

## **Club Notes:**



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**APRIL** 2019

March 21st was the first day of Spring. Kim finally took down her snowflake garden flag from in front of her house and replaced it with a Spring-themed garden flag. I've been telling her that the snowflake garden flag was just asking for trouble (more snow). My front lawn is starting to green up, jonquils are blooming and the squirrels are pretty busy preparing their nurseries up in the trees. I like most things about Spring, except for the increased pollen count.....and the thunderstorms.

Allergens can be controller with Claritin, but there's not much a longarm quilter can do about thunderstorms. So, each morning I look at the weather forecast, paying close attention to the timing any "drama weather" is predicted to hit our area. Then, I look at my quilt roster and determine which quilts are small enough to get done before the drama arrives. Or even which quilts will be running e2e patterns which I can get a full pass done before I need to shut down and unplug the machines. It can be very challenging to keep up with the quilting during the Spring storms, but it only takes one lightening strike to kill your longarm, so it's just not worth it to quilt during storms. I actually have gotten so far behind that I powered one of my longarms with our generator, which my husband so kindly moved into place on the back patio (right outside my quilt room exterior doors). He rolled his eyes at me when I asked him to do it, but I happily quilted all that weekend, only having to stop once during each day to re-fill the generator fuel tank.

Over the past year, I have been searching for a pie safe to display quilts in my livingroom, and was recently introduced to Facebook Marketplace. I found this one. My husband is scratching his head, "That looks like a piece of furniture which should be in a kitchen or diningroom, but not a livingroom." I think he doesn't understand antiques or quilt displaying options. What do you all think? I have three antique sewing machine heads I think will display nicely in the bottom shelf (in the glass door area) and then quilts in the upper two shelves.

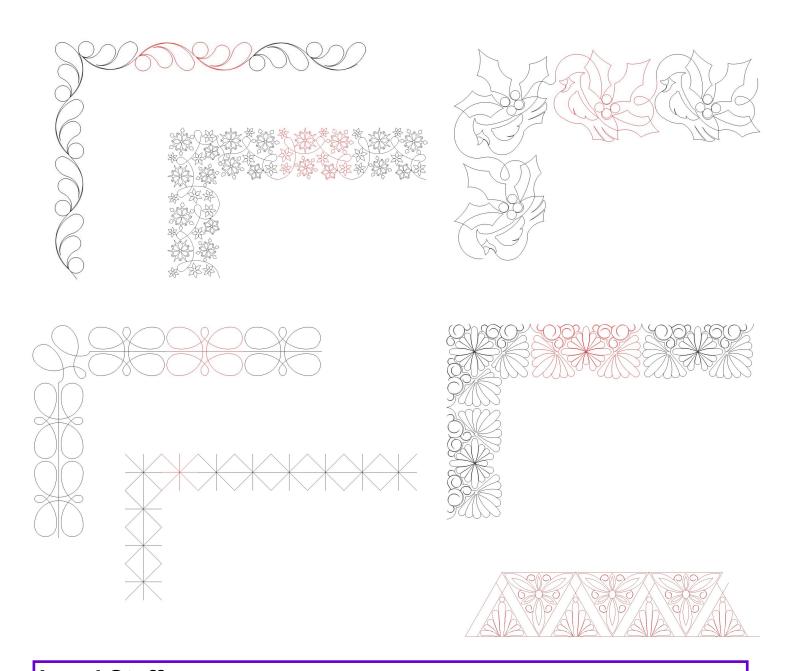
Hope you all enjoy the patterns this month!

Happy Quilting! Janet & Kim



The Agate April 2019 Archive contains 212 patterns, including 69 panos, a retail value of \$2465.00.

### **New Border and Corner Patterns**

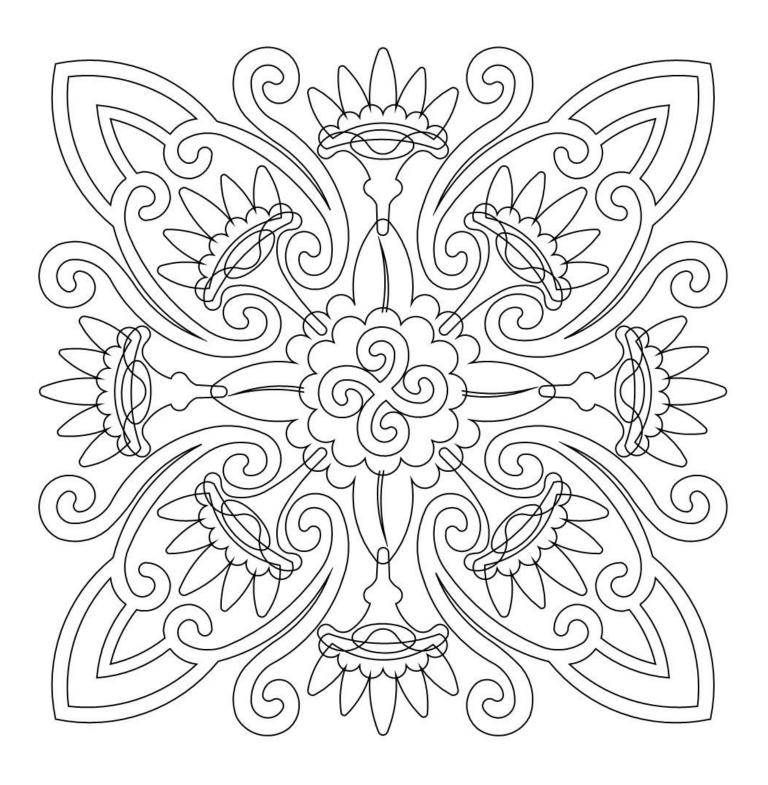


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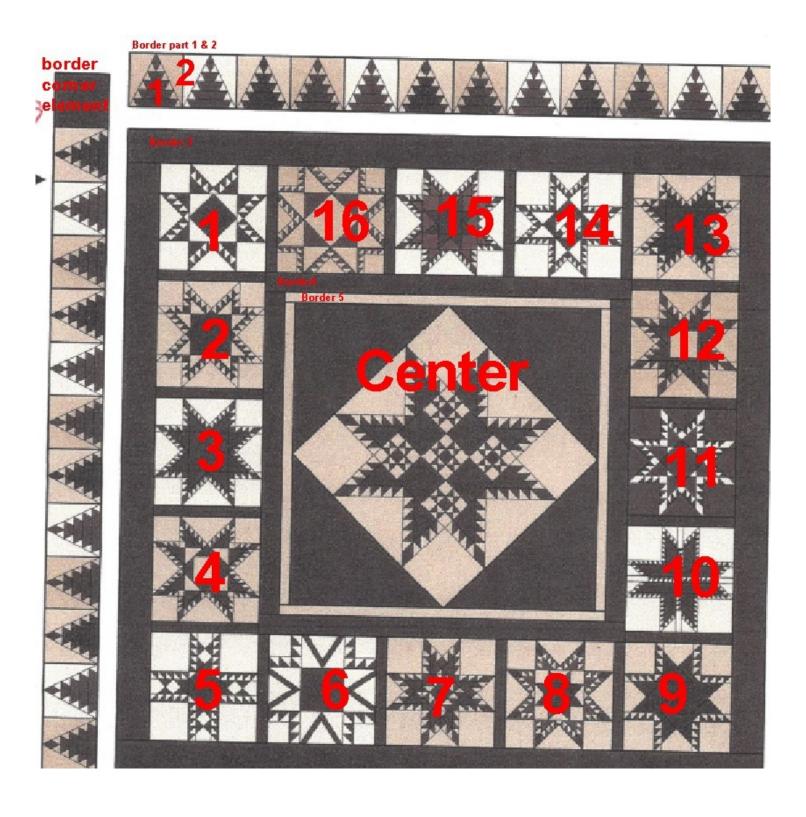


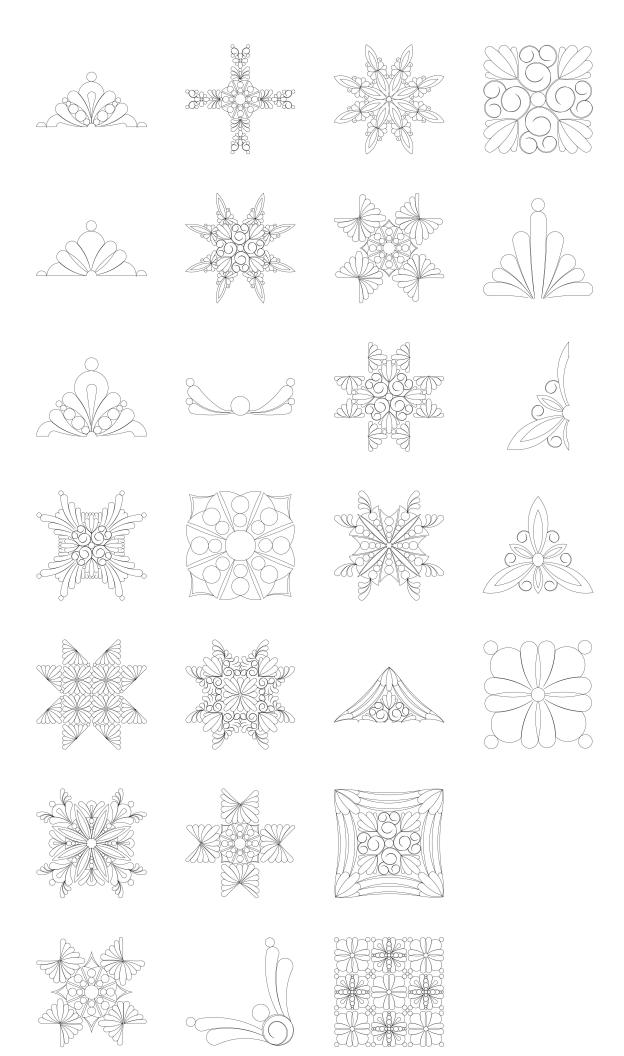
See the stitch maps

#### At Midnight REA Block 012 Stitch Map

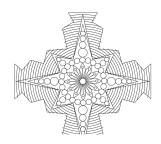


## Flock of Feathered Star





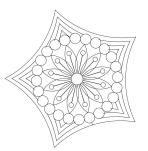
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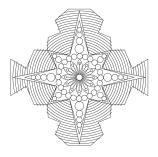






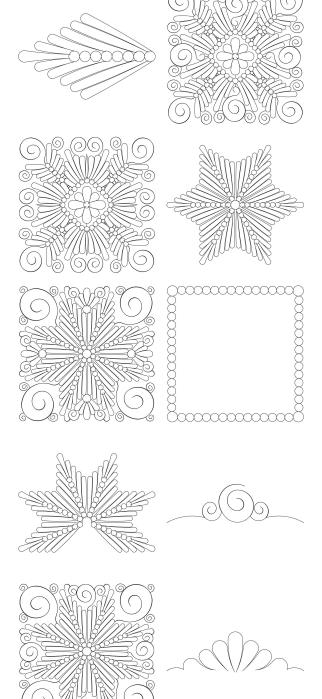


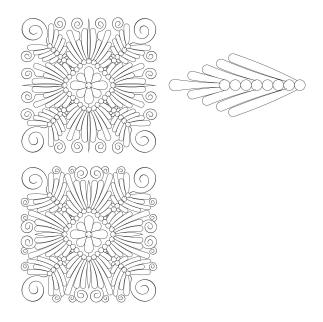




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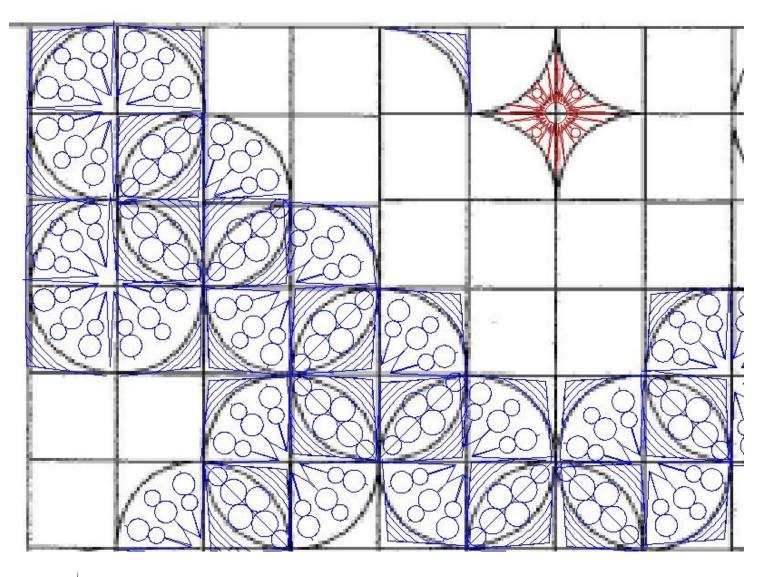
# For Chris Stiasny's Rainbow Stars Quilt

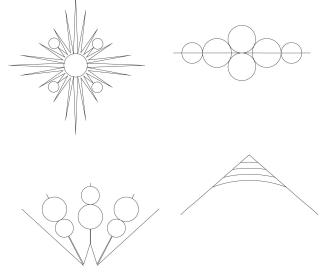






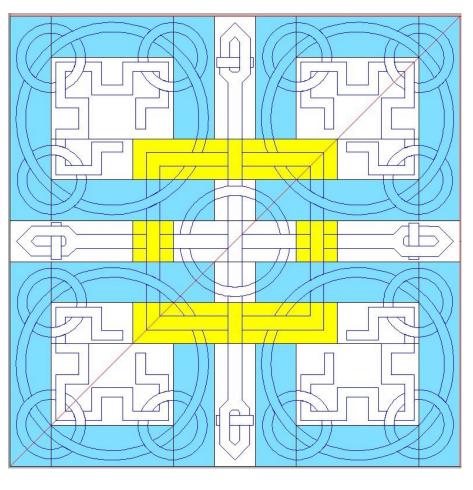
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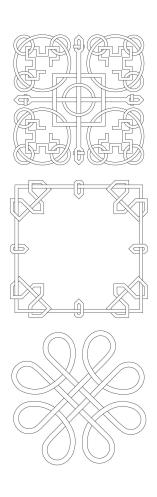


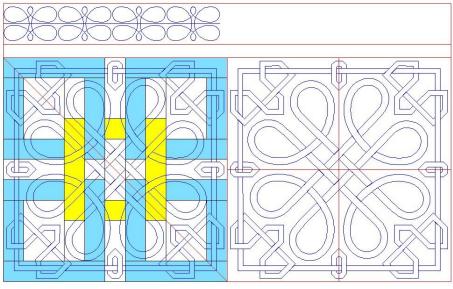




## Celtic Patterns

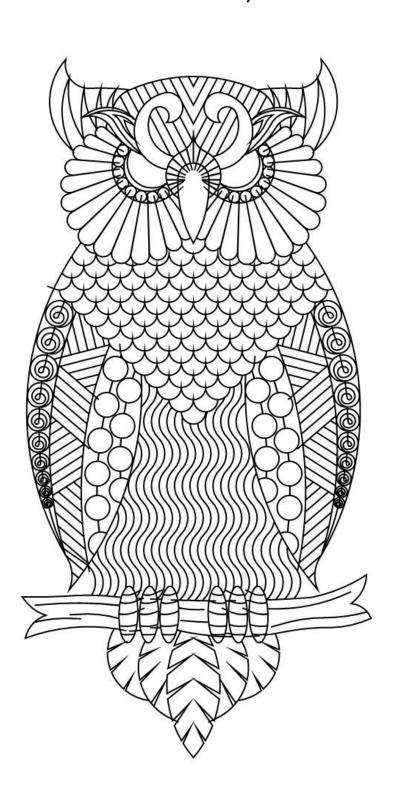




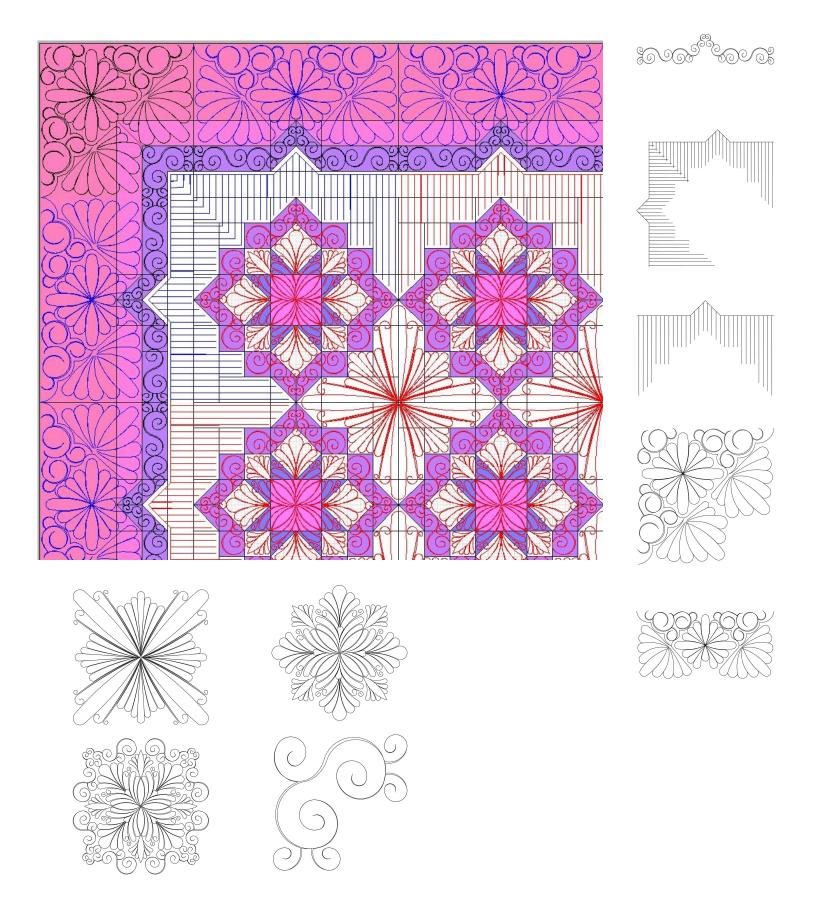


### **Color Book Zen Owl**

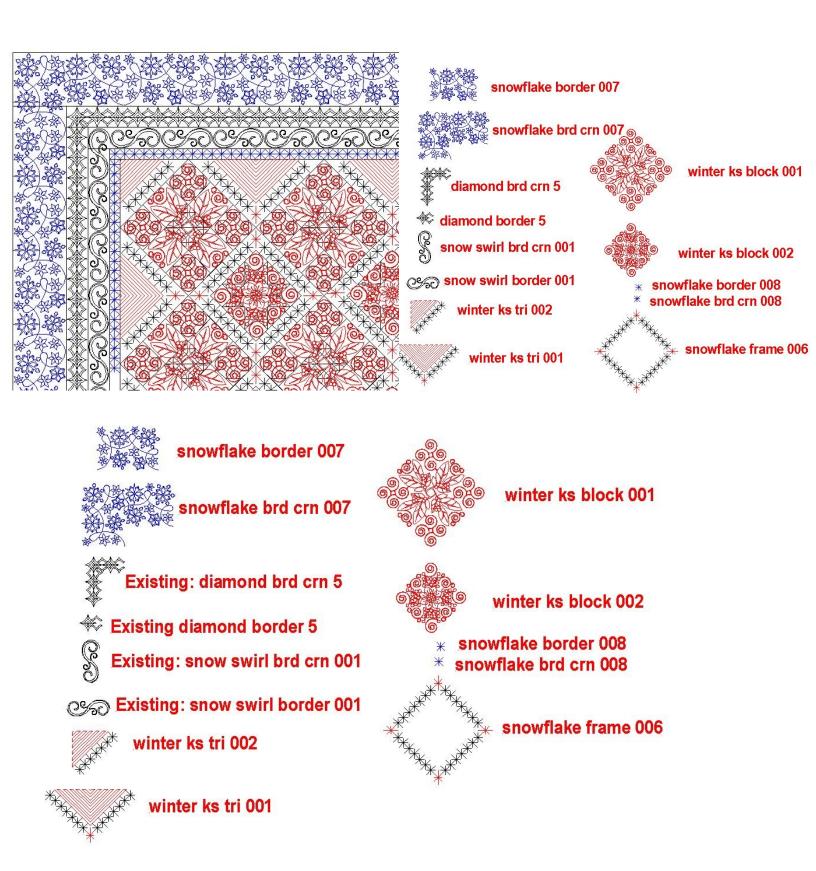
(To quilt out and then color with crayons or markers)



### Sumptuous Quilt Patterns



### Everything But the Kitchen Sink Quilt: Winter





### Created by Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio, Quilter's LightBox<sub>®</sub> software was designed to easily:

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# Favorite Longarm Supplies Vendors:

We've had many questions from new longarm quilters about the best places to buy their supplies. So, we thought we'd provide a list of our favorite vendors. This is not an exclusive list....you may already have other vendors who take care of your longarm supply needs...and we're not trying to convert anybody.

**Superior Thread:** I buy King Tut Thread in the 2000 yard cones, although they have poly thread as well. They sell wholesale (you'll need your sales tax certificate to set up a wholesale account). They also sell retail (at a higher price). They have an amazing selection of thread. They have fabulous customer service and an easy online account set up process. They also ship internationally! <a href="http://www.superiorthreads.com">http://www.superiorthreads.com</a>

**Checker Distributing:** Wholesale Only.....I have rarely looked in vain for anything quilt related on their site. Shopping for supplies can be addicting! Shipping is charged on large items, but not on items such as pins, needles, thread, books, scissors, or most other notions. They do charge shipping on bolts of fabric, luggage, cutting mats, Ott Lights, etc. (They now carry Quilter's Dream Batting.....but only to customers outside of the United States.) <a href="http://www.checkerdist.com">http://www.checkerdist.com</a>

**SouthStar Supply Company:** They have scissors, snips & holsters, bobbins, pattern making supplies, rotary cutters, mats, knives, sharpeners, notions, needles, pins, ergonomics, safety, & handling supplies, steamers, machine oil, spot lifters, silicone.....and they are very nice people to work with.

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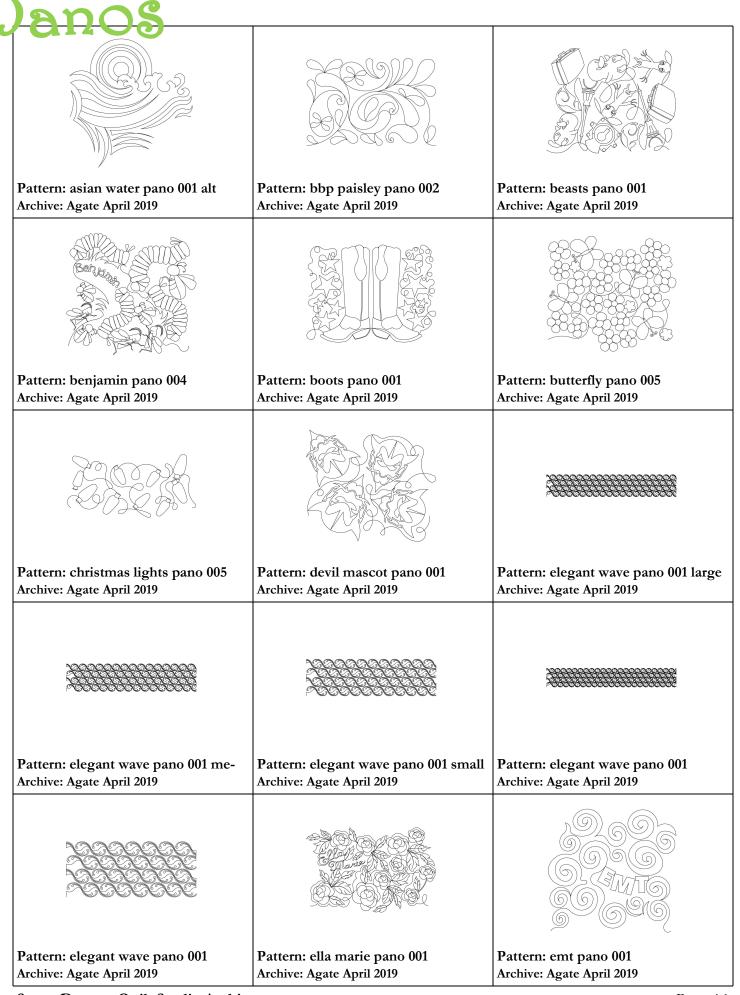
Quilter's Dream Batting: I have pretty much stopped purchasing rolls of batting. I find it easier to maintain an accurate inventory of batting, and it stores well. Unlike some packaged batting, I don't find that the QD batting is distorted, and so it doesn't require a trip through my dryer before I can use it. Some of my best friends who also have longarm quilting businesses stock packaged batting as well as batting on a roll. We agree that these people are easy to work with! <a href="http://www.quiltersdreambatting.com">http://www.quiltersdreambatting.com</a>

**Virginia Longarm:** I buy the dress bag and the 3-sided zipper totes to deliver my quilts to customer. They bring their next quilt to me in their bag. When I arrive at our guild meetings, laden with my purple bags, people say it looks like Christmas. Their quilts stay clean and it adds a little extra class and professionalism to my business.

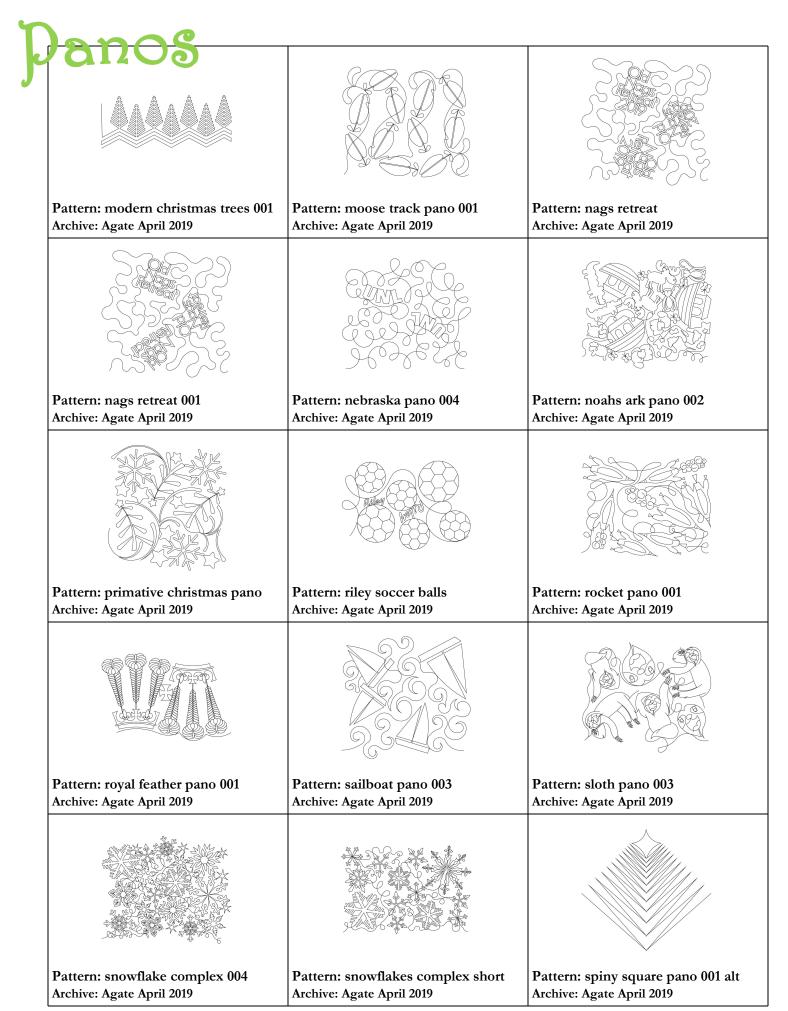
http://www.virginialongarm.com or call 804-708-0741.

**Wingspan Crafts:** These are the people at MQX East who have the pre-shunk cotton batting (Katahdin) and the lovely 80/20 (Acadia). They were very nice to work with. <a href="http://www.wingspancrafts.com">http://www.wingspancrafts.com</a>

**Winline Textiles:** These people were at MQS in Wichita. Their batting also feels very nice, has great consistency. They sent me home with two sample batts (a crib size and a twin size). I have used both sample batts and was very, very pleased. Visit them at: <a href="http://www.winlinetextiles.com">http://www.winlinetextiles.com</a> Wholesale prices available!



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**IntelliQuilter Quilters:** This month's pattern download includes a replacement pattern for "geometric border 002". Just let it overwrite the version you downloaded in March.

**ProStitcher Quilters:** It has come to our attention (from HandiQuilter's Richard Eich) that patterns containing nosew lines (jump stitches) may not stitch properly. At this time, we don't really know what HandiQuilter is doing to fix this issue and it's out of our control. So, any patterns you receive in the Crown Jewels Club which contain no-sew lines (jump stitches) we suggest you test quilt them out on muslin before counting on using them for real.