



Club Notes:

Q Amber
February 2017



The Thatch Man likes his new ride! We had to stuff some hand towels down in the eat with him, but he was very excited about having his feet on the floor and bouncing. He was even Mr. No Nap Thatcher, and he was still in a good mood!



Whew! We made it through January! Kim and I felt like we were bombarded with hurdles to clear in January...some were physical hurdles and some were emotional hurdles. Harvey, my Schnauzer, had a suspicious lump removed from his chest wall. The pathology reports came back telling us that it was a level one soft tissue sarcoma, but of the type which metastasizes in less than 10% of the time. And, the veterinarian reported that there were clear margins around the site of the tumor....she got it all! So that was a stressful week. He just got his staples removed on Friday afternoon, and he seems to have a new lease on life!

Kim took care of her three grandchildren (ages, 2 years, 4 years, and 7 years old) for 10 days in January. Needless to say, she was pretty much wiped out and in bed by 8:00pm each night. She had the college daughter of one of our quilting friends hired to help out during the day, but by the time their parents returned home from their trip, she was ready to be a YaYa again, rather than a parent. Of course, Kim spoiled those kids a lot, so they weren't so excited to go back to living with Mom & Dad, much to the chagrin of the parents!

We've also had some pretty funky weather this past month.....Spring like temps followed by Polar Freezes....I can only hope that the roller coaster of temperatures kills off some of the flies, mosquitoes, and ticks for a less buggy summer!

Amidst the stress of January, Kim managed to draw some amazing patterns. Enjoy! Kim and Janet

**The Amber February 2017 Archive contains 118 patterns,
including 42 panos, a retail value of \$1390.00.**

Longarm Tip of the Month

Keep your longarm clean! Depending upon what type of wheels your system has, you can get a build up of lint and that black wheel residue on your wheels. If you don't keep it cleaned off, you can see that reflected in irregular stitches. I use a manicure cuticle removal tool to scrape off the "crud" that collects in the wheels. I use a stiff house paint brush to clean out the tracks. I use

Pledge Furniture Polish to wax the tracks after cleaning. The wax helps keep the lint (thread, batting, fabric) from adhering to the tracks so easily.



I also wipe down the machine table and the machine head weekly. If you get too busy to keep your machine clean, you may find yourself taking extra time to clean that crud off a customer quilt if it breaks loose and flips up onto the quilt. Or it ends up on the table and when you unload the quilt, it lands in the crud! Neither poor stitching nor "crud" on the quilt are good things and both are easily avoided by a little regular housekeeping!

Oh yeah, don't eat chocolate while you're quilting, either! (don't ask me how I know this is bad!)

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

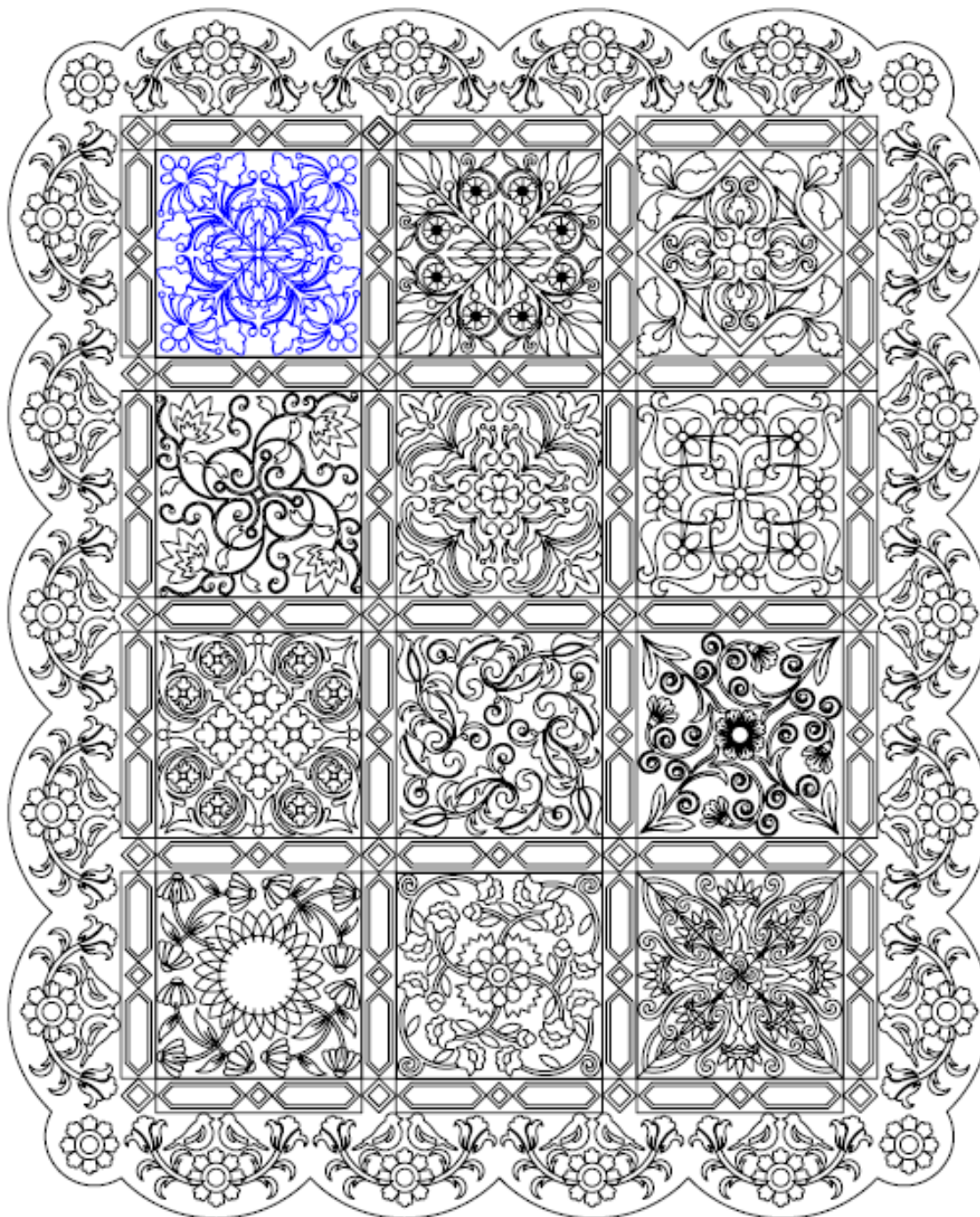
When using any intensely detailed quilting pattern, what is one of the biggest sources of frustration (aside from running out of bobbin before the end of the row)? Shrinkage, right? You are likely to run into shrinkage issues when using the larger sizes of Kim's Multi Sized Panos, too. You may already 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.

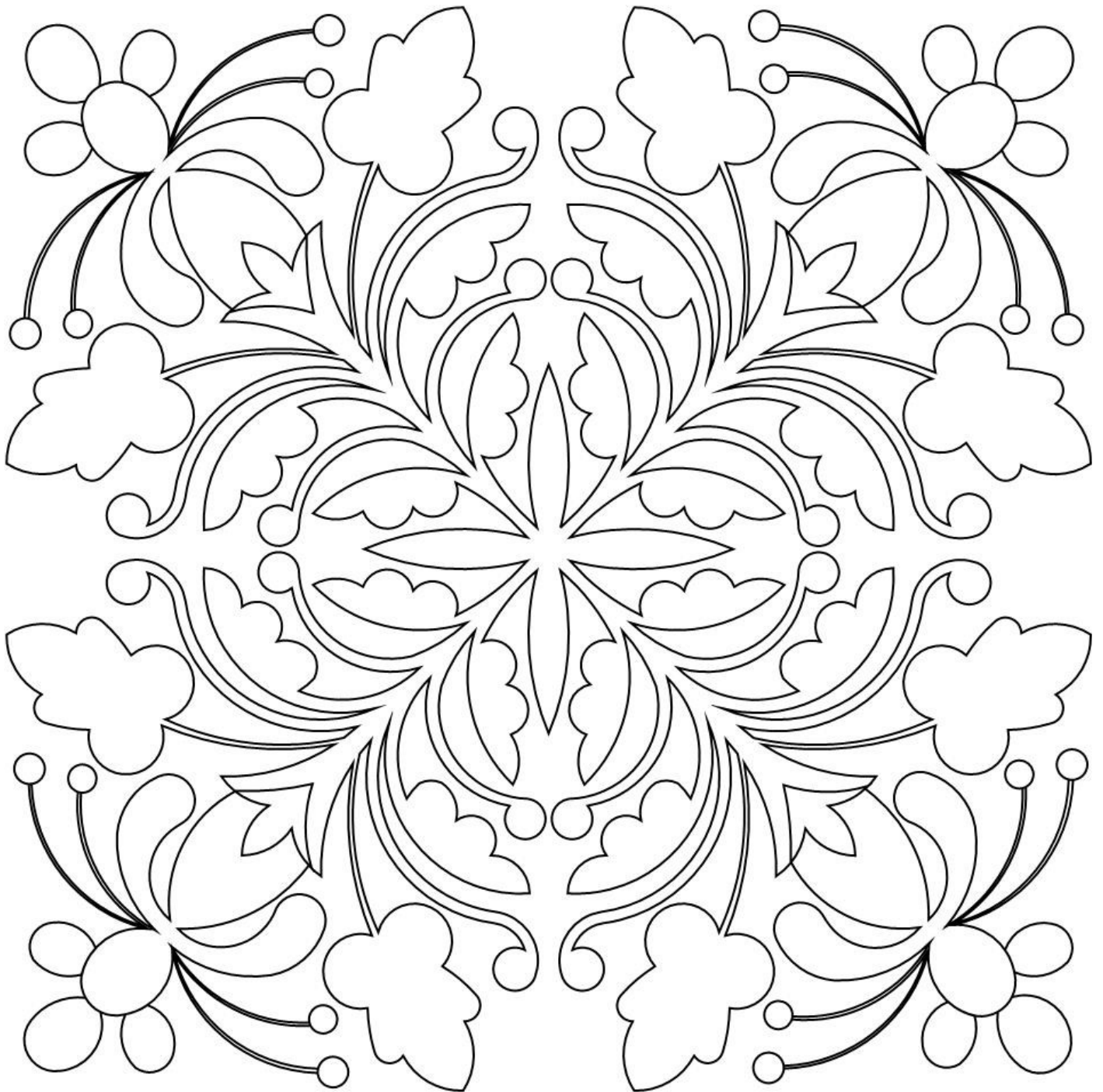
Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio's Block of the Month

Kim has designed a whole cloth quilt: *Bouquet de Fleurs*. Each month, CJC members will receive one of the blocks in the quilt (depending on which one she has actually finished and sewable). These patterns can be used to create the whole cloth quilt, but can also be used to quilt a quilt block. As long as you remain in the Crown Jewels Club, you will receive all of the patterns for this whole cloth quilt. As a reward for your perseverance, there will also be a surprise at the end of the BOM!



Bouquet de Fleurs

BOM #1



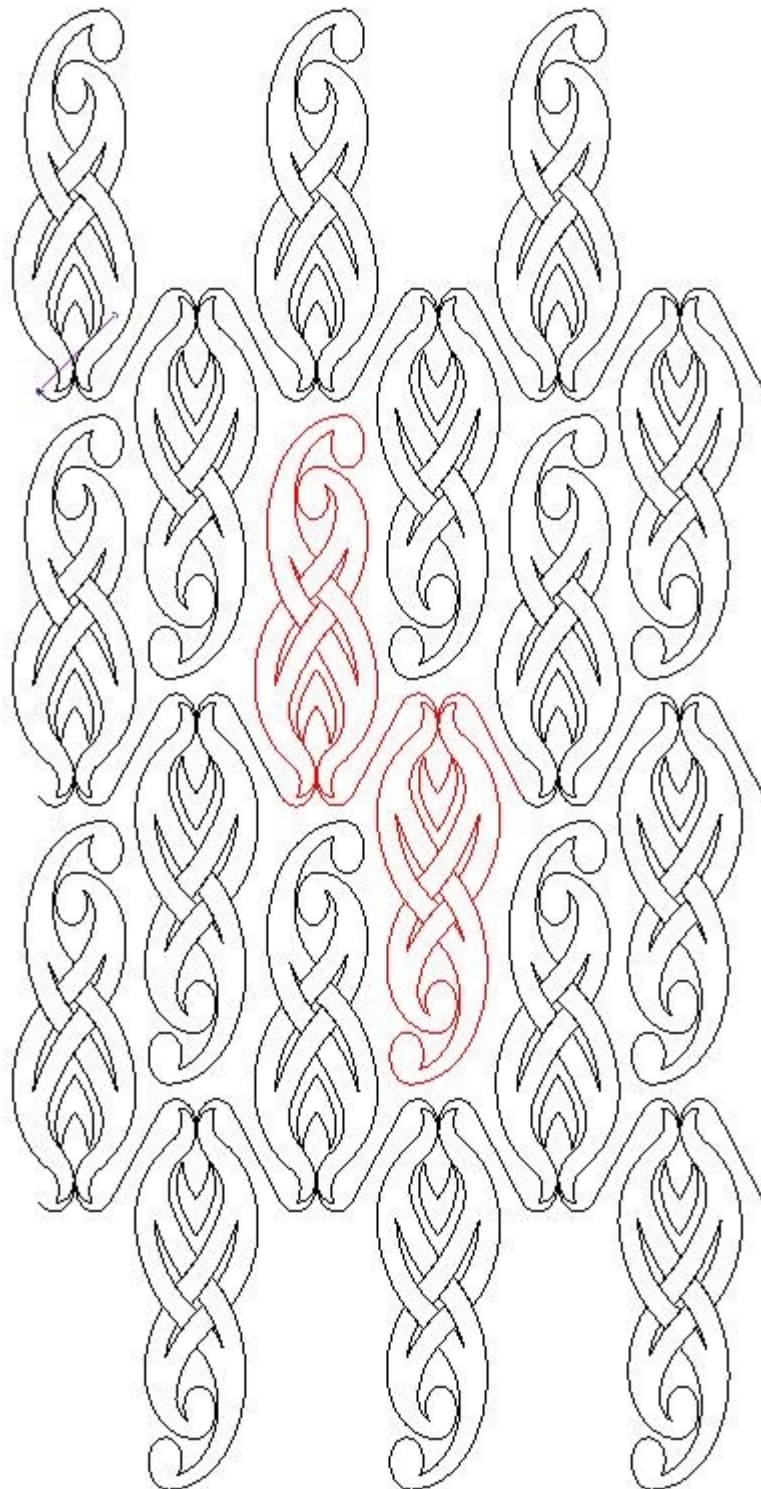
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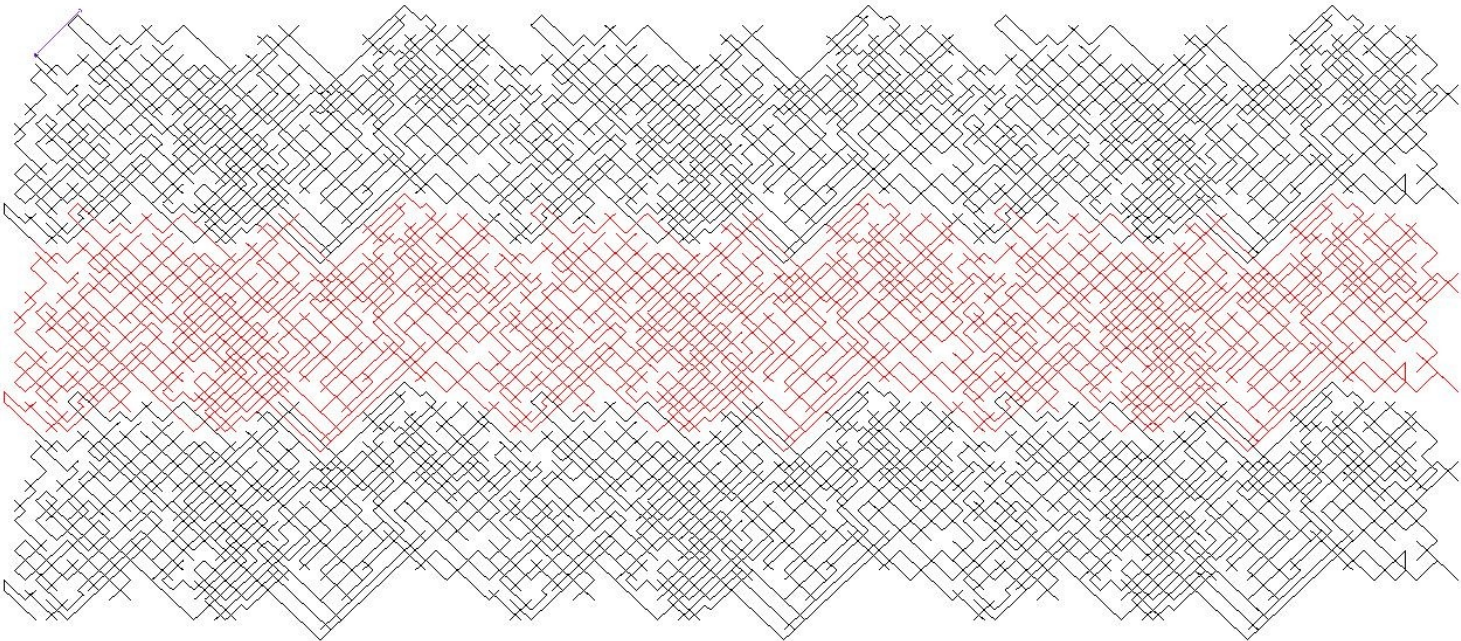
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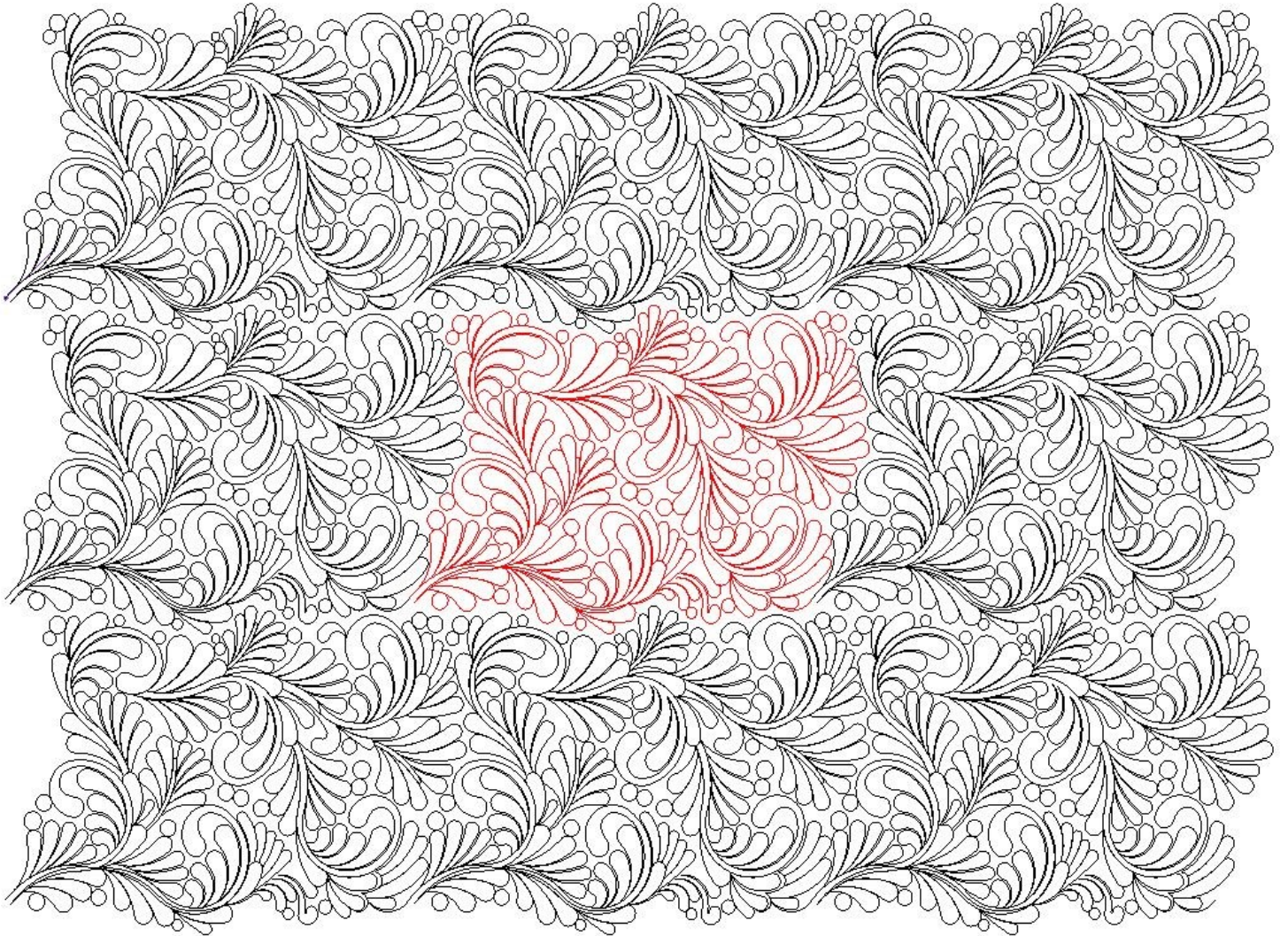
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Grunge Pano 001

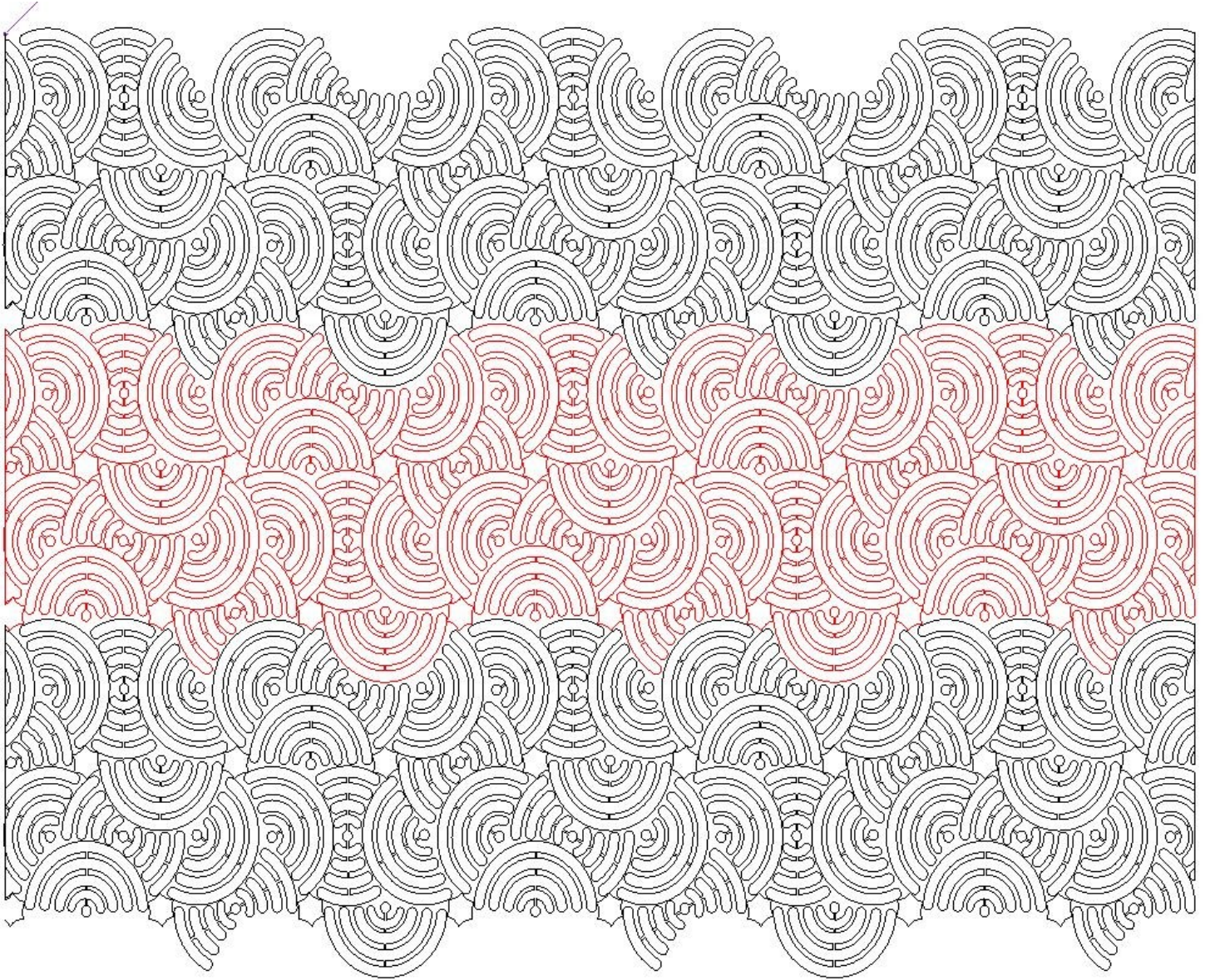


Zen Christmas Pano 002

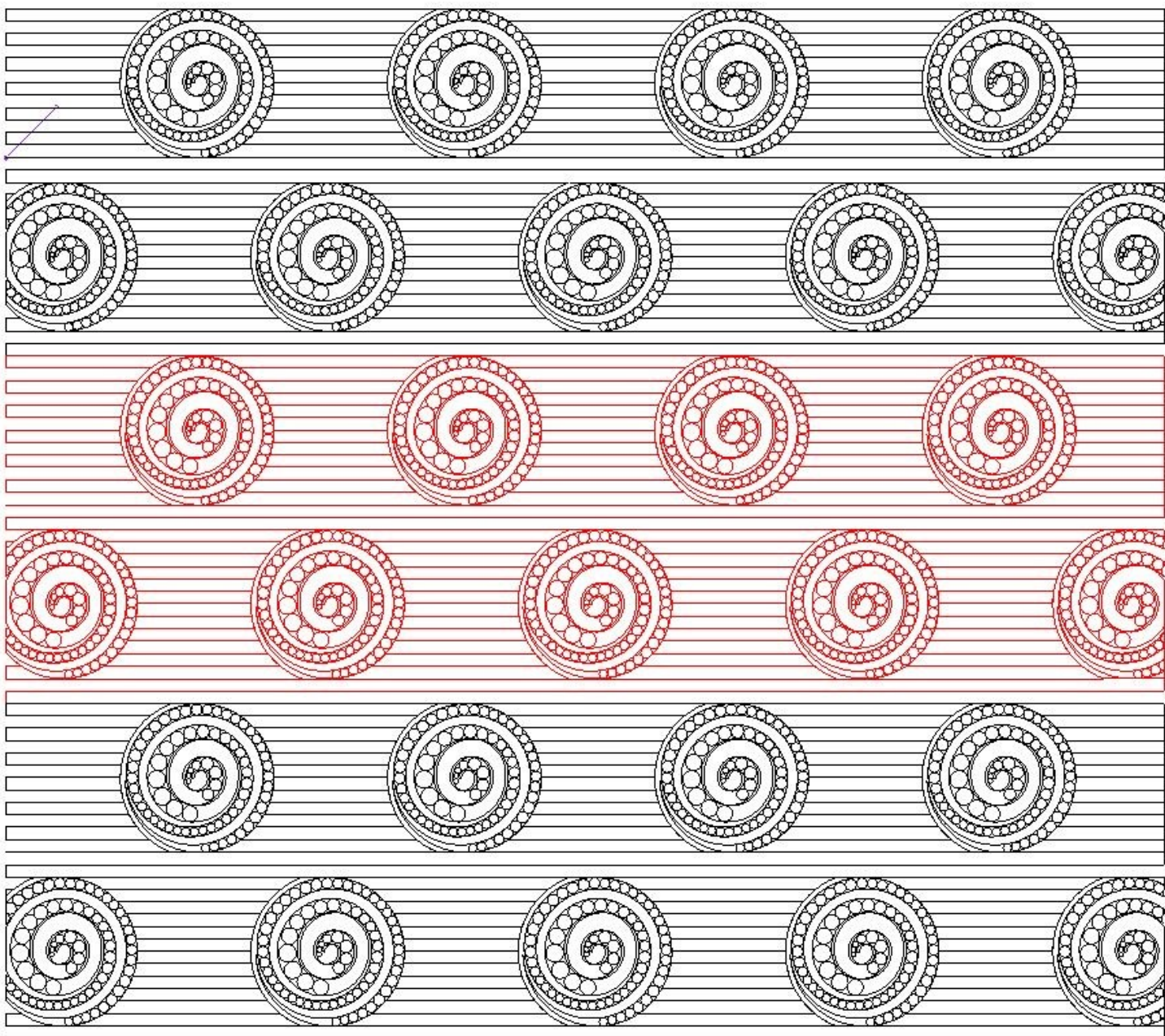


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CANNOT make a
squared version of this.

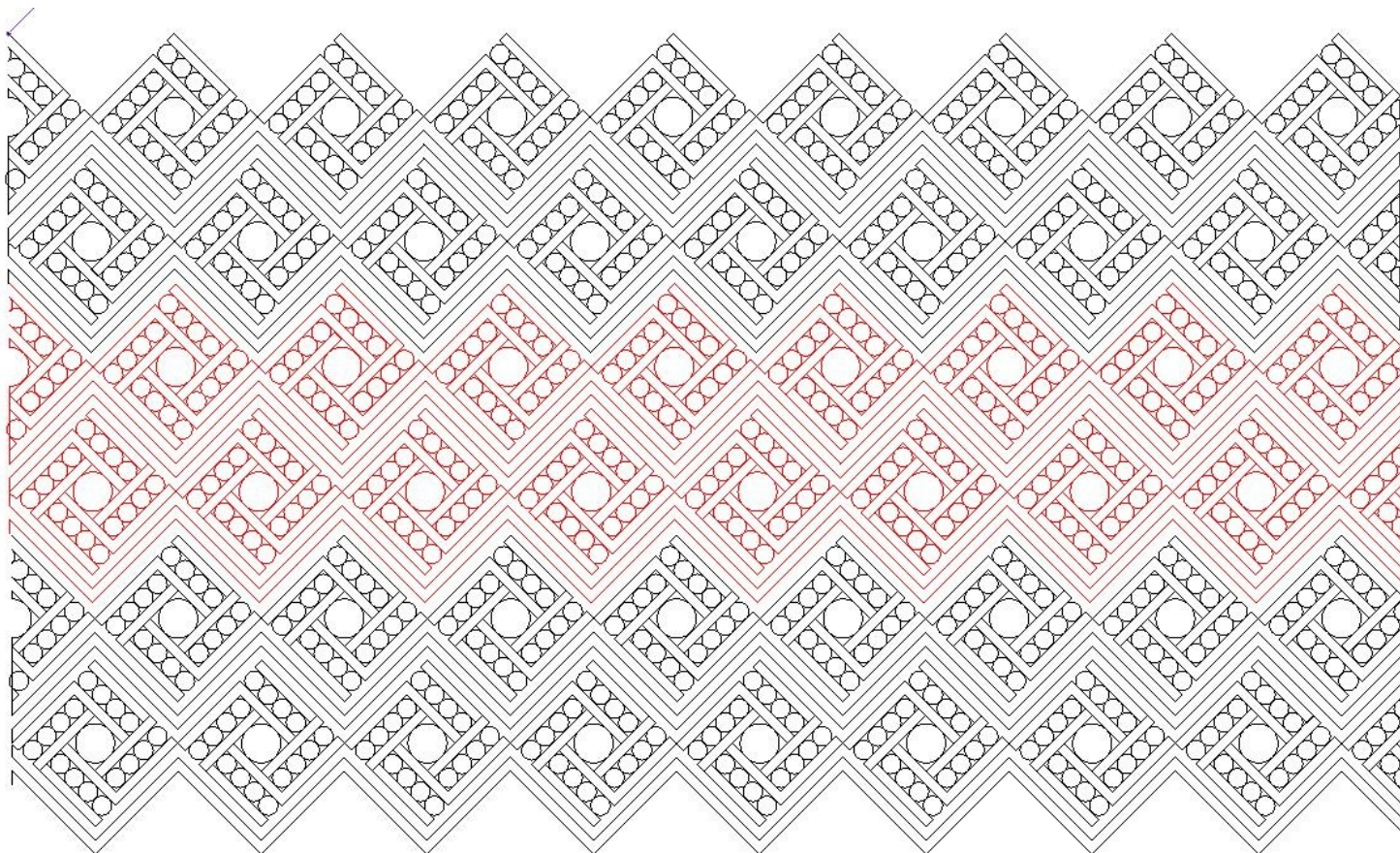
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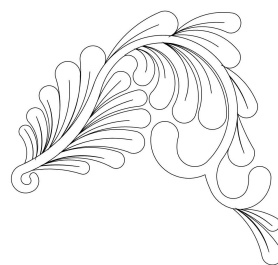
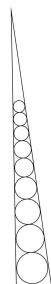
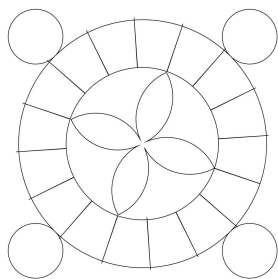
Spiral Line Pano 001



Sqs and Circles Pano 002



Patterns for Jinny Beyer's Synergy Quilt





Meet Your New Best Friend!

**Back to School
More time to quilt!
\$60.00!**

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.
- Enlarge, reduce, copy, rotate, increase or decrease line widths, and adjust thread colors.
- Print pictures of the quilt/block with the patterns, and a list of the quilting pattern pictures used.
- Create a .zip file with all of the pictures for ease in emailing to quilt customers.
- Freehand feature, for those times when you want to doodle on your own!
- And now you can fade out the quilt image behind your pattern layout to better view the patterns.

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!!**

<http://www.quilterslightbox.com>

Pattern Type	Size	Name of Existing Pattern for Modification	Name to be included in pattern	Attach good photos of quilt and blocks	Style you're going for. Other patterns you're using in the quilt, etc.
Block #1					
Block #2					
Block #3					
Border & Border Corner #1					
Border & Border Corner #2					
Border & Border Corner #3					
Triangle-Equilateral (all sides equal and all angles are 60 degrees)					
Triangle-Isosceles (two equal sides and two equal angles)					
Triangle-Scalene (no equal sides & no equal angles)					
Sash					
Point-to-Point					
Edge-to-Edge—Directional					
Edge-to-edge-Non Directional					
Edge-to-Edge-Interlocking					
Edge-to-Edge-Squared					

Important things to consider and include with your design request:

When you take photos of the quilt and/or quilt block, the camera should be parallel to the quilt (we need a straight on shot). If we have to draft out the block, it helps a lot to capture correct angles.

If you want an existing pattern modified, we need the exact pattern name. (We cannot modify another designer's pattern, so please don't ask us to do that.)

Style you're going for: If you want celtic, but don't tell us and we make floral, no one will be happy.

If you want a name included in the pattern, you need to double check the spelling before you submit the request. If you find out after the pattern has been designed that you requested the pattern with incorrect spelling, your submission of the correct name spelling goes to the end of the drawing list, causing a delay for you.

If your machine has a short throat, please make sure you tell us the largest amount of the fabric your machine has access to quilt. [PLEASE email your design requests](#) (you can follow up with a phone call, but it helps us to have the email.)

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>


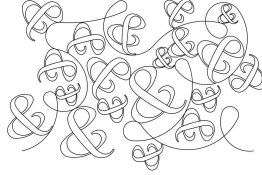



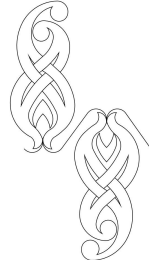
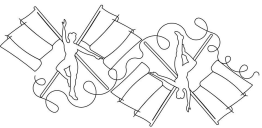

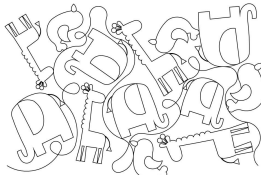
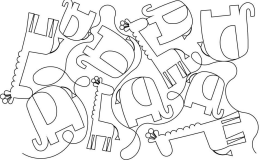




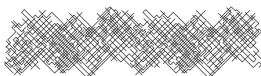
Quilter's Dream Batting: I have pretty much stopped purchasing rolls of batting. I find it easier to maintain an accurate inventory of batting, and it stores well. Unlike some packaged batting, I don't find that the QD batting is distorted, and so it doesn't require a trip through my dryer before I can 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.virginialongarm.com> or call 804-708-0741.


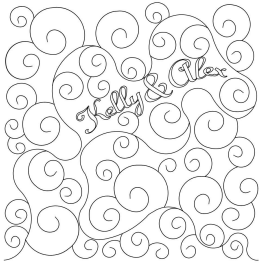



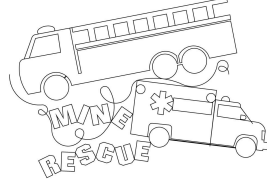





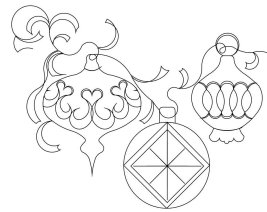
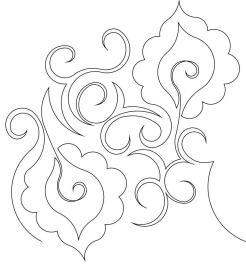
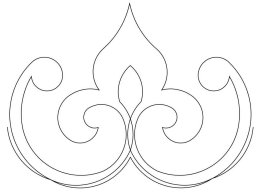
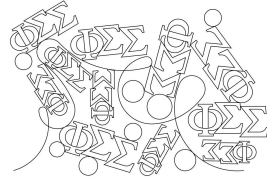
Wingspan Crafts: These are the people at MQX East who have the pre-shunk cotton batting (Katahdin) and the lovely 80/20 (Acadia). They were very nice to work with. <http://www.wingspancrafts.com>

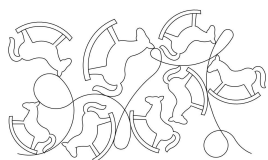
Winline Textiles: These people were at MQS in Wichita. Their batting also feels very nice, has great consistency. They sent me home with two sample batts (a crib size and a twin size). I have used both sample batts and was very, very pleased. Visit them at: <http://www.winlinetextiles.com>
Wholesale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

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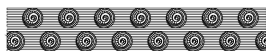
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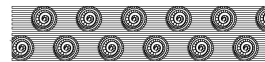
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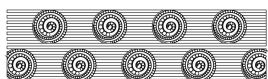
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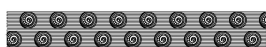
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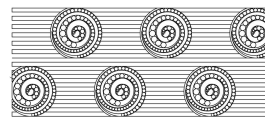
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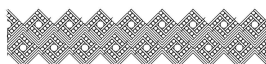
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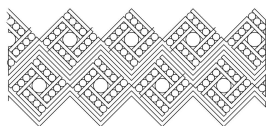
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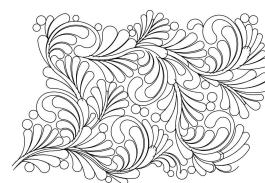
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