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Free-Motion Quilting Idea Book: 155 Mix & Match Designs Bring 30 Fabulous Blocks To Life Plus Plans For Sashing, Borders, Motifs & All-over Designs



Synopsis

Take the guesswork out of free-motion quilting with 155 fresh ideas—each handpicked for a specific space on a quilt. Mix and match the designs from each chapter to artfully quilt 30 traditional blocks, borders, sashing, and more! This must-have reference includes an inspiring gallery of finished quilts, tips for domestic and longarm quilters, and complete instructions for a table runner project to hone your skills.

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Customer Reviews

The Free-Motion Quilting Idea Book by Amanda Murphy is like an encyclopedia of quilting stitches. The book contains 155 stitches with indexes in the back that link families of stitches together and which stitches work for an all-over design, sashings, and borders. The best part of Free-Motion Quilting Idea Book is that it contains 30 familiar blocks and shows 3 or more patterns to quilt on each block. Murphy doesn't just give out patterns in this book. Every pattern is drawn out on a square step-by-step, until the pattern is completed. Quilting tips are included in the beginning of the book and at the back, a gallery of finished quilts is shown. I think this is a very good book, offering some easy blocks for beginners and some more difficult ones for advanced quilters. The arrangement of the indexes and the blocks shown with the different methods of stitching make this a very helpful book to own!

If you are a quilter this book is a MUST HAVE, I just got this last night and have to say that it is probably the best book that I have bought for quilting. This book breaks down the type of block, then offers suggestions for quilting the block.... and has a cross reference to other patterns for that quilt

relating to borders, sashing, etc. My one complaint is that the author must receive free Bernina sewing machines as she has a whole chapter dedicated to 2 of their newest machines. I get that they are obligated to pay homage to the company who gives them a machine.. but do it somewhere else.. Other than that, the book is a worthy addition to your quilting library. Also, this is a very new book (I have purchased some that are 10 years or more and some information is no longer relevant.)

I very much like that a simple table runner project is included to "quilt as desired," and provides several ideas on how to do so. While there are a lot of designs the size of the book itself (pages are 5.25" x 9") makes it difficult for newbies to see the flow of design as the motif develops in the Allover Design section. The Blocks section shows how to quilt various blocks several ways ... but I find these block quilting executions not as attractive as others but a significant factor. The Sashing and Borders sections show how to quilt them, and those are nice looking. More than half the photos in the Gallery section have quilts whose quilting does not show well at all, so you can't readily see how the item's been quilted. All in all, a FAIR rated book; there are better out there - "First Steps to Free Motion Quilting" by Christina Cameli in particular far surpasses what this reviewed book tries to accomplish.

I love this book. I, like most of us quilters, suffer from "quilters block." Sometimes I just can't seem to come up with a quilt design for my quilts. Often times they sit on the quilt frame and I just get that deer in the headlights look and have to walk away for a while. Now, I can flip through this book and it is much easier for me to envision designs that will work for just about any style quilt I have in front of me. Thanks, Amanda Murphy.

Great idea book. Although this is block related, it shows a perspective on designs can be put together in a block and then shows the resulting overall effect of the quilting designs on the block. This also provides ideas on mixing and matching patterns and how to divide up the patterns within a block.

This book is handy size and I can read soon when I want .You can see lots of idea for your quilts from this book. I am using this book for free motion practice now. I think this book will help my skill up of free motion.

This is NOT a book for beginners! This is exactly what the title implies: An idea book, but there is nothing "basic" about it. The author introduces the book with 16 "allover designs" where the instructions are minimal. The bulk of the book shows progression pictures of block designs with no instructions other than, for example: Step 1: Stitch in the ditch. Step 2: Mark. Step 3. Final Step. I'll definitely put this on the shelf and maybe refer back to it after I have some experience with free-motion quilting. But this is definitely not a How-To book.

This small resource book is like a dictionary of quilting patterns. It's laid out to suggest designs for quilt areas such as triangles, squares, sashes, stars and more. I use it as a reference manual when planning a quilt or to decide on a free motion quilt motif during the quilting process.

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