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Free-Motion Challenge Quilting Along

Week 4 Quilting Diagrams & Tip Sheet

In the last two videos, we have been dealing with points. Whether the pointy tops of our leaves or the points in between the petals of our flower meander. In this tutorial, we are leaving the points behind and are quilting pebbles!

Tips for Machine Quilting Pebbles

The pebbles design seems to be one of those designs that people either love or hate. But for such a simple shape, it definitely packs a quilting punch! Here are a few tips to make machine quilting them easier.

- **Aim for Smooth, not Perfect**

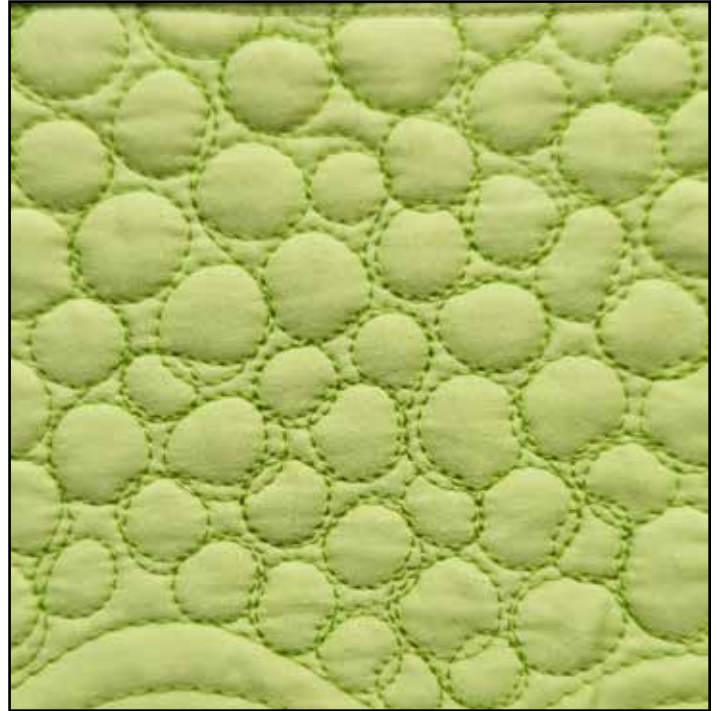
Sometimes trying harder makes the quilting more difficult. Instead of trying to quilt perfectly shaped pebbles, focus on keeping the lines smooth. Even if they are more “organic”, they will still look good!

- **Find the Right Speed**

When it comes to quilting curves and circles, you might find that quilting a little faster will help you keep those lines nice and smooth. You don't want to quilt so fast that you are out of control, but not slow enough that you can overthink it.

- **Travel, Travel, Travel**

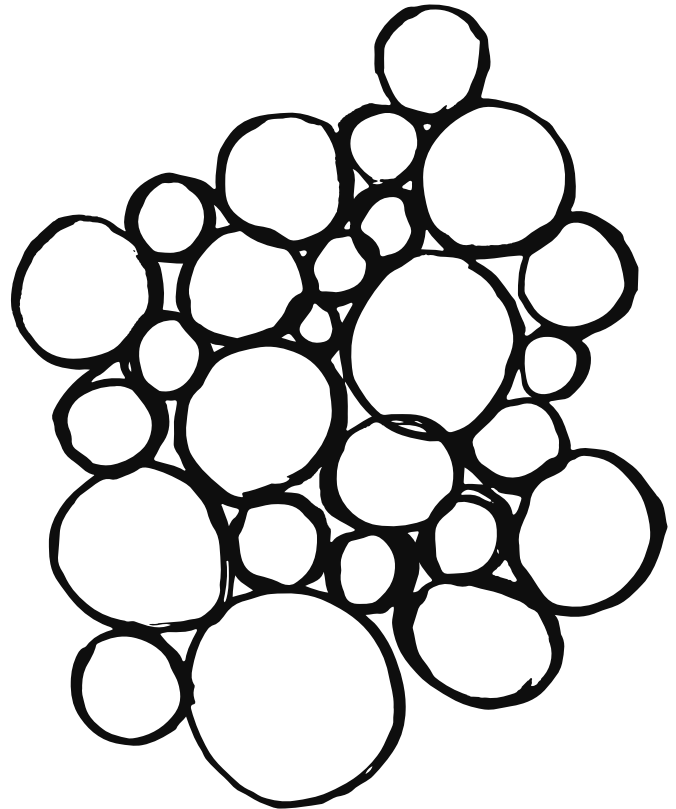
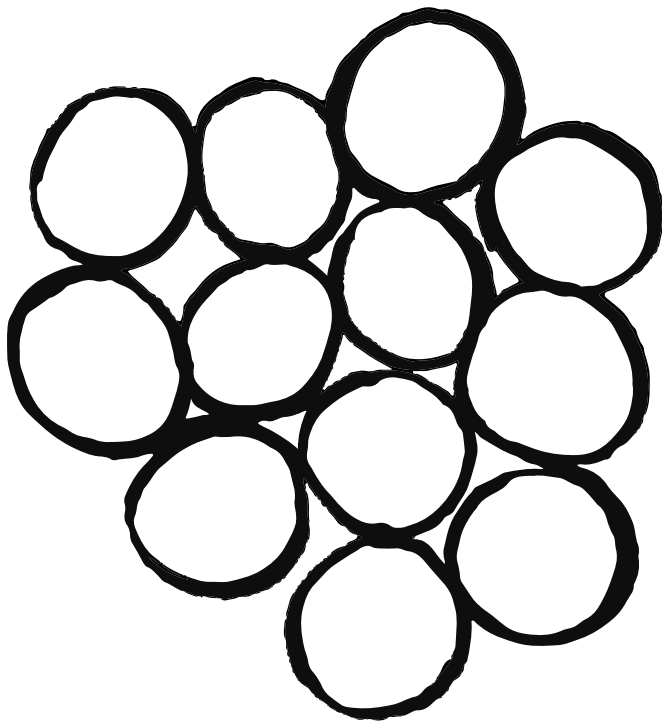
Quilting along a previously quilted line might not sound very fun, but it's the perfect way to maneuver your way around an area. It will also help you keep your pebble placement random.





Quilting Diagrams

If you are having trouble quilting the design, practicing tracing along the lines until you feel comfortable with the path of the design, then try quilting it on your quilt sandwich.



Your Challenge:

If you are quilting along with me on the custom challenge panel, fill in the area highlighted in red with any of the designs we learned in the last three weeks. Try leaves, flower, pebbles or combine all three!

