

Retreat packing list

~label things you might get mixed up with your name, like rotary cutters, rulers, and extension cords~

Sewing machine stuff

- Sewing machine, recently cleaned and oiled + manual if needed
- Foot pedal and power cord**
- Extension cord and power bar
- Extra needles
- Lots of bobbins, pre-wound at home if possible
- Screwdriver
- Lint brush
- Machine oil
- All the machine feet you might need: 1/4" foot, all-purpose foot, walking foot, free motion foot, zipper foot, topstitch foot, applique foot
- Fabric scraps for testing tension or other issues
- [Optional] Machine extension table
- [Optional] Portable machine table
- [Optional] Chair or chair cushion
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Projects

- Fabric for your projects, organized into separate bags, and pre-cut at home if possible to save space and sewing time
- Small, fun projects for when your energy starts flagging, like zip pouches or tote bags
- Scraps or a bit of extra background fabric for each project in case of cutting or sewing mistakes
- Handwork project in case you get tired of your machine or it malfunctions
- Instructions or pattern for each project
- Thread for each project
- Notions for each project (zippers, buttons, interfacing, batting, etc.)
- Large scissors
- Small thread snips
- Paper scissors
- Small (12" x 18") or medium (18" x 24") cutting mat
- Rotary cutter + extra blades
- Empty rotary blade box for used blades and used/broken pins and needles
- Several rulers, plus any specialty rulers needed, like triangles or Bloc-Loc.
- Seam ripper
- Little wooden iron
- Tweezers
- Thread catcher and scraps catcher (small fabric buckets work great)
- Pincushion + pins
- Needles and thimble, if doing handwork
- Fabric marking pens or Hera marker
- Measuring tape
- Masking or painter's tape
- Scotch tape
- Elmer's school glue and/or washable glue stick, if needed
- Basting spray or safety pins, batting, quilt backing (if basting)
- A few extra zip-top bags, quart and gallon sizes
- [Optional] Portable ironing board or mat and iron
- [Optional] Ironing spray, like Best Press
- [Optional] Design wall (batting, tablecloth, etc.)
- [Optional] Light and magnifier
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Other stuff

- Paper, sketchbook, or notebook and pens or pencils and Sharpie
- Post-it notes or a notepad
- Glasses
- Prescriptions
- Refillable water bottle
- Painkillers
- Band-aids
- Nail file
- Kleenex
- Lip balm
- Hand lotion
- Layered clothing, including a warm sweater
- Comfortable shoes, slippers, or fuzzy socks
- Snacks to share (some should be at least kind of healthy)
- Chocolate
- Stain remover pen
- Phone and charger
- Camera and battery, if you don't have one in your phone
- Maps, coupons, and money for nearby quilt shops
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