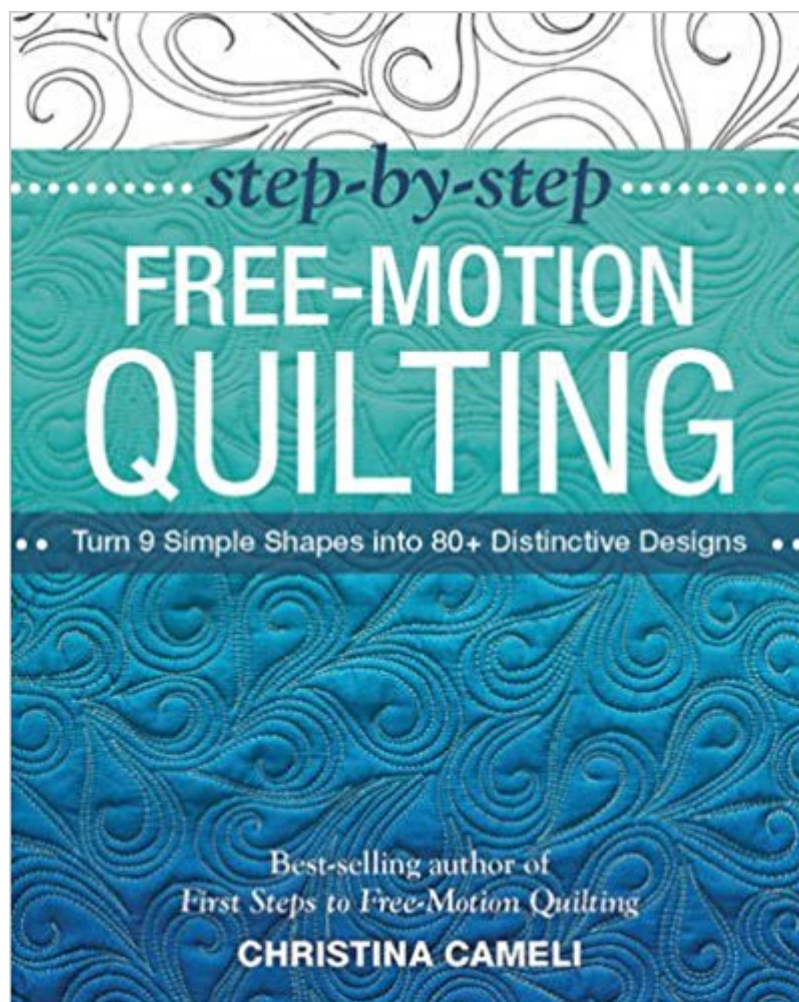




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# **Step-by-Step Free-Motion Quilting: Turn 9 Simple Shapes Into 80+ Distinctive Designs** — **Best-selling Author Of First Steps To Free-Motion Quilting**





## Synopsis

Improve your free-motion quilting as you sketch new designs – 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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In this sequel to her first book, Christina Cameli shows how quilters can turn nine simple shapes into multiple designs for quilting on domestic or longarm machines. Page after page of unique designs, with diagrams showing the stitching path for each, will inspire you to quilt your own projects with confidence. (Fons and Porter's *Easy Quilts*, Summer 2015) Cameli (*First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting*) focuses on shape-based designs for her second book, in which she takes nine basic shapes (including circles, loops, drops, and spirals) and demonstrates how to use them in all-over free-motion quilting designs. Each of the patterns is presented on a spread, with text-based and illustrated directions for creating the design on the left page and a full-page sketch of the repeating

design on the right-hand page. The arrangements vary in complexity, so there's as much here for beginners as there is for experienced free-motion quilters. Cameli provides abundant ideas and inspiration, and quilters who enjoy books by Angela Walters and Leah Day will find new designs to add to their free-motion quilting repertoire. (Library Journal) Christina Camelli, 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 longer. 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! (Workbox Magazine, February 2015) Are you looking to improve your free-motion quilting? Christina shows how easy (really!) it can be - on your long arm or domestic machine - using just nine simple shapes that help you create over 80 fabulous and beautiful designs from traditional to modern! (Quilter's Connection for Canadian Quilters) There are over 80 designs that spring from nine 'elements'. These are combined and recombined to give endless possibilities. The 'elements' are circle, curvy lines, loops, drops, spirals, leaves, 'wavy' curves, arcs and grass. A brief description of each is given with diagrams and written instructions of how to sew them. This is a good foundation for moving onto the more complex designs but before you get to those, there are some considerations that are mapped out for you, which look at the practical aspects of these free-motion motifs. It's a great book for getting you to look beyond some of the more traditional stitches you might stick to and to think about how you can adapt these basic stitches to create something more personal. (Workshop on the Web) If our guide to free-motion quilting has piqued your interest this issue, then there's a whole world of books to continue your new love affair with finishing your patchwork projects. This one is a new release from Stash Books and in it are pages and pages of designs to inspire your free-motion adventures. Christina Cameli covers the basics too - leading in with the ideas of traveling, echoing and foresight. It might seem strange to flick through a book and see what seems like a lot of scribbles, but when you start imagining them in quilted form, it's a useful little reference book to have to find a stitch design that matches your patchwork. (Quilt Now Magazine, April 2015) Cameli shows you how to turn nine simply-to-draw shapes - circles, loops, spirals, leaves, curving lines, drops, S curves, arcs and grass - into more than 80 different designs appropriate for a full range of quilted projects, whether quilted on domestic or longarm machines (hand quilters will also find plenty of inspiration in the combination of motifs). (Quilters Newsletter, December/January

2016) Conquer free-motion quilting with step-by-step doodling instructions and turn simple shapes into 80+ creative quilting designs. (Quiltmaker, July/August 2015)

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 is the author of *First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting* and lives in Portland, Oregon. [afewscraps.blogspot.com](http://afewscraps.blogspot.com)

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!

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!

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 can hardly wait to try some of her designs. I want to do more of my own quilting and her book is going to be very useful to me. I will be using a domestic sewing machine and not a long arm.

I have found the book inspiring. I needed some help in deciding how to quilt each quilt. The quilt sits there for a few days while I try and come up with some idea of how to quilt it. This book has helped me a lot since I am new to Longarm quilting I have needed some inspiration and this book gave me that and the nerve to do the quilting on someone else's quilt. Thanks.

Excellent book. Very helpful for a beginner. Easy to follow, and well written

I'm always looking for new ideas for free motion quilting that I can do using my sewing machine. This book fit the bill. Looking forward to trying these out. Although some things look repetitive, it gives one some ideas on how to mix and match designs.

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