coffee pods, creamer, sweetener, pins, screwdrivers, painters tape and so on. These are items that I do NOT unpack when I get home.
- Don't bring a brand new machine that you have never used before. Try it out BEFORE taking to retreat or Sew Away days. Don't take advantage of your neighbors to figure out YOUR machine.
- **WHEELS** - I no longer bring my office chair to retreats. Seems like the chair gets heavier (and larger) when trying to pack up the SUV. Now, I have my portable wheels that attach to the legs of most chairs. They fit in a medium plastic box, and stays with by 'GO' supplies.

