

# Distortion Free Borders

## 3 Hour Workshop

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**Workshop Description:** How many times have you quilted your quilt top only to have distortion throughout the borders because the center shrunk due to the density of the stitches? Or you made the already quilted bed quilt a touch too short and another border needed added? Well, then this workshop is for you. I will share my secret technique on how easy it is to guarantee a distortion free border. This is a fun and easy class and the secret technique can be mastered in no time. This workshop assumes you know how to quilt a sandwich, square the top and add the top borders. Some at home preparation is required.

#### **Preparation before the workshop:**

- **Quilt sandwich:** Cut (1) 12" x 14" piece of fabric for the quilt top; cut (1) 12" x 14" piece of batting; cut (1) 12" x 14" piece of fabric for the backing.
- Spray baste or pin the backing, batting and quilt top
- Quilt as desired – this does not have to be dense. Just enough to hold the 3 layers together well
- Square the quilt top
- **Top borders:** cut (2) 2 ½" x 20", (2) 2 ½" x 22"
- Mark the ¼" at 4 corners on the quilt top and quilt back
- Attach top borders as desired, i.e., mitered, cornerstone, etc.

NOTE: At this point the quilt center has been quilted and the top borders ONLY attached. Batting for the borders and the backing borders will be added in the workshop. Please contact me at [nancy@nancyprince.com](mailto:nancy@nancyprince.com) if you have any questions.

#### **Supplies to bring to Workshop:**

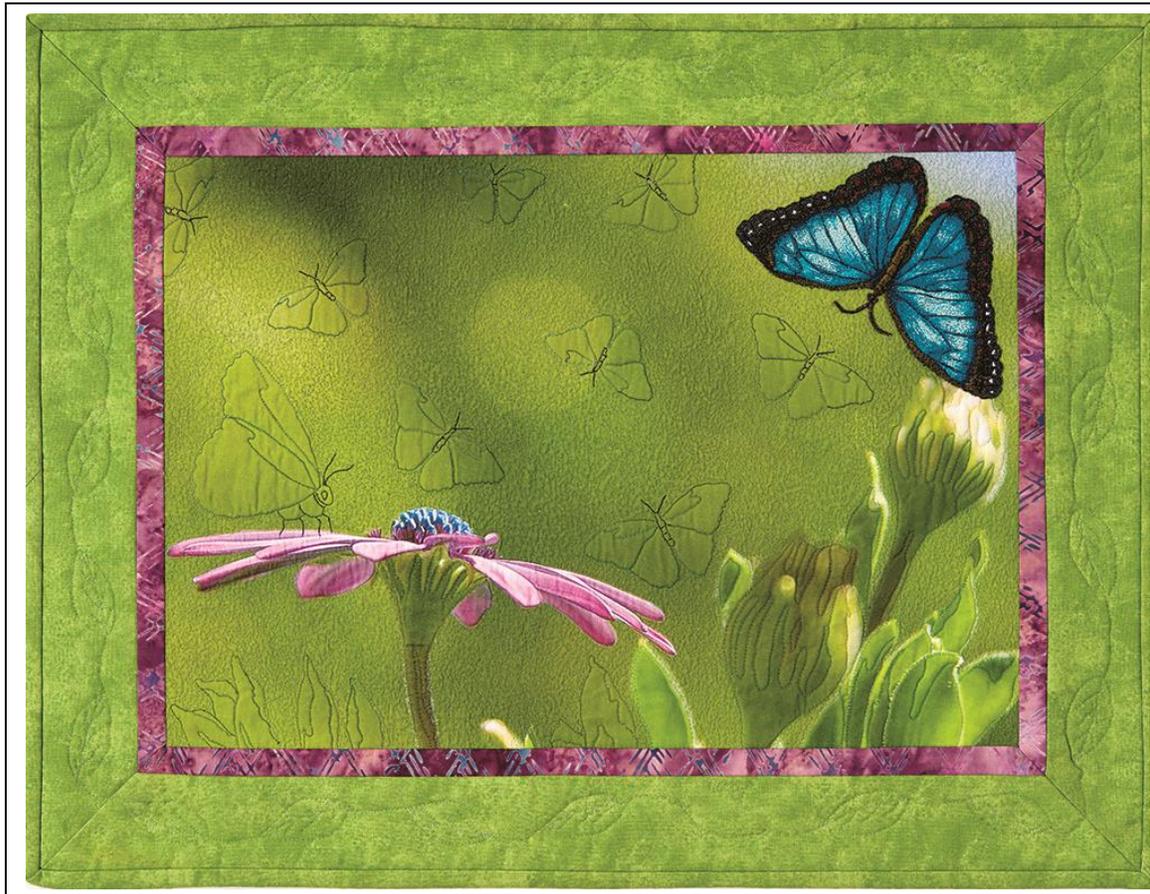
- **Back borders** (*same fabric as quilt back*): cut (2) 3 ½" x 13 ½" for side borders; cut (2) 3 ½" x 22" for top and bottom borders
- **Batting** (*same batting used to make the quilt sandwich*): cut (2) 3" x 13 ½" for side and (2) 3" x 22" top and bottom
- Quilting ruler (12" x 8 ½" or larger), small cutting mat and rotary cutter
- Seam ripper, scissors, pins, basic sewing supplies, sewing thread; marking pencil

#### **Sewing Machine**

- Please know how your machine works and make sure it is in good working order before class. A solid sewing platform is recommended. You will need a zigzag throat plate. Thanks for checking this out before class.
- ¼" foot

- Presser foot that will accept a zigzag foot – i. e. open toe applique foot
- 80/12 Microtex needles (
- Bobbin filled with piecing thread

**NOTE: The workshop will require 2-3 ironing stations for each 10 students.**



Densely quilted center; light and airy borders.

