



## Free Motion Quilting Tips

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Here are a few pointers that will make your quilting experience the best it can be!

1. Try a 12/80 topstitch needle:
  - ⇒ A long, thin needle
  - ⇒ A very sharp point allowing it to pierce several layers
2. It's helpful to have the following machine options:
  - ⇒ Speed control
  - ⇒ Knee lift
  - ⇒ Needle up down
  - ⇒ Good lighting
  - ⇒ Optional: button or pedal start
3. I recommend you use these machine quilting tools:
  - ⇒ Gloves with ridges to help hands move fabric
  - ⇒ Slider for ease of moving fabric
  - ⇒ Thread pole - a must with metallic
  - ⇒ Good quality steam iron - adjustable ironing board
  - ⇒ Padded chair with lumbar support