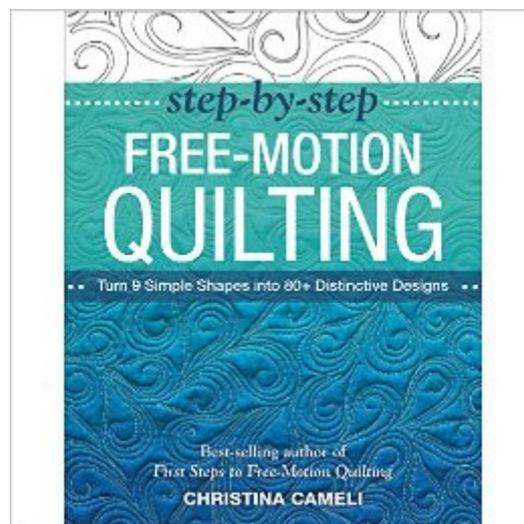


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# Step-by-Step Free-Motion Quilting: Turn 9 Simple Shapes Into 80+ Distinctive Designs • Best-selling Author Of First Steps To Free-Motion Quilting



## Synopsis

Improve your free-motion quilting as you sketch new designsâ•one simple shape at a time.

Christina Cameli, best-selling author of *First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting*, returns with the perfect companion book to help you quilt unique patterns, using your home machine or longarm. A member of the Portland Modern Quilt Guild, Christina infuses her fresh aesthetic and passion for teaching quilters new skills into 80+ innovative free-motion designs. Working from a set of nine simple shapes, such as circles, wavy lines, and loops, she walks you through the basic elements via easy-to-doodle illustrations. Take the design power to your needle as you stitch Christina's favorite continuous-line quilting patterns, ranging from straightforward to striking. If you can doodle, you can do it!

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## Customer Reviews

Just imagine that one of your good friends is a famous free-motion quilter. You have always been in awe of her work and wished you could do even half of what she does with her quilting. Over time, she has created an amazing journal, stuffed full of her own quilting designs, with clear diagrams and descriptions of exactly how she makes each one. There would be no way to place a value on such a journal - it is a true treasure! Suppose one day, she offers to let you use her journal and she even adds beginner's instructions and practice tips just for you. Wouldn't you be jumping with joy? I would! And I am! This is exactly what Christina Cameli's new book "Step-by-Step Free-Motion Quilting" feels like to me. She makes me feel certain that I am going to learn to free-motion quilt... and not just basic things, but beautiful designs, done well. I actually am having a hard time writing this review because Christina's book got me so revved up that I want to rush upstairs and start

sketching and then sewing her designs. I particularly love her tips on how to take a design you like and turn it into a finished quilt. Christina has a gift for looking at complex things and breaking them down into something attainable. She is a warm and encouraging person, a very good communicator and an excellent teacher. This book really is the perfect companion book to her "First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting". It also is an excellent stand-alone book - a terrific source of ideas and inspiration. Whether you are a newbie or experienced; whether you quilt with a domestic sewing machine or have a long arm sewing machine - I highly recommend this book!

You could say I am a bit of a Christina Cameli fan, considering I have done every project from her first book "First Steps to Free Motion Quilting" many times! I visit her Craftsy class daily and have had the opportunity to take classes with her at the Pine Needle Quilt Shop in Lake Oswego . Ok I am a huge fan! When I heard she was coming out with a new book I was absolutely thrilled, yeah more Christina! I have a huge stack of quilting books that I thumb through occasionally but never have I been struck with inspiration like this. First of all the cover design is enough to excite anyone, but wait there are 80+ designs that follow! Christina takes 9 basic quilting design elements and shows you using simple hand sketched motifs how to create an endless variety of unique designs. Her easy breezy, no stress approach to free motion quilting is so refreshing and the way she deconstructs even the most complex designs will give you the confidence to dive right in. Every quilter from beginner to advanced will benefit from this book, Christina is a true inspiration!

I have only had this book for a couple weeks, but have already put it to good use. There are many, many free-motion quilting designs from which to choose. All are illustrated very well. I enjoy just browsing through the book and imagining how I will apply the designs to future projects. I've put several to use already and the results are great! Some of the motifs are very simple and others require more expertise or some practice. I would have liked to have seen some colored photos of the designs incorporated in quilts included in the book, but overall, I am VERY satisfied!

This is my second of Christina's books. She is the very BEST author and instructor for walking you through free motion quilting. I found her on the Craftsy website when I took her online class and I've been a fan from the moment I saw her quilt. Her instructions are so clear and she really makes you feel like you can do anything you put your mind to. This book will not disappoint you. It's full of \*doable\* stitches, nothing boring, nothing so obvious like a simple stipple, but also nothing so difficult you feel out of your element. It's filled pages and pages of full sized example worksheets so you can

really see the patterns in a large area. I wish there were a few more pictures of the designs on quilts, but that's far from a deal breaker. It's my go-to book for designs!! Thank you so much for the work you're doing for the quilting community! I can't wait to see your third book! :)

I really found the book helpful, the diagrams and instructions cover both the people who learn visually and by the written word. I felt that I could maybe do some and the designs were modern eye catching. I don't think there was a stipple amongst them. What photos there were were really inspiring and I would have loved more, but this is not a book about eye candy it is a seriously good how to book.

I was disappointed in this book. There were no photos of the actual quilting stitches, just sketches. I would like to have seen each quilting design finished on an actual sample. It would have been an aid for me to pick which quilting design I would choose. For me this is nothing but a sketch book. I am so amazed at the high marks this book received. How many people have actually tried using the book instead of just looking at it? Update: I signed up for Christina's Craftsy class called "Free Motion Quilting", which has some of the same designs included in this book. On the videos, I can watch her go step-by-step on how to sew these designs on her machine. It is SO helpful this way, to actually watch her create the quilting designs. She also had a beginning FM class on Craftsy. So between the book and her classes, I think it will give me more complete information on how to create the designs myself. But I still give the book 3 stars because it is incomplete. As you see, I had to supplement it with the Craftsy class. Mmm, maybe Christina, the book publishers, and Craftsy designed it that way? Give you a taste of something and leaving you wanting more, so that you'll buy more of her products and classes? Smart marketing!!

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