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# BLOOMERANG

A Start to Finish Sew-Along  
Mondays in March 2021 for National Quilting Month

## WEEK FOUR: FREE MOTION QUILTING WITH BEGINNER-FRIENDLY SWIRLS

In this week's sew-along you'll assemble your quilt sandwich and baste your backing, batting, and top together, with a few inches all the way around to give yourself something to hold onto. Then, it's time to choose your thread color—are you going to go for something that blends or stands out? Next, we'll walk you through setting up your sewing machine for free motion quilting. You'll begin by putting on your free motion quilting foot, dropping your feed dogs, and putting on some grippy quilting gloves. Here we go! Play with doodling your swirls—they are as unique to you as your fingerprint. Embrace the curves and points, and most of all, have fun! We recommend finding music with a good beat to it to keep your hands moving at a steady pace. If you'd like to learn more, you'll love our full-length class *Beginner-Friendly Free Motion Quilting* with HollyAnne Knight. Want to practice first? Use the diagram for inspiration and print off as many as you like to doodle your swirls.

If swirls aren't your thing, there are lots of ways to play with quilting your Bloomerang! You can stitch in the ditch, use your walking foot to quilt straight lines, go for organic curves, or whatever you love! Show us how you quilt your Bloomerang, using **#msqcshowandtell** and let us know your favorite way to baste small projects.



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