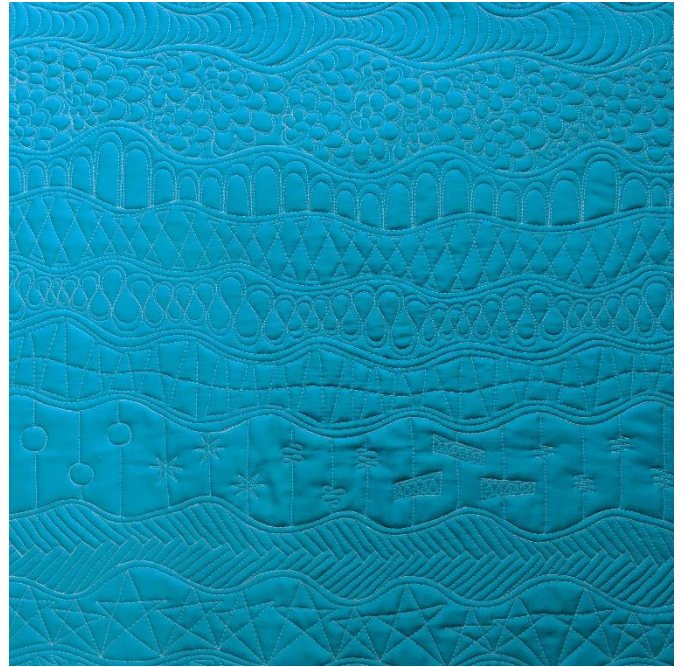


## Modern Free Motion Fillers & Fun

Do you love the look of modern quilts but unsure how best to quilt all that negative space? In this workshop, I'll share my favorite mark-free, modern quilting motifs involving C-curves, loop de loops, zig zags, and door beads. We'll explore how simple changes to each of the designs will yield all new filler designs! This is a low-stress and super fun workshop that is perfect for quilters who are new to free-motion quilting, as well as those looking to add new modern designs to their quilting repertoire. You'll leave new design ideas, tips and tricks for free motion quilting success, and the confidence to add beautiful, modern quilted texture to your modern quilt tops!



### Supply List:

- Sewing machine in good working order with the following accessories that will be needed for free-motion quilting:
  - **Free-motion quilting/darning foot compatible with your machine is essential!!**
    - Most have a spring and open toe feet are better for visibility/pulling up thread tails). Check with your machine's dealer to make sure you have one that is compatible with your machine.
  - Sewing machine manual (prior to class, check to see how to install your free motion foot and lower your feed dogs and/or install a feed dog cover plate if your machine does not have the option to lower feed dogs)
  - Brand new needle installed (I recommend size 90/14 Topstitch or Microtex)
  - Extension table
  - Optional: Knee lift bar and Straight Stitch Plate if your machine has either feature
- 2 quilt sandwiches (each should measure 18"x22") top, bottom and batting pieces cut in advance.
  - Please choose a solid (Kona) or solid-like fabrics (ie. Grunge) to showcase the stitched patterns
  - 80/20 batting: My personal preference is either Quilter's Dream or Warm & Natural
  - 20 safety pins for pin basting (I recommend 1" curved safety pins)
- Good quality thread: I highly recommend **Aurifil 50-weight** as it is strong yet thin and will blend in beautifully with your quilt top. Choose a thread color that has some contrast with your quilt top but try to avoid high contrast selections ie. black or red thread on white fabric. \*\* Fill 1-2 bobbins with matching thread.
- 1 roll of Scotch 3-M Original Blue Painter's Tape (.94" wide or any other width that you have on hand)
- 1 plastic sheet protector
- Black, fine tipped white board dry erase marker (ie. Expo brand, which are found in most office supply sections)
- Pencil to doodle/sketch (handouts will be provided in the workshop)
- Pair of tweezers and a pair of thread snips
- Optional:
  - Camera (digital, camera phone, tablet) to take pictures
  - Machingers gloves (I highly recommend as they will give you control and help you stay relaxed)
  - Self-threading needle (used for hand sewing and used to bury thread tails (recommend Sench Spiral Eye)

More pictures of **Modern Free Motion Fillers & Fun** are posted on my website: [melbeachquilts.com/teaching](http://melbeachquilts.com/teaching)

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