

# Hand Quilting Project for January

This project is designed to help all of us with our hand quilting. For beginners, it is designed to show you how to hand quilt and to help you perfect even stitches. For experienced quilters, it is designed to be a refresher course and to help you perfect even stitches. The key to beautiful hand quilting is even stitches and consistency in these stitches.

## Supplies:

- ✂ 2-13" squares of muslin, bleached or unbleached, which ever you prefer, this project looks great with either
- ✂ 1-13" square of batting, do not use 100% cotton batting, use a blend of cotton and polyester, call Shantelle (657-0581) if you don't have any on hand
- ✂ white or beige hand quilting thread to match your choice of muslin
- ✂ thimble of your choice
- ✂ #8 or 9 Betweens needle, or a card with several sizes
- ✂ many safety pins for pin basting your project or a spool of pale pink or pale yellow thread for thread basting
- ✂ scissors

## Advanced Preparation:

- ✂ Trace pattern onto one square of muslin using a water-soluble blue pen or other tracing method that will wash out.
- ✂ Layer your project to make a quilt sandwich but do not baste yet.

