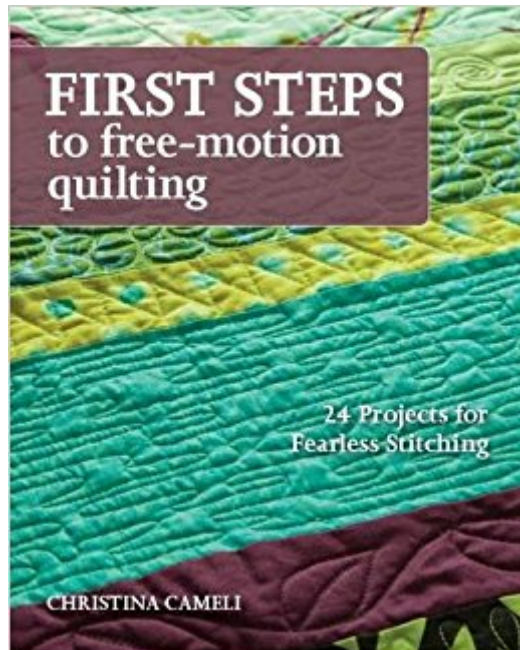




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First Steps To Free-Motion Quilting



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Just start stitching! Practice free-motion quilting with 24 easy-to-achieve projects. You'll make simple quilts, embellish kitchen towels and clothes, personalize a messenger bag, and so much more. All projects are freehand and require no marking. Ready, set, sew! Learn the basics, gather your supplies, pick a project, and start stitching. With a refreshingly new approach to free-motion stitching, *First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting* encourages you to make something beautiful while improving your free-motion quilting skills. You'll find 24 projects and quilts that are light on assembly so you can spend most of your time stitching. A handy troubleshooting guide ensures success every step of the way.

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Ready, set, sew! Learn the basics, gather your supplies, pick a project, and start stitching. With a refreshingly new approach to free-motion stitching, this book encourages you to make something beautiful while improving your free-motion quilting skills. You'll find 24 projects and quilts that are light on assembly so you can spend most of your time stitching. A handy troubleshooting guide ensures success every step of the way. (Down Under Quilts Magazine, 11/1/13) Christine's easy-to-assemble projects are the perfect way to practice beginning quilting skills while making gifts and accessories for friends and family. After learning how to set up your machine for quilting and gathering the basic tools and notions necessary, simple instructions will show you how to try out the stitching designs provided. These designs work well with the given projects such as various bags,

placemats and wall hangings. (Machine Quilting Unlimited, November/December 2013) I love the small projects included in the book that incorporate free-motion work. What a brilliant path to practicing stitching skills. Learning to free-motion quilt can be slow going if you're waiting to be good enough before tackling a large project. Doing mindless practice quilt sandwiches gets boring! My favorite thing about Christina's book is her approach to getting us to practice: Small Stitched Projects! Simple construction and good design make the projects perfect for practice. It includes all of the technical know-how needed combined with a game plan for how to get practice time in with something to show at the end of a session. With such limited time to create and sew it's a brilliant approach! (11/4/13) First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting is filled with tips and tricks and all kinds of great information. And to top that off, there's a ton of crazy, great projects to make! (happyzombie.com, 11/4/13) This is a totally great beginner's book. At the start, Christina lays out exactly what you need to get started. She walks you through cleaning your sewing machine, and explains about darning presser feet and extension tables and quilting gloves. She also explains the best kinds of thread for free-motion quilting. Turns out, it's not a huge investment to get started on this craft. The next section is all basic techniques for FMQ. This section is beautifully documented, with well-lit, well-staged photos and lots of them. And then there are many pages of sample designs to get you inspired to quilt. I'm so impressed with the instructional quality of this book. I'm having trouble articulating this well, but I feel like, as a beginner, this book gives me just enough instruction to get started without overwhelming me. (Craftypod.com, 11/18/13) I have to say, I've reviewed lots of free-motion quilting books. Of all the ones I have seen, I rank this one in the top two. The thing I like so much about this one is that it walks you through the stitches and free-motion quilting, and then the author offers some great fun and practical projects that will allow readers to practice those very stitches. Most of the projects are small and are great confidence builders. Can you believe that are 24 projects packed into the book?? (Jo's Country Junction, 2/3/14) Ease into the wonderful world of free-motion quilting with a kind and informative teacher who guides you every step of the way. Cameli shows you how to achieve the best results for many popular quilting motifs, in addition to giving 24 projects to help you master the techniques. Even seasoned quilters will enjoy the variety and ingenuity of the creative projects. (Quilters Newsletter, February/March 2014) This book not only offers tips and techniques, but grounds you in the basics. Once you're ready to go, try one of 24 projects to help you hone this new skill. (Stitch, 6/1/14)

Christina Cameli is a nurse-midwife and quilter who enjoys finishing quilts on her domestic machine

in addition to teaching free-motion quilting classes for beginners. She lives with her husband and children in Portland, Oregon, and shares her adventures in patchwork and quilting at AFewScraps.blogspot.com.

Through her blog, the author has long been my go-to person for help and inspiration with free motion quilting, and I fully expected this book to be a useful (non-electric) resource on my bookshelf. I was pleasantly surprised to find that this book not only outlined the basics of free motion quilting, but went way beyond that to share twenty-four fabulous projects that allow the reader to learn and perfect the art! My usual criteria for purchasing a book is three to five projects that take my breath away - but after counting, I found that I want to make at least twenty of these! Christina's writing style is engaging, her instructions are clear and easy to understand, and the photography is stunning. There is a concise but short section on basic sewing and quilt construction techniques, and a very useful troubleshooting section. I've been doing free motion quilting for a while, but this book taught me some things and gave me some ideas and techniques that I hadn't tried before. Definitely worth purchasing, and should be on every home quilter's bookshelf!! I was sent a free copy of this book for review, but now I'm putting my money where my mouth is and buying a copy to give away on my blog because it is such a good book.

I have spent a lot of time reading and watching videos about free motion quilting, but I was still intimidated by it and disappointed by my own results. This book really does take the fear out of it, with simple and clever designs to practice and 24 great and manageable projects to jump into. All of the projects are modern and attractive, something you'd want to make to give or to own, and made with simple quilting fabrics and notions you could purchase anywhere. I do not usually take the time to write reviews, but I was really impressed with this book!

I admit to being skeptical that a book could help me with free-motion quilting. But turns out it is really helpful. The author used cool (and useful) little projects to use to teach the skills needed. She also did a masterful job in explaining the process without being too long-winded. I've read the book cover to cover at least three times and now I'm working my way through the book project by project. Her concept of doodling on paper to practice is insightful. If you want to learn how, this book is a good first, second, and third step in mastering the process. I hope she does another book ladden with cute little small projects. Totally the way to learn.

I purchased the Kindle version of this book, and I am about halfway through it. I love the ideas and there are lots of helpful tips, but I wonder if the author is aware that the editing process missed a number of instances where the word "fat" has been substituted for the word "flat?" (At least four times in the first half of the book.) I can understand what the author meant, but it is still rather distracting and takes away from the quality of what is otherwise a beautiful book. If possible, it would be nice if the Kindle version could be corrected. Photos and diagrams are great.

Free Motion quilting can be scary! Right? I used to think it was impossible. Then I did a little and just thought it was too hard. Then I kept seeing things on the internet that regular folks were doing and it looked amazing. So, I felt that I had to learn how. I am still learning how. I was surprised to see that there are several projects to make listed. I discovered the reason for the projects. Each one is quilted with free motion quilting, but you don't have to commit to making a bed quilt. If you mess up a pot holder it is not nearly as big a loss as messing up a quilt top. The projects are so well done and inspiring that you will want to make several of them. I know that the Strip Sampler quilt is on my "I want to make that" list. There are a couple of "why didn't I think of that" projects too. But I won't spoil that surprise for you. If you want to learn free motion but just can't think about trying it on a quilt - try one of the small projects and work your way up to a bigger quilt.

I just happen to know Christina and have taken a class from her. She's a great teacher in person and this book is just a continuation of her teaching skills! Great photos, projects and guidelines to help you get started in doing your own quilting! I would most definitely recommend this book to anyone wanting to know more about free-motion quilting!

This is my "go to" book on free motion quilting! Christina's inviting and friendly approach helps one with beginner's fear. Her projects are varied in difficulty and fun, unique, and exciting, and they build confidence as you go. Most of the projects are small, which means even someone with an old home machine can do them. Her quilt designs are contemporary and fun, and her own projects shown in the book inspire me; they are clean and artistic at the same time, and her color choices are always lively, fun, and aesthetic. I think Christina is one of my favorite modern quilters, and her free motion quilting work is impeccable and highly skilled. She generously shares all of her FMQ tips to help make you successful. If you only could afford one book on FMQ, I would recommend this one.

This is the 2nd book of this author that I bought to help me learn the basics of free-motion quilting.

Very easy to understand, pictures are great as are explanations.

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