



## **Beginning Free Motion Quilting**

### **With Colleen Blackwood**

Learn the basics of quilting your quilts on your home machine... a variety of techniques for free motion design will be covered in class and working on a large quilt will also be demonstrated. Initial practice projects will be "sandwiches" of 12-14" squares of scrap fabrics \*\* or muslin, nothing that you will be using in an actual quilt...just for practice! Once you have honed your skills, you can move on to an actual quilt or throw.

#### **Please bring the following to class:**

- Sewing machine with instruction manual
- Walking and darning foot for the machine
- Bernina Stitch Regulator (if you have it)
- Size 80/12 machine needles (new is best)
- Size 90/14 topstitch needle (new is best)
- Thread that DOESN'T match the fabric you are using (we want the stitches to show)
- Pencil or marking device
- Practice pieces of scrap fabrics or muslin with batting and backing; 12-14" square of each or fat quarters if that is what you have, these are not masterpieces! :)

#### **I (Colleen Blackwell) use and we will discuss:**

- Schmetz Micro-tex Sharp needles (size 80-90)
- Machinger or Grabaroos gloves
- Mettler or Aurifil threads for solid colors
- King Tut, Polysheen, or Isacord for variegated threads
- dGood, instructive machine quilting books you can add to your library
- 1" safety pins for the layering process (we will discuss "bent" versus traditional straight safety pins)
- Hobbs Heirloom batting (I recommend Hobbs and we will discuss the types of batting that will give you the best quality and finish for your quilt)

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