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<b>Class name:</b>	<b>Free Motion Quilting – Basics and Beyond</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Learn the free-motion quilting skills and designs needed to quilt your own quilts on your domestic machine. Many quilters find themselves frozen in fear at the quilting stage of their projects, so I will help you get past this fear with skills and designs that give you the confidence you need to start.</p> <p>In this class, Nancy will bring many samples, so you can see a large variety of quilting designs and see how they can be incorporated into your own quilts. We will be sketching many designs, so you will have them handy for your future creations.</p> <p>We will also cover the tools that will make this stage of your quilt successful: machine options and setup, machine feet, needles, threads, battings, and other tools.</p> <p><b>In the last part of the class, you will have the opportunity to start creating your own Free Motion Sampler block using the skills and designs you have learned in class.</b></p>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FABRICS:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>2 practice sandwiches approximately 22 inches square (cotton fabric for top and bottom, with cotton or cotton-blend batting). I would recommend that the fabrics NOT be a solid fabric, like a muslin. It is best that there be a light or small design on the fabrics – I will explain why in class.</p> <p>Pin baste with just 3 or 4 pins; no need to overdo it.</p> <p>AND 1 fabric and batting square, which is solid white on the top layer. This will be used to start your Free Motion Sampler block.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your machine in good working order. If you have not used your machine in a while, it's probably time for a tune-up before class. It is very important that you are using the machine that you plan to do your future free-motion quilting with – not a “class” machine, but your REAL machine.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Spiral-bound sketch pad – at least 8x10 for sketching designs – this is very important – this is NOT a few sheets of paper and is not a small steno pad 😊 – a sketch pad with approximately 30-50 sheets of paper.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	All the feet that came with your machine, AND a “darning” or “free-motion quilting” foot that fits your machine. Not all feet fit all machines, so be sure to check with your sewing machine dealer, who knows your brand of machine, to make sure you have the proper foot.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thread – for this class, it really doesn't matter what thread you use for the practice portion, whatever works. Part of the class will be learning about what threads to use for machine quilting, so for this little practice session, any thread that works in your machine will be good.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>A size 80 or 90 Top Stitch needle.</u> I find that this needle is the most cooperative when it comes to any kind of thread. I want this process to be easy, so this needle helps make it so.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Some sort of extension table for your machine. If you don't have an acrylic table made for your machine, this would be the time when you want to consider purchasing one. Keep in mind that the acrylic tables are specific to each machine, so be sure to contact your machine shop in advance of the class to get yours ordered.</p> <p>If you do not have an acrylic table or if at home, your machine is set up in a dropdown table, I would recommend that you bring coffee table-size books that, when stacked, equal the height of your sewing machine base. So that the books will create an extended surface for your machine.</p>

- Quilting gloves, I would prefer the "Machingers", in a size that fits very nicely – we don't want them to be too big
- A pen or pencil for notes and drawing. I would recommend a few different choices for you to play with.
- Fabric Marking tools that you can see on your chosen fabrics, such as the Bohin White Mechanical pencil or a Frixion Pen
- If you have a quilt top that you would like to bring, we can discuss quilting and thread options for it, which would be GREAT!!

