



# ChristaQuilts

Make it yourself. Make it your own.

**Workshop:** Free Motion Favorites (6 hours + Lunch Break)

## **Description:**

Embrace perfectly imperfect quilting! That means little to no marking, and a whole lot of gorgeous texture. Ease into free-motion quilting with asymmetrical wavy lines, then move onto loops, traditional and modern stippling, plus curvy fillers like wishbones and cursive I's that can expand to fit any space. Finish it off with several swirl variations, and you've got a toolbox of motifs to try on your next quilt!

Class will also include a discussion of basic free-motion quilting tips and tools, plus figuring out how to combine motifs together in the same quilt. Students should be comfortable with their sewing machines, and will practice on their own pre-basted fabric and batting samples.

## **Supply List**

- Recommended – any of Christa's machine quilting books: *Machine Quilting With Style*, *The Ultimate Guide to Machine Quilting*, or *Piece and Quilt with Precuts*. Books will be available for purchase during class, or you may order them ahead of time at [shop.ChristaQuilts.com](http://shop.ChristaQuilts.com). Use code LOCAL at checkout to avoid the shipping and I'll be happy to bring them with me!
- 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 – arrive with it attached to your machine

## **Social Media Contacts**

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