

## PROJECT “ Simple quilting with Matchstick lines.”

Matchstick quilting is one of my favorites quilting design. Just using your walking foot, this design brings texture and never interfere with your top design. It is easier than you think!

### SUPPLY LIST

- Sewing machine
- Walking foot or dual feed foot (depending on your sewing machine Model. I use a Janome Memory Craft 6700P with a dual feed foot)
- Quilting ruler
- Erasable pencil
- To practice a mini sandwich (12” square)
- Thread (to practice is good to use a contrasting color thread with your fabric)

1. **REGISTRATION MARKS.** Use them always, in a small or big quilt, registration marks allows you to have parallel lines always. Start marking a first line in the middle of your quilt (use a ruler and an erasable pencil or masking tape), then depending on how big is your quilt, I recommend you to draw registration marks every 8”-10”.



2. SET UP. Depending on your sewing machine, use your walking foot or dual feed foot. Important set up: use a stitch length between 2.8 - 3.0. Set your needle down. Sew slow! This is one of the most important recommendations that I can give you (I like to set my speed in medium so I can't go faster)



3. START QUILTING. Always start in the center, from top to bottom and toward the right (in that way the bulk inside the arm of your sewing machine always will be at most the half of the quilt) Follow the line that you have drawn.



Once you finish your first line, cut the thread and start again on top, this time using the edge of your foot as a guide to sew a line that is parallel to the first one. When you arrive to a registration mark, instead of following the last seam that you have done, align the edge of your foot to the

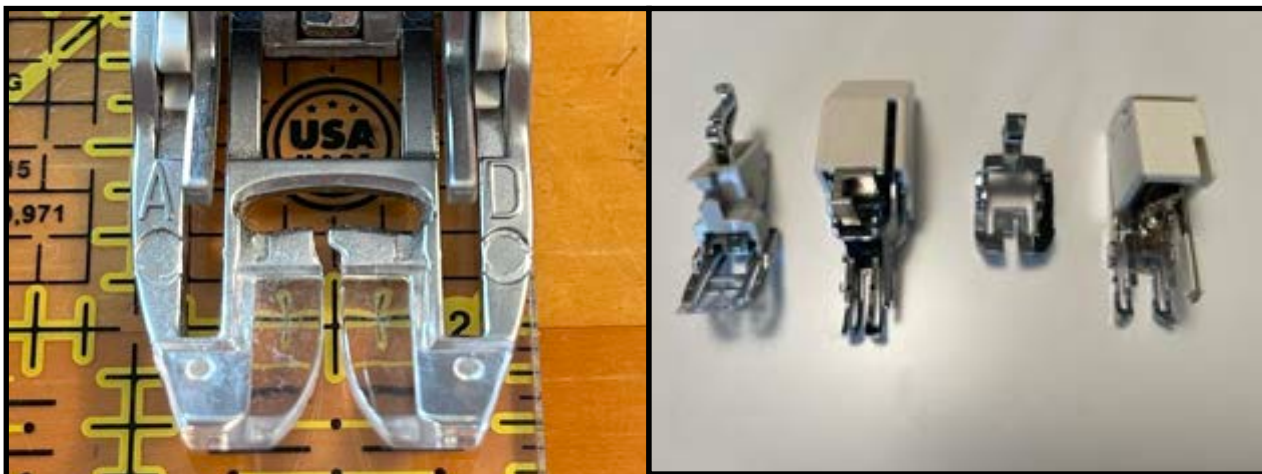
registration mark, in that way, you will have again a perfect Parallel line (As we go along, we can inadvertently twist our seams a bit, so we make registration lines to straighten our seams again). Repeat this until you finish one half.

Turn up side down your quilt and start sewing parallel lines in the same way, to complete the other half.





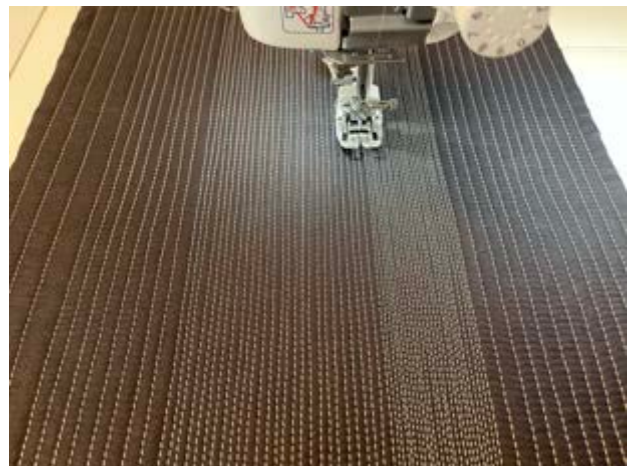
4. Once you finish you will have your complete quilt with seams that are parallel with a distance in between them equal to the distance that exist in your foot from the needle to the edge of the foot, mine is 1/2" (other common measures are 1/4" and 3/8").



If you want to have closer lines as a quilting design you will start quilting inside the space that exist between two lines, repeating this in one half, and then the other half.

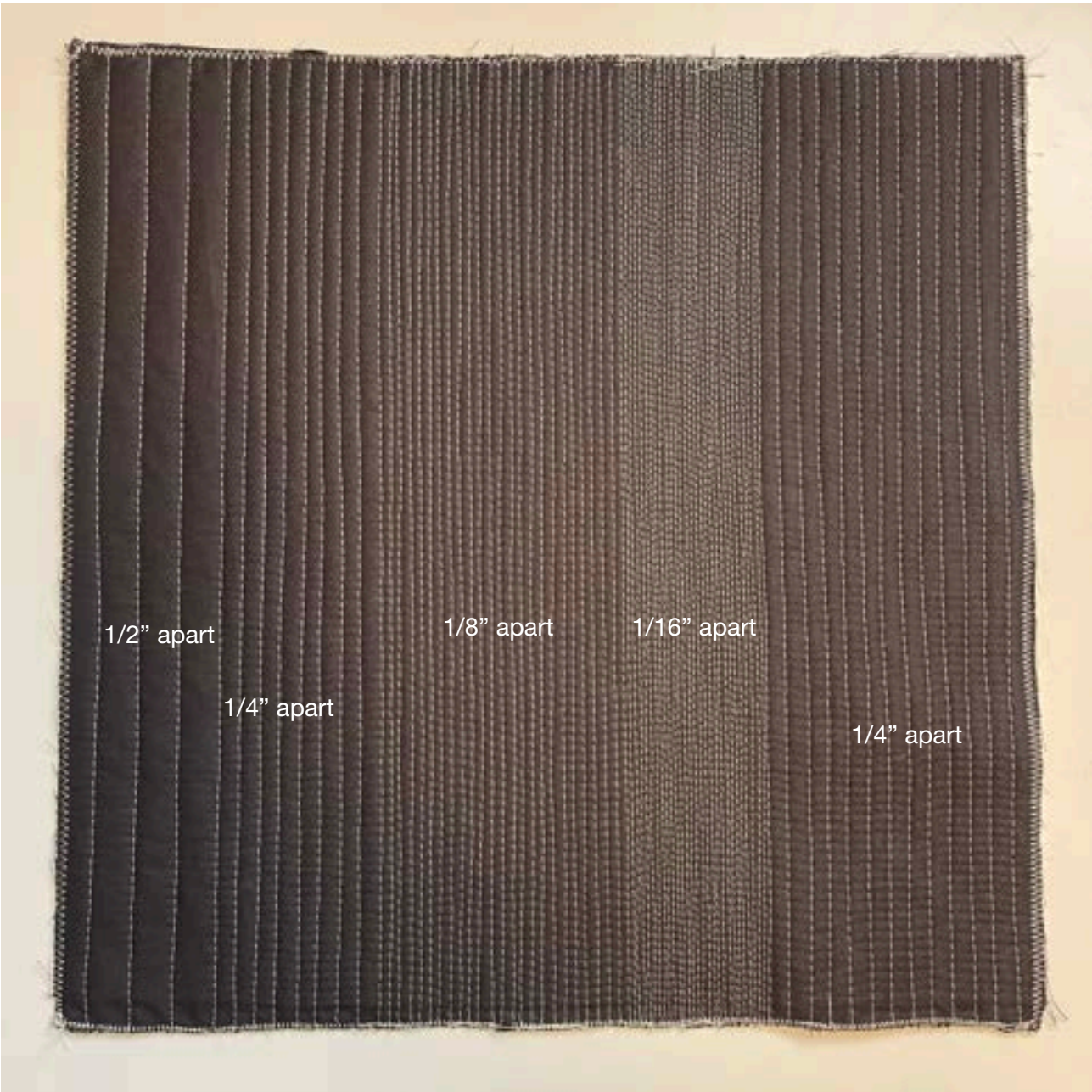


So you can always create a more dense design, quilting straight lines in between the space that you have between two lines. In my case I start with lines that are 1/2" apart, then a 1/4" apart, then 1/8" apart until having lines that are 1/16" apart ( I haven't tried closer lines).



As you can see is easier than we think it would be! Of course while dense your quilting, it will takes more time and thread to finish your quilt! Now is your turn to try and learn!





1/2" apart

1/8" apart

1/16" apart

1/4" apart

1/4" apart

Below I want to show you some examples in my quilts using this design (in different densities) that I love!





