



Club Notes:



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What does a quilter do when the quilter isn't allowed to use their sewing machine ('cause their arm is in a sling?) Handwork, of course! At the end of February, I tripped over my briefcase (which I had foolishly set down at the top of the stairs). I grabbed the newel post with my left hand, and my momentum carried me forward fast enough and with enough force to dislocate my shoulder and fracture the glenoid bone. So, my sister came over to help me get caught up with my longarm quilting and before she went back home, she cut my black squares for me. My husband dragged my tub of wool into the family room where I proceed to select the wool fabrics for each umbrella. I traced out all the parts (times 42) for each umbrella block onto fusible and then over the past two months, hand stitched them all down. I no longer have my arm in a sling and am fortunate that the physical therapy is making a real difference in the strength of that arm.

I feel very blessed that my family and friends all pitched in to help me keep from drowning in the longarm quilting world, as well as putting up with my cranky moods. Apparently, I'm hard to get along with when I have to ask somebody to help me accomplish my tasks! Alan loaded and basted quilts for me and then unloaded them when they were done. My sister hauled home a couple of customer quilts for me and fixed them so they were quiltable, and Kim took apart another quilt and fixed it so it was quiltable.

It could have been so much worse! I'm glad to say that I can now use my sewing machine again, just in time for a quilt retreat!

In other news, Kim's youngest daughter, Chloe, is getting married at the end of June. Kim is pretty busy helping Chloe make all of those wedding decisions. Details, details, details. And my youngest graduates from high school next month. Already has the dormitory move-in date marked on the kitchen calendar. Alan and I are soon to be empty-nesters. We have a list of things we're planning to do when it's just the three of us (Alan, Janet, and Harvey the schnauzer).

Enjoy the patterns!

Kim and Janet

**The Agate May 2018 Archive contains 130 patterns,
including 62 panos, a retail value of \$1610.00.**

Longarm Tip of the Month

Tip #1:

Repeat after me:

“I am not obligated to accept and quilt every quilt which is brought into my quilt studio. If I truly think I cannot make it look good, it is in my best interests to turn it away.”

Tip #2:

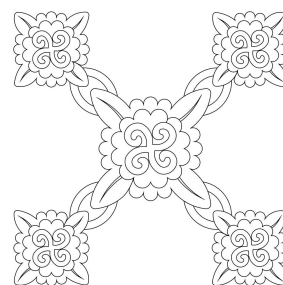
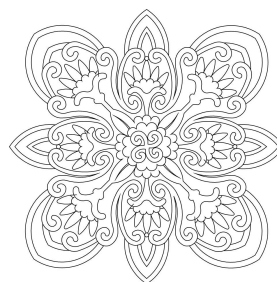
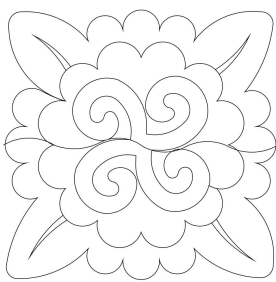
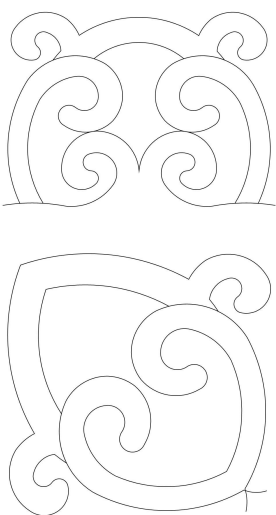
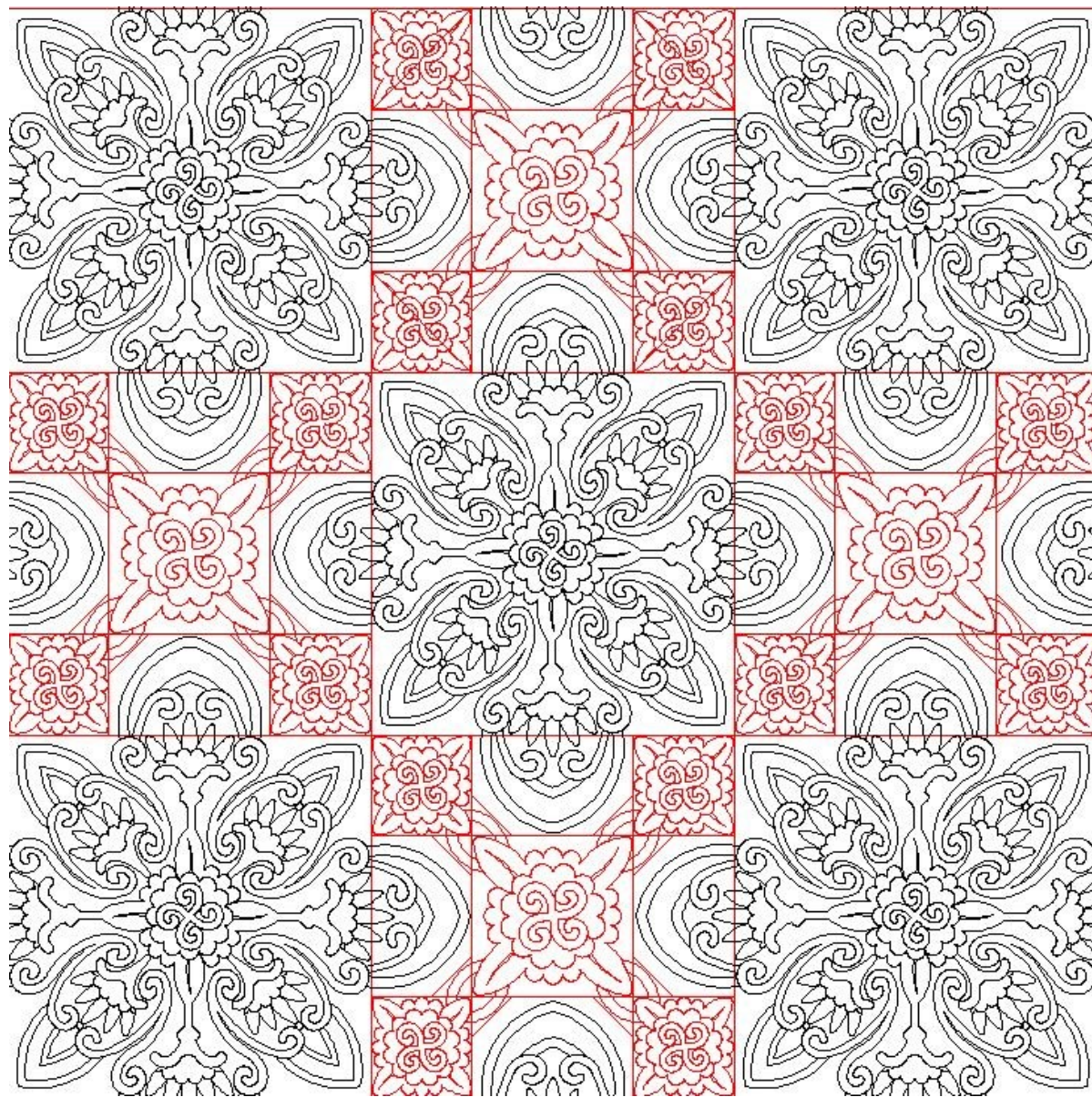
Quilt customers who are heavy smokers bring quilts which are basically polluted with smoke. When I get one of those quilts in, I put it in a sealed tub with large box of baking soda (open). After a week, I take it out and sometimes need to put in a fresh box of baking soda. This process adds to my turnaround time, and I explain to the customer that I must eliminate the smoke smell prior to loading the quilt on my canvas leaders so that the smoke from their quilt does not then get onto the quilt of a non-smoker. Although there is potential for embarrassing the customer with this information, better that than get a reputation for having quilts returned to customers smelling of smoke (when they didn't arrive that way).

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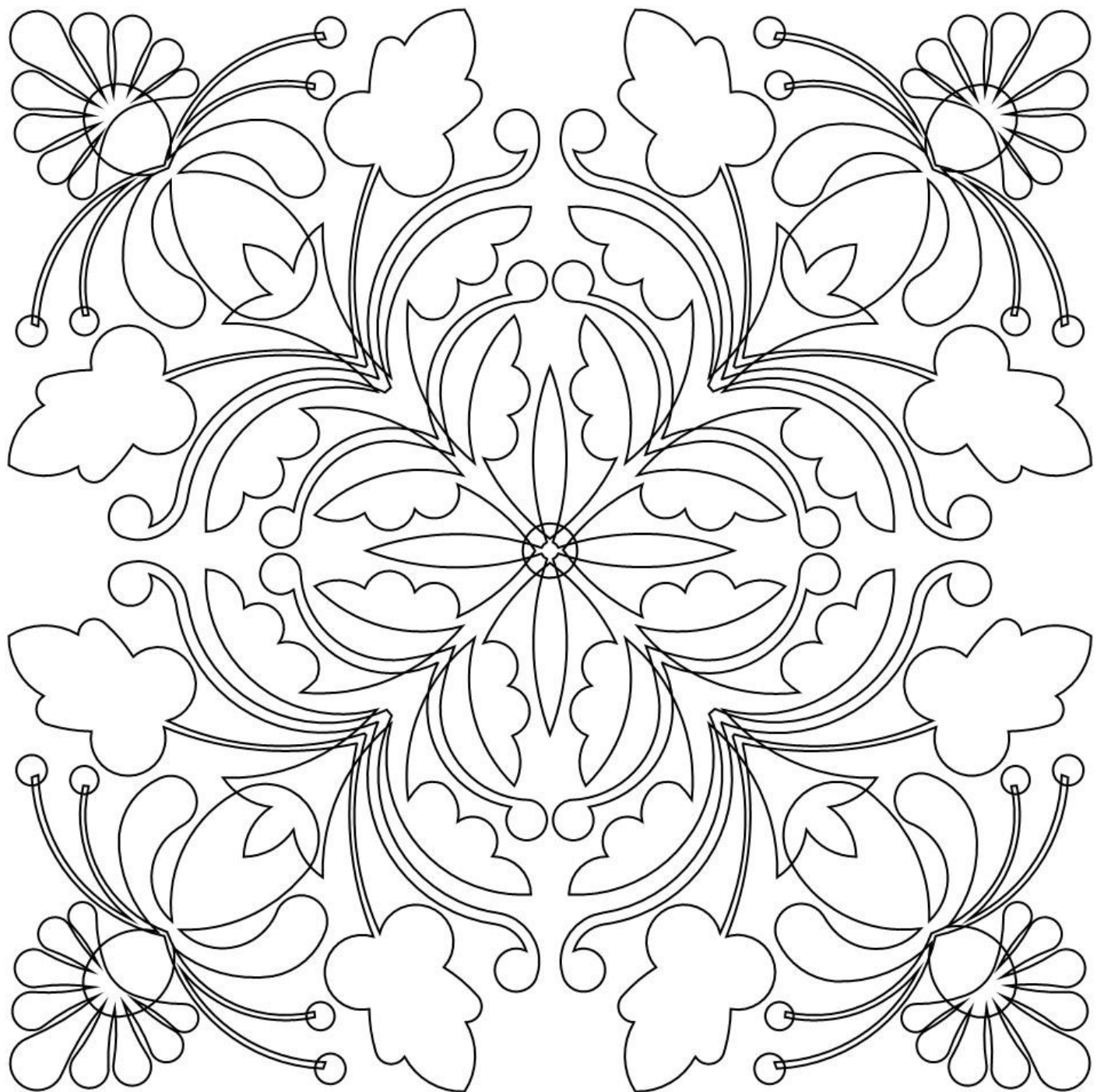
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Courtyard Tile Quilt Patterns



At Midnight Block 001

(1st in new REA Wholecloth Quilt)



Multi Sized Panos...

What's up with those, anyway?

Kim has developed an ongoing series of multi-sized panos. Almost every week, one of my longarm quilt business customer chooses a very simple and linear e2e pattern for me to quilt on their quilt. They are easy to set up, quilt out pretty fast, but only quilt about 3 or 4 inches across the quilt in one pass. That means that I have to hover over the quilt, not getting more than 5 feet away from the machine because it's going to require me to reset at the end of each pass very quickly. Now, I know that with my Statler software, I can build a couple of rows, change the sew order and connect them at the ends of the passes. That takes a lot of time. So, Kim is making "belly bar" worth of passes for a number of different e2e designs. (These are also really easy to audition on your Quilter's LightBox software.)

Measure your quilt as it is loaded on the machine. Choose the multi size pattern closest in width to your quilt width. With Statler software I can still use E2E Mode and place two pins. It doesn't matter that the start and end of the belly bar are not on the same horizontal setting. You need to look carefully at your set up to make sure that you only have one repeat showing. If you have more than one repeat showing, you can either manually change it back to one repeat and adjust the pattern sizing, or if you try that and don't like the way it looks, select the next multi size pattern up in width.

For those quilters who have machines with shorter throats, Kim is working on some extended pattern versions suitable for those machines. If you have particular patterns for which you'd like to have an extended version, send us an email and we'll add your request to the list!

Shrinkage with the Multi Sized Panos

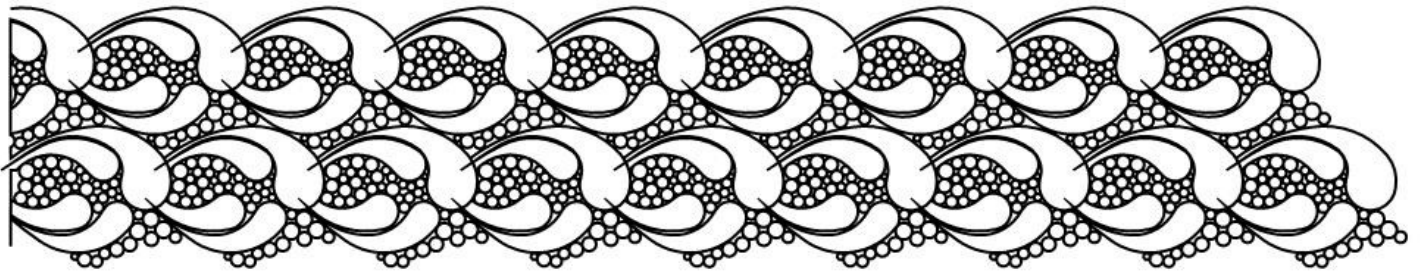
When using any intensely detailed quilting pattern, what is one of the biggest sources of frustration (aside from running out of bobbin before the end of the row)? Shrinkage, right? You are likely to run into shrinkage issues when using the larger sizes of Kim's Multi Sized Panos, too. You may already know how to minimize shrinkage, but if not, here are a few tips:

- 1) Use low loft batting.
- 2) Keep good tension on the quilt sandwich.
- 3) Use the largest stitch per inch setting you can, without sacrificing aesthetics.
- 4) Keep your tension set as loose as possible, without sacrificing stitch quality.

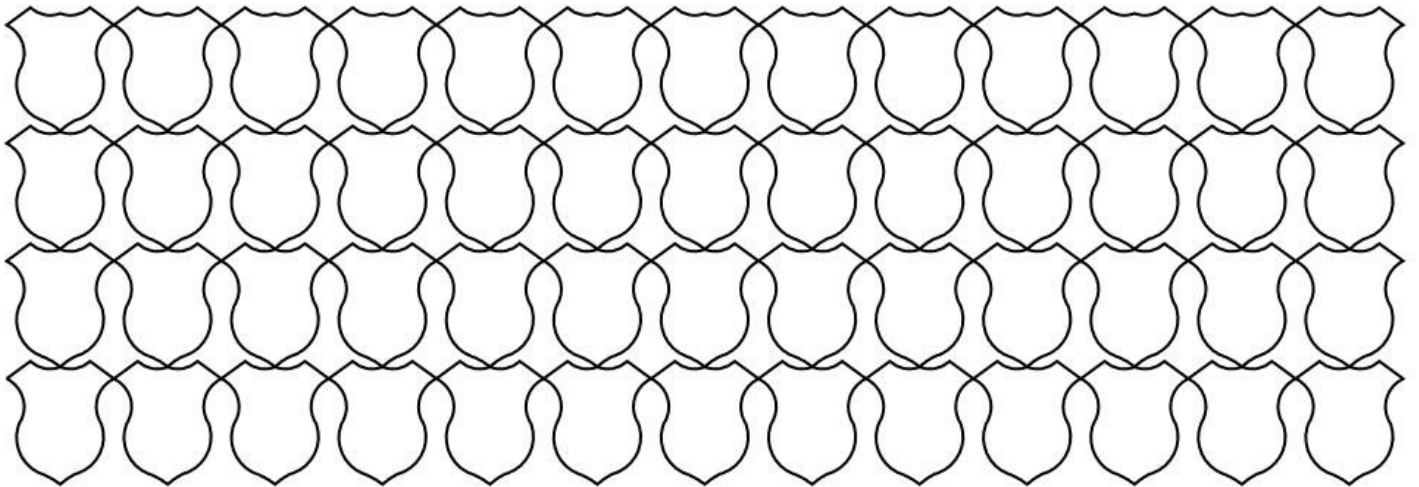
And, to adjust for shrinkage, be prepared to measure for shrinkage, and adjust the placement of future rows to accommodate that shrinkage.

Extended Panos

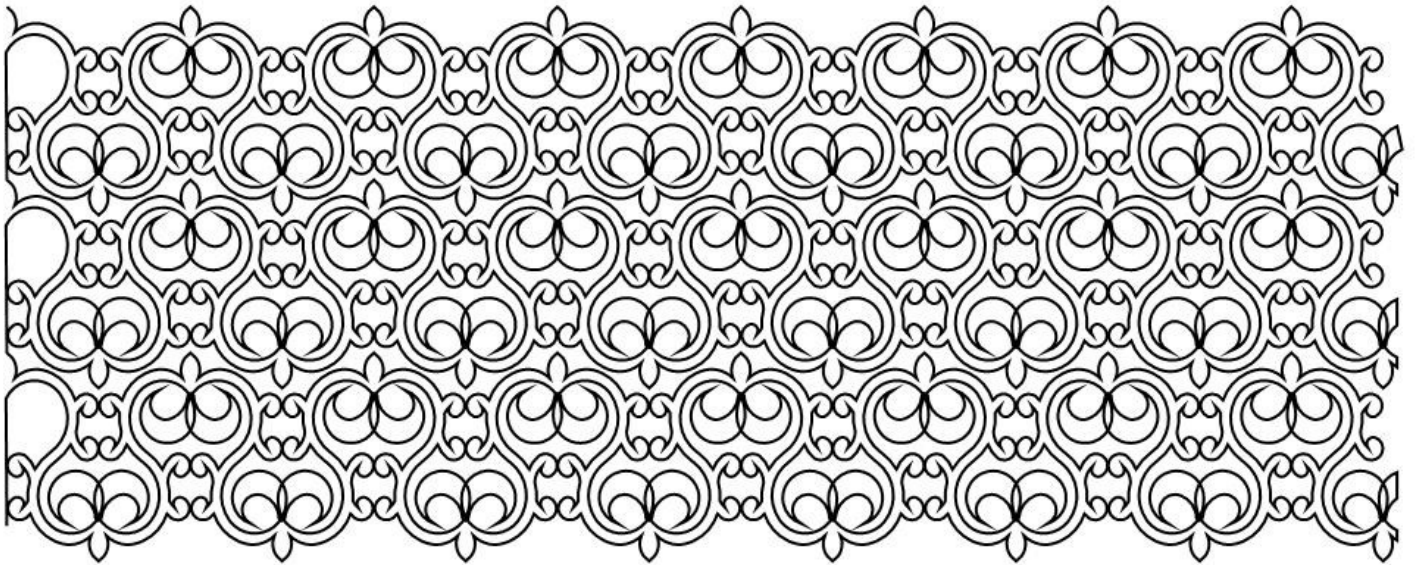
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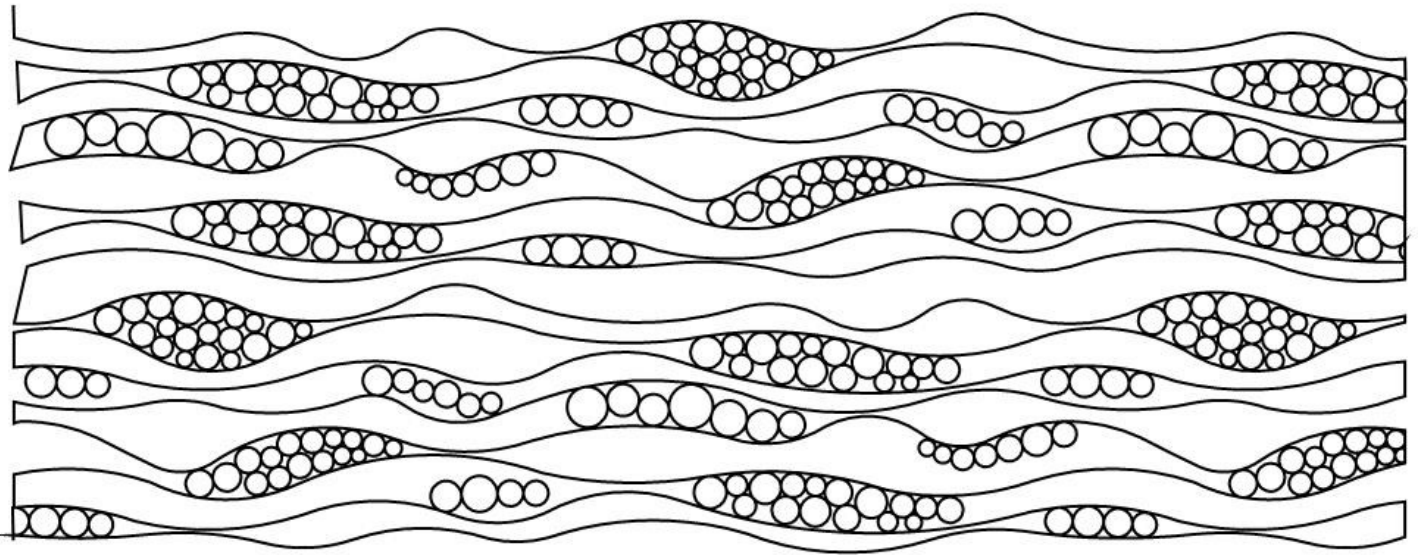
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Scroll Pano 005

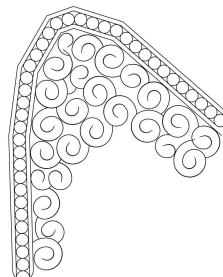
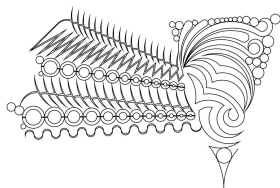
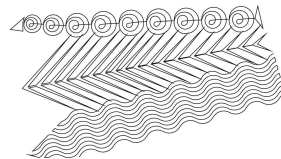
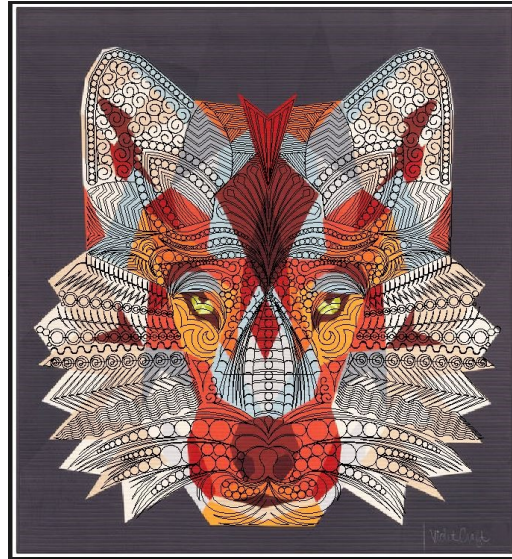
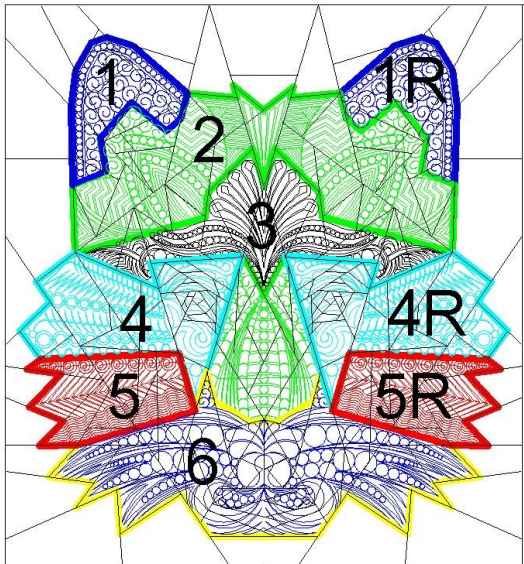


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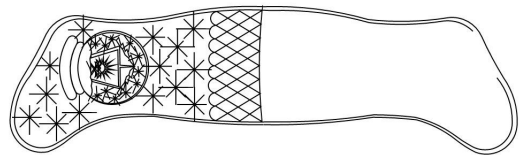
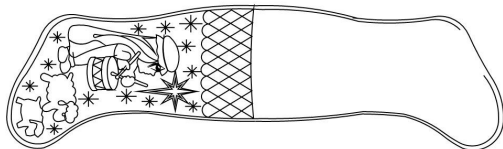
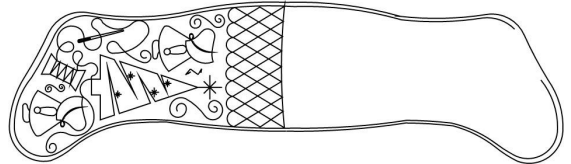
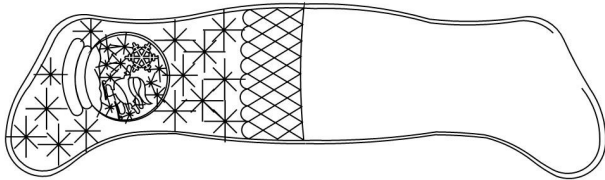
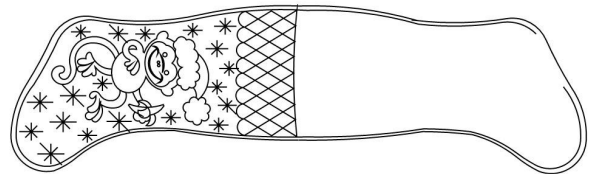
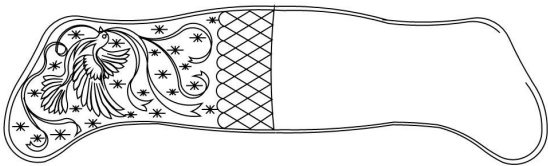


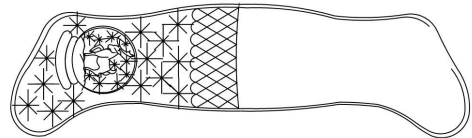
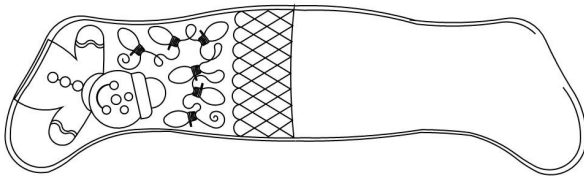
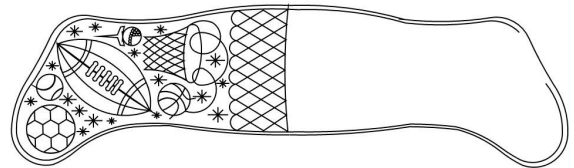
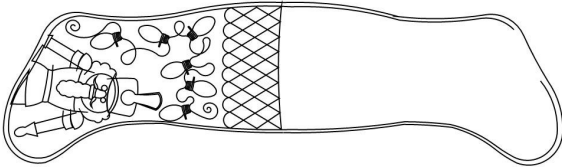
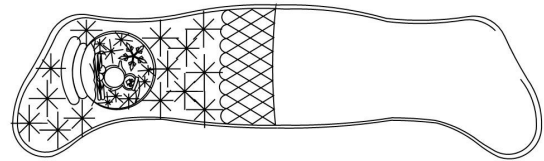
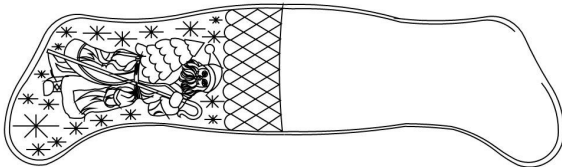
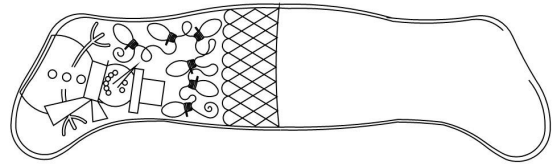
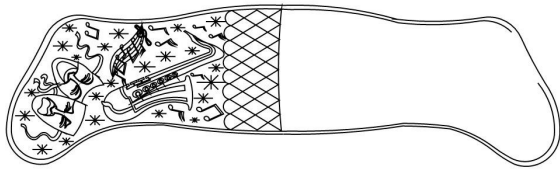
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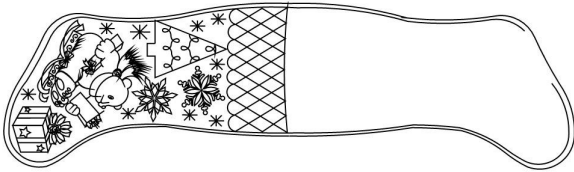
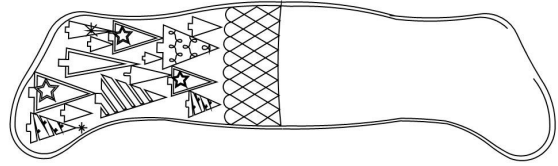
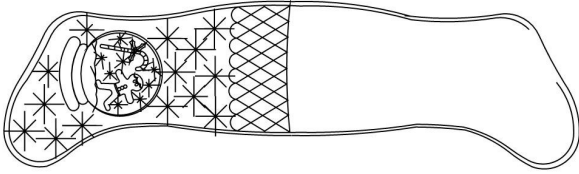
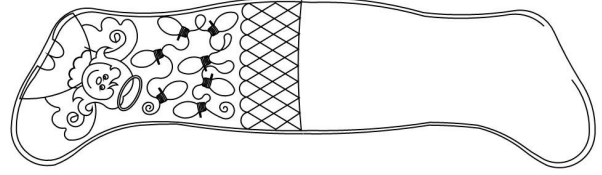
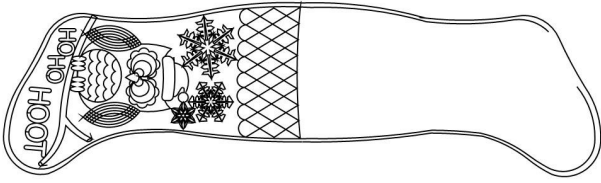
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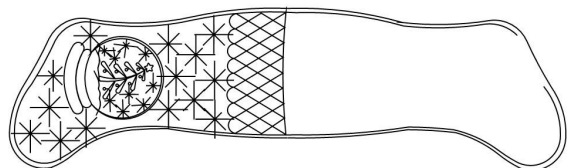
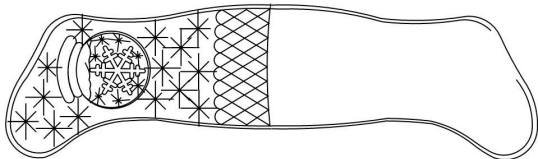
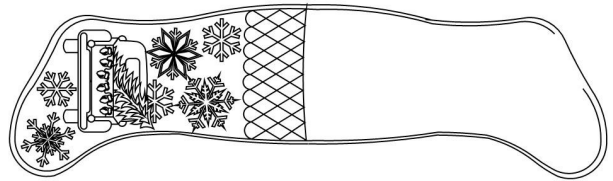
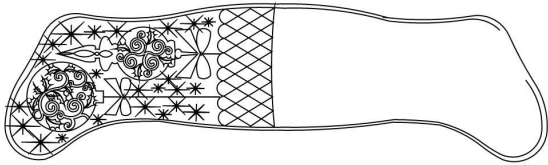
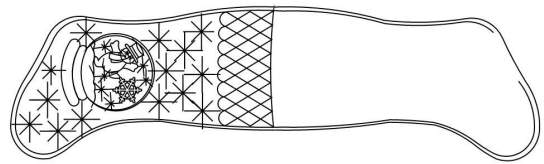
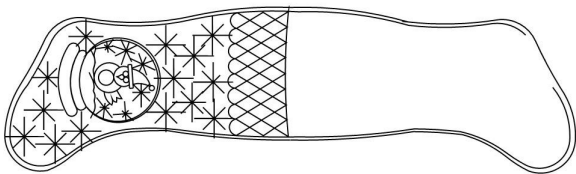
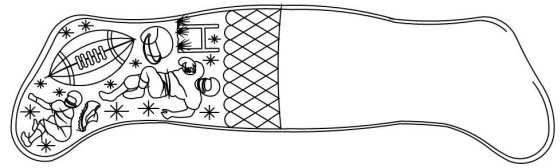
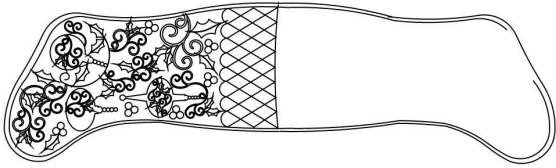


Combined Christmas Stocking Patterns

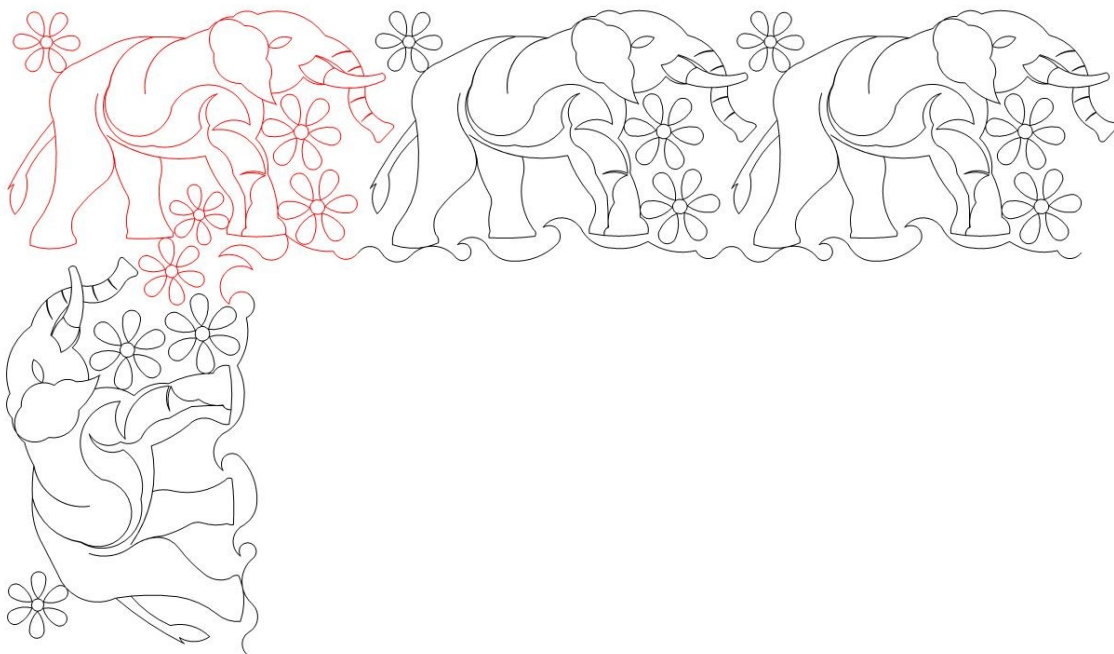
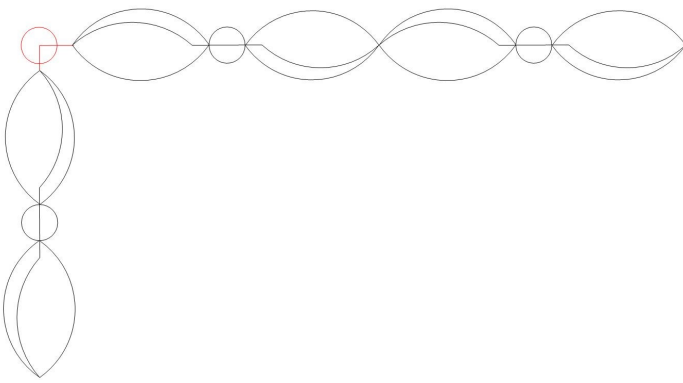
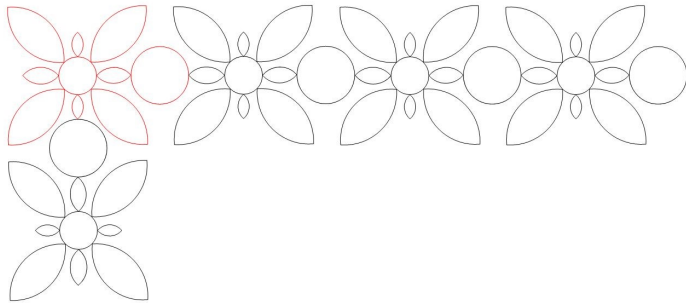








New Border & Corners





Created by Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio, Quilter's LightBox® software was designed to easily:

- Import photos of your quilt and/or quilt blocks.
- Import photos of quilt block pattern pictures.
- Preview quilting patterns superimposed over the quilt photos.
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The software includes over 9000 quilting pattern pictures and free monthly updates for quilting pattern pictures. The software is available for purchase online with immediate download, and also comes with a backup version on the DVD, along with the library of pattern pictures, delivered via USPS Priority Mail. DVD is shipped within 1 business day of order date. **Don't forget to download your free pattern pictures updates!!**

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Favorite Longarm Supplies Vendors:

Updated

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 only, so you'll need your sales tax certificate to set up an account. They have an amazing selection of thread. They have fabulous customer service and an easy online account set up process. They also ship internationally! <http://www.superiorthreads.com>

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.) <http://www.checkerdist.com>

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.
<http://www.southstarsupply.com>

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! <http://www.quiltersdreambatting.com>

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.virginalongarm.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.
<http://www.wingspancrafts.com>

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: <http://www.winlinetextiles.com>
Wholesale prices available!

A decorative graphic consisting of several stylized, fluffy clouds of varying sizes and orientations, interspersed with small, five-pointed stars. The clouds have a soft, puffy texture with visible swirls and folds. The stars are simple line drawings, some appearing as single points and others as small clusters. The entire graphic is rendered in a light gray or black outline style on a white background.

A decorative floral border featuring stylized flowers and hearts. The design is a black and white line drawing of a repeating pattern. It includes several five-petaled flowers with central dots, interspersed with heart shapes and swirling vine-like lines. The pattern is symmetrical and repeats horizontally and vertically.

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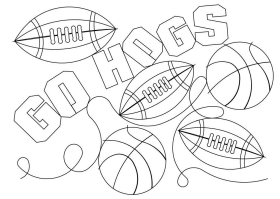
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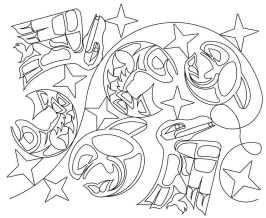
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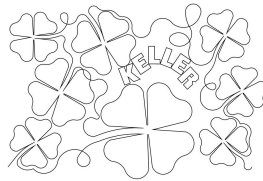
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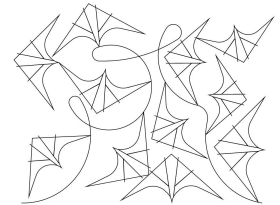
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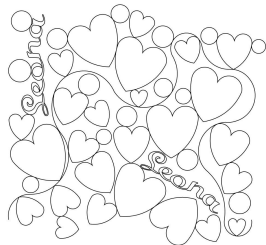
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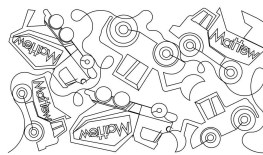
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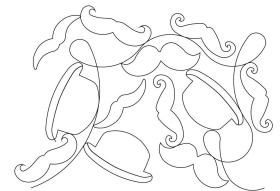
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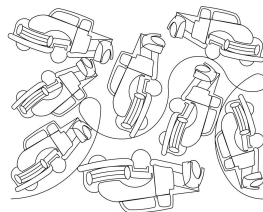
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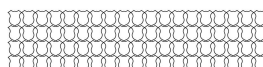
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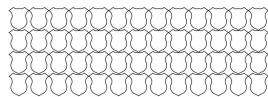
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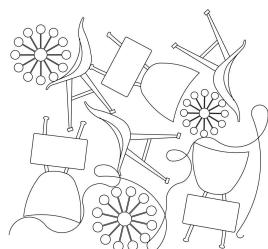
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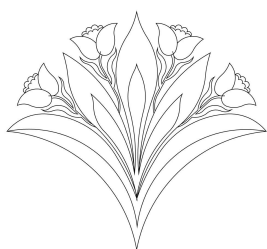
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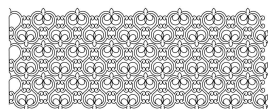
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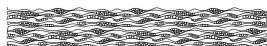
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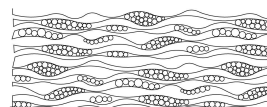
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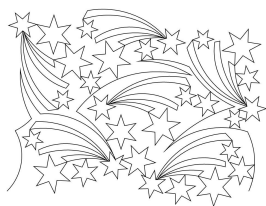


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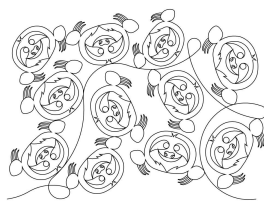


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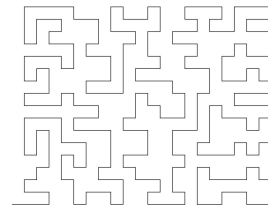
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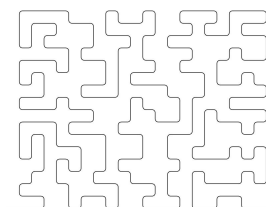
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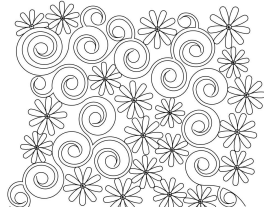
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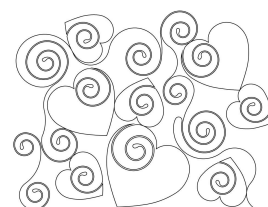
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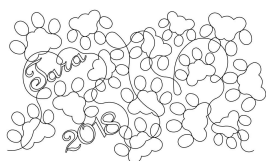
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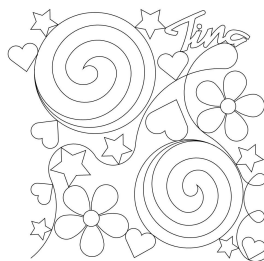
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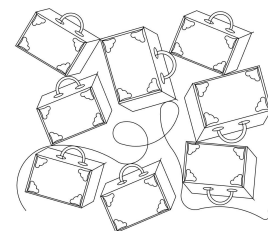
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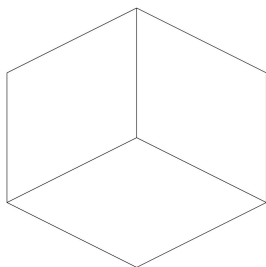
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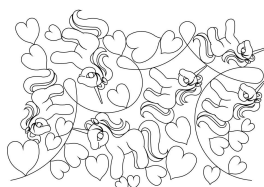
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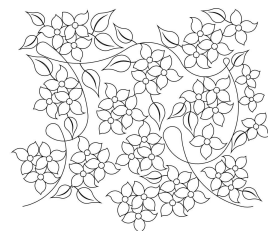
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Pattern: tumbling block pano 001
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Pattern: violets pano 001
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Pattern: wavy lines w bubb pano
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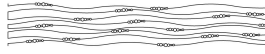
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