

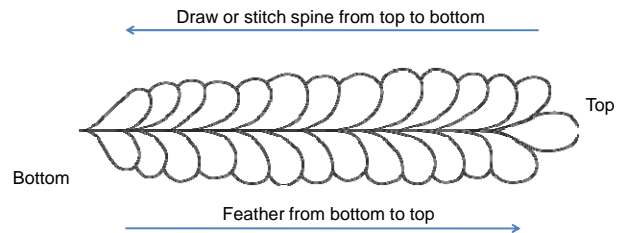
Lesson Overview

- Basic mechanics of an over the top feather
- I'll describe some terminology, and then demonstrate using a virtual whiteboard. At the end of the video, it will be your turn to do some tracing and drawing of your own.
- You should not be worried about the shape of your feathers, just the rhythm and pattern.
- It takes about 15 minutes for the critical side of your brain to quiet down and allow you to get on with things.
- Spend at least 15-20 minutes drawing, 30-45 would be even better.

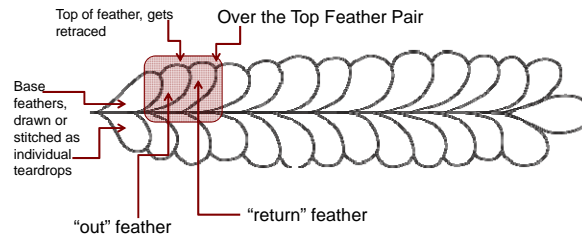
Terminology

- Longarm Feathers
 - Each feather is stitched individually, retracing is done on the long side of the feather
- Over the Top Feathers
 - Aka hump and bump, heirloom, Victorian, etc
 - Feathers are made in pairs, retracing is done on the short side aka TOP of one of the feathers in a pair

Anatomy of an Over the Top Feather

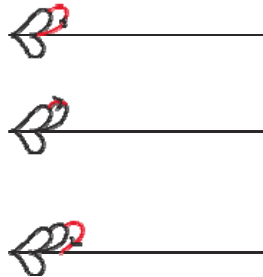


Anatomy, Continued



Making an Over the Top Feather Pair

- ① On one side of the line, stitch the **OUT** feather. This feather curves back towards the previous feather and touches it.
- ② Retrace the top of the out feather. If you think of the curved part of the feather as a clock, you are retracing from approximately 10:00 to 1:30.
- ③ Stitch the **RETURN** feather. The return feather will echo the out feather you stitched in the first step.



Next?

- Make a feather pair on the other side of the spine, continue alternating to the end

OR

- Completely feather one side, then return to the bottom to feather the other side

EITHER WAY

- Leave the final teardrop at the top until the end.

Notes

- If you are used to longarm feathers, the « OUT » feather will feel awkward.
- When you are drawing, hold your pen or pencil like normal and lift your wrist off the paper.
- Concentrate on the rhythm and the pattern, not the shape.



Only ONE RULE

- Always feather from the BOTTOM to the TOP
- I'll draw a demonstration in a future video, but here's the short reason: unless the feathers are marked, I am unable to make the correct shape if I try to feather FREEHAND from TOP to BOTTOM.
- Try it, you'll see what I mean...

Drawing Tasks

- Next up, you'll get to watch as I draw lots of feathers, using a virtual whiteboard.
- After watching me draw, it's your turn!
- You'll need the Week 1 Drawing LessonTasks PDF. You only need to print the tracing page, but you'll want to follow the task list in the PDF.