



ChristaQuilts

Make it yourself. Make it your own.

Workshop: Modern Machine Quilting (6 hours + Lunch Break)

Description:

Take your quilts to the next level by adding depth and dimension to your designs. The secret is learning to let go of perfection by creating asymmetrical textures that require little to no marking of the quilt. Unleash the potential of your domestic machine by utilizing both free-motion quilting *and* walking foot techniques. Learn how to quilt wavy lines and irregular grids, decorative stitches, uneven straight lines, large continuous spirals, interesting loop variations, modern alternatives to stippling, and geometric ribbon candy variations. Practice on pre-basted fabric and batting samples, or use up leftover quilt blocks. Students are welcome to bring in a pieced quilt top for quilt design suggestions.

Note: please be sure you know how to use your sewing machine and switch out your feet. Unfortunately, we won't have time in class to trouble shoot your machine.

Supply List

- Recommended – *Machine Quilting With Style: From Walking-Foot Wonders to Free-Motion Favorites* by Christa Watson; or *The Ultimate Guide to Machine Quilting* by Christa Watson and Angela Walters; signed copies are available at christaquilts.bigcartel.com or during class
- 12 practice quilt sandwiches consisting of two large squares of solid or tonal colored fabric basted together with batting in between; I recommend at least 10" for the top square, 11" for the batting, and 11" or more for the bottom square of each "sandwich"; for variety, you may substitute single quilt blocks in any size, or printed fabric for a few of the practice squares
- Thread to match your fabrics – I recommend cotton, 50 weight Aurifil
- Extra bobbins, thread snips
- Washable marking pen and straight edge, or painters' tape to use as a guide
- New machine needle – I recommend size 80/12 sharp, topstitch, or machine quilting
- Sketchbook and pen or pencil for note taking and FMQ sketching
- Sewing machine in good working order with owner's manual and all attachments
- Free motion foot to fit your machine – please make sure it fits before class
- Arrive with walking foot attached to your machine; open toe is recommended

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