



Quilt Retreat Packing List

Whether this is your first quilt retreat or you are a veteran retreatee, you need to check your list. I have been going to quilt retreats since my first one in 1983! I remember our first retreats we brought everything from a good chair to bedding and 50' extension cords. This is a great list to get you started in making sure you have a successful retreat by not having the frustration of leaving important items at home. My personal list has changed a lot over the years, and this is what I make sure to bring.

*First of all, my **BIGGEST TIP**: Don't bring a machine that you have never used before. Retreat is NOT the time to learn how to use your machine. Bring a machine that you are used to using, and have fun, not frustration from not knowing your machine. Clean and oil before retreat.*

For Your Sewing Area:

- Sewing machine (*foot pedal and power cord!*)
- Extension cord and power strip (*newer ones have the USB plug*)
- Extra machine needles & 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

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:

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



Ask if you need to supply:

- Bedding, pillow, towels, blow dryer, extension cords, large cutting mat, iron, or ironing board. I
- f you'll be walking between buildings, don't forget umbrella, flashlight, and boots.

More Pro Tips:

- Precut and 'kit up' projects BEFORE you come. Be sure to include instructions and specialty rulers with each project to start sewing right away.
- Label items with your name that might get mixed up with others, like rotary cutters, rulers, and extension cords

