This workshop won’t give you the time to work on your own finished piece, but here are some steps you can take to make a simple patchwork quilt on your own, with a sewing machine, fabric, batting, iron, scissors, ruler and pins.

1. Determine size of your quilt. Batting often comes in twin, queen, etc. sizes but can be purchased by the yard so start small if you’re a beginner. Choose thinner batting for a regular sewing machine.
2. Once you know the size, use a ruler to divide the quilt into a grid with equally sized patches, measuring is important here. Cut the squares. Add any embellishments to the surface, leaving a 1” seam allowance on each side of your square patch.
3. Put 2 front sides of patches facing each other and sew one side along the edge. Keep doing this until you have a row. Iron out the back part as you go.
4. Once you have made the number of rows you want, sew the rows together using the same method of front facing front and along the side stitch, then iron the backs flat. Now you have the “top”.
5. Cut batting and backing fabric a few inches bigger than your quilt top. Pin both fabric and batting to your top to make a sandwich, batting in the middle, backing facing the floor and top facing you. This is called “basting”.
6. Stitch in the ditch! Start in the middle of your quilt, sewing vertically and horizontally into the seams you’ve already made, use the grid as a guide. Sew into the “ditch” in every other row or each row for extra security.
7. Once you’re done, cut down batting and use backing fabric to fold over the top and “bind” or create a border for your quilt... voila!

Thank you for participating!