Free-Motion Beginnings
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Take your first steps with free-motion quilting and see what's possible! Christina guides newer quilters through must-have information and on to beginner-friendly designs. Find the confidence to quilt on your domestic machine, with a plan for how to keep improving after class is over.
Beginner through Intermediate

<u>Required supplies</u>
- **Sewing machine**: be sure the machine is clean and tuned. Please remember your bobbin, foot pedal and power cord! Also bring the **instructions** for your sewing machine if you have them.
- **Free motion foot** or darning foot to fit your machine
- **Extension table** for your sewing machine, if you have one
- **Thread** (I recommend Aurifil 50 weight or Superior threads, choose a color to contrast a bit with your fat quarters)
- A fresh sewing machine **needle** (I recommend a Quilting needle, size 90/14)
- Quilting **gloves** (I use Fons and Porter quilting gloves)
- Curved **basting pins** (package of 100. Or, if you prefer, you can use spray baste at home, but *no spray basting in the classroom please*.)
- Small **scissors**
- Temporary **fabric marker**
- **Notebook and pen** for sketching quilting designs
- **Fabric** (use one of each to make each practice quilt sandwich)
  - 3 **fat quarters** (18" x 20" or so, solids are best for visibility)
  - 3 pieces of **batting** 20" x 24" each
  - 3 pieces of **muslin** 20" x 24" each

<u>Optional supplies</u>
- **Book**: *First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting* by Christina Cameli.

<u>Other considerations</u>
- Sometimes quilters need to sit up a little higher for comfortable free-motion quilting. Bring a firm pillow (or a folded up quilt!) to sit on if you would like this option.
- I will demonstrate basting during class and give you a little time to baste in class as well, but if you prefer you may baste your quilt sandwiches at home. Many quilters use 2 practice quilt sandwiches in the class but some will use all 3.
- Feel free to bring a quilt top you would like advice on quilting!