

## Bernina Q24 Longarm Quilt Machine

There are only three libraries in the United States, possibly on planet Earth, that offer free access to a long-arm quilting machine--your library is one! We need your help to keep this machine accessible to everyone in the community. This machine and the QMatic software have a retail value of \$39,000. Repairs are costly, the budget for them is limited, and if the machine is damaged beyond that budget no one will have the privilege of using the machine.

### Age Restrictions

- 18+

### Consumables Needed (and restrictions)

Patrons must provide their own consumable materials, including thread, fabric, and batting. Restrictions on brands and types of materials apply, and all materials must be checked by STEAM Central Staff.

- Thread –Isacord, or Fantastico by Superior Thread.
- Bobbins--STEAM Central provides bobbins for use in the space. If you wish to keep the remaining bobbin thread, you will need to provide your own Bernina bobbins.

### Certification Requirements

- The Bernina requires a certification class and appointment before use.
- Bernina Long Arm 101 is required for basic free motion quilting with the machine and is divided into two sections:
  - Pre-requisite: Niche Academy on-line certification
  - Hands-on, in-person certification
- Bernina Long Arm 102 is required to use the robotic component and is divided into two sections:
  - Pre-requisite: Niche Academy on-line certification
  - Hands-on, in-person certification
- **Class participants are required to complete the Niche Academy tutorials before the hands-on certification appointment.**
- If more than 6 months have passed since a patron's last use of this machine, they will be required to re-certify to refresh their skills and knowledge.
- **We require re-certification of patrons who improperly use the machine, do not follow the policies and procedures set forth to prevent damage to the machine, and repeatedly make mistakes that cause unnecessary wear and damage to the machine. We may ban patrons from use of the machine if problems persist after re-certification.**

## Before Use

- Pick up the box of accessories and Bernina manual from the staff desk.
- Inspect machine before use and notify STEAM Central Staff of any issues immediately.

## During Use

- Keep fingers away from all moving parts and needles.
- Double check that the machine has been properly threaded and the bobbin has been properly seated.
- Notify staff immediately if you notice a problem with the machine. Do not, under any circumstances, continue to sew.
- Always ask a staff person if you are unsure of how to do something.

## After use

- Turn off the machine and remove your thread and bobbin.
- Return all equipment to Staff.
- Sweep up any stray threads.

## Resources

- Bernina Q24 Manual:  
[https://www.bernina.com/bernina/media/Support/Longarm\\_Quilting/Q20\\_Q24/Documents/EN/1\\_Instruction-Manual-Q-20-Q-24.pdf](https://www.bernina.com/bernina/media/Support/Longarm_Quilting/Q20_Q24/Documents/EN/1_Instruction-Manual-Q-20-Q-24.pdf)
- Niche Academy Certification Classes: <https://my.nicheacademy.com/tgcls>

