

Retreat Packing Checklist

For your sewing machine -

- ◇ Sewing machine, clean and oil before the retreat if needed. Don't forget the manual.
- ◇ Foot pedal and power cord to your machine.
- ◇ Extra needles for your machine.
- ◇ Bobbins
- ◇ Lint brush
- ◇ Sewing machine oil
- ◇ Little screwdriver
- ◇ Extension or tilt table for your machine. You can use rubber door stops to tilt your machine. Any of the feet you might need for your machine. Walking foot, 1/4" foot, zipper foot, etc.
- ◇ Pad or cushion for your chair.

For your projects -

- ◇ Thread for each project
- ◇ Button, zippers, batting, interfacing, etc. you might need
- ◇ Scissors for cutting fabric, a pair for paper and a pair for cutting threads at the machine or when hand sewing
- ◇ Cutting mat, small or medium
- ◇ Rotary cutter and extra blades
- ◇ Rulers
- ◇ Seam ripper
- ◇ Thread catcher
- ◇ Pincushion and pins
- ◇ Hand sewing needles and thimble
- ◇ Marking pens and pencils
- ◇ Measuring tape
- ◇ Masking tape and/or scotch tape
- ◇ Basting glue or glue stick
- ◇ Basting spray, batting, safety pins and backing if you're layering a quilt
- ◇ Zip lock bags in a variety of sizes
- ◇ Travel iron and small board or mat if doing paper piecing, etc.
- ◇ Spray starch, sizing or Best Press
- ◇ Ott light and magnifier if needed
- ◇ Fabric for your projects. You can pre-cut things at home to save time. Don't forget some scraps to test out your machine
- ◇ Handstitching project in case you get tired of sitting at the machine or just want to sit and relax.
- ◇ Pattern, book or instructions for your projects.

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Misc. Things -

- ◇ Paper, a notebook, graph paper, pens, pencils, felt tip marker, Post-it-notes
- ◇ Your glasses! Sunglasses too
- ◇ Prescriptions
- ◇ Water bottle you can refill
- ◇ Band-aids
- ◇ Tylenol, Ibuprofen or other painkillers
- ◇ Kleenex
- ◇ Nail file - you might need it to smooth out templates too
- ◇ Hand lotion
- ◇ Lip balm
- ◇ Camera and battery
- ◇ Charging cables for camera, phone, laptop, tablet, etc.
- ◇ Stain remover pen
- ◇ Clothing you can layer depending on the weather
- ◇ Comfortable shoes and slippers
- ◇ Snacks to share
- ◇ Chocolate!
- ◇ Maps or an app on your phone so you won't get lost