

## **Club Notes:**



#### Happy October!

I have been a Grandma for a little over 3 weeks, now, and can report that it is EVERYTHING it was reported to be! When my girls were babies, I was way too focused on getting stuff done (Laundry, Housework, Yard Work, etc). I simply don't remember spending any great amount of time just holding my babies. Caitlin (Thatcher's Mom) had colic, so it felt pretty much like she hated me, but Jordan didn't have colic. I do remember laying down on the floor or sofa with Jordan laying on my tummy/ chest, but I don't remember just holding her. So, either I was stupid and had my priorities backwards....or my age is showing and my memory has significant holes in it! Or both!

In and around babies, garage sales, quilt shows, and holidays, Kim and I have been very busy. After the extended patterns were introduced last month, we have received a bunch of requests for other patterns to be available in the extended format. You request, Kim draws!

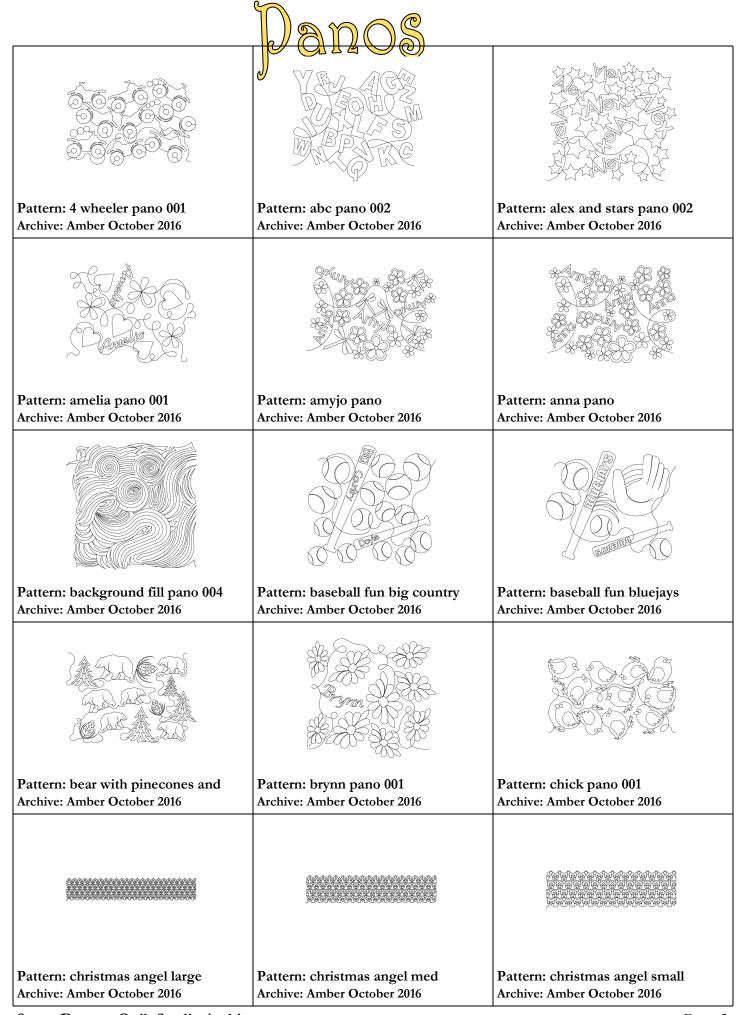
Enjoy the Patterns!

Kim and Janet



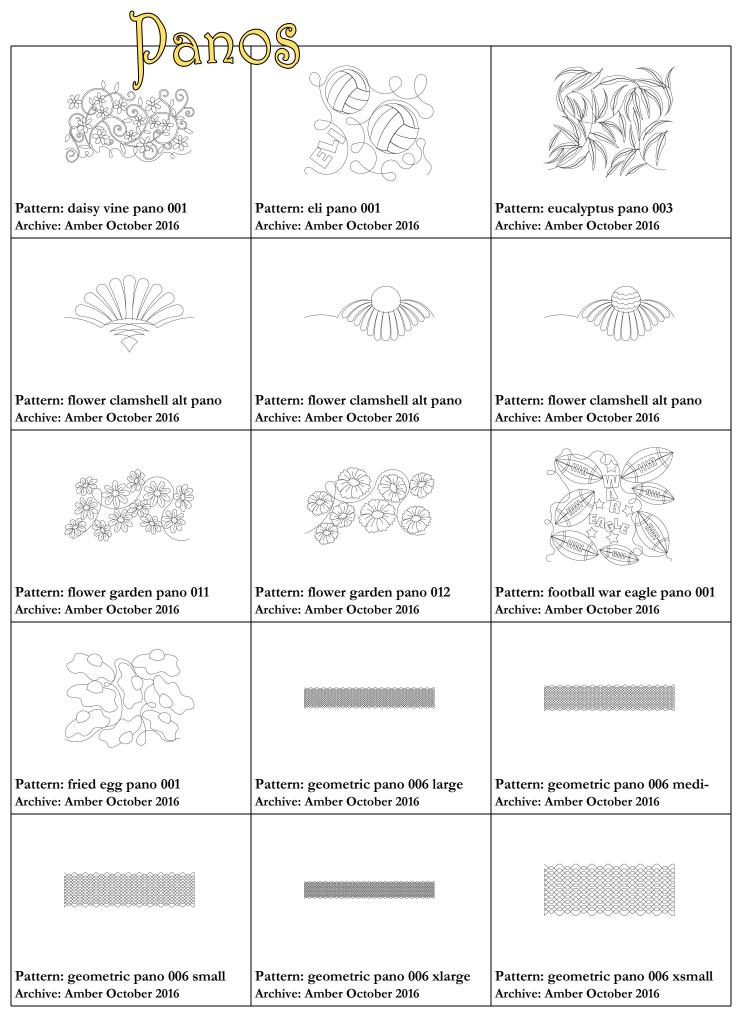


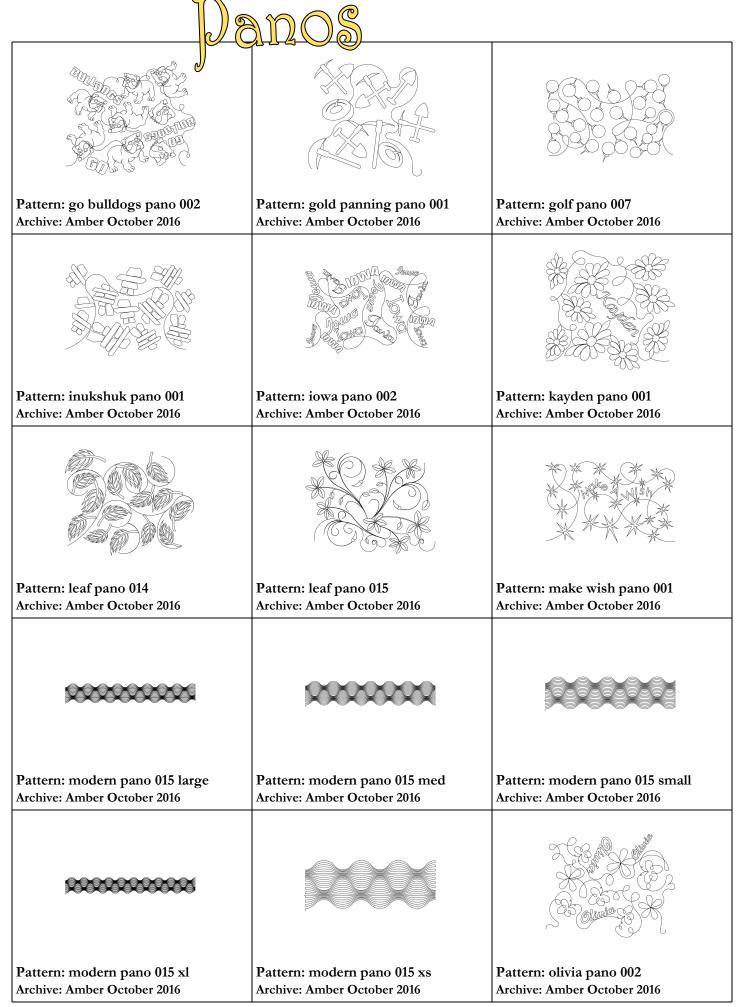
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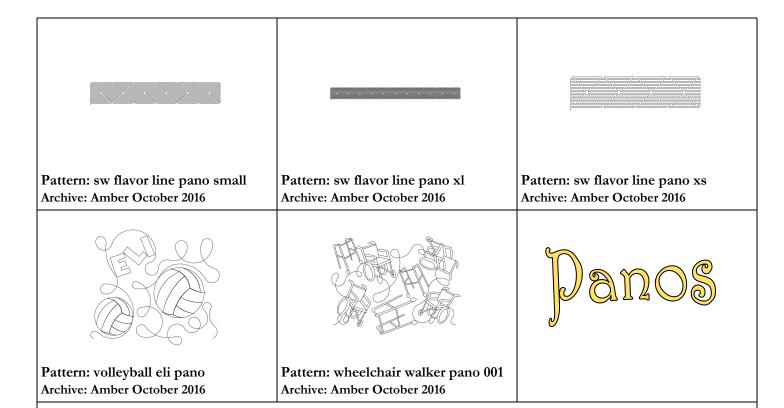
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# Longarm Tip of the Month

Whether you use pre packaged batting, batting on the roll, or the batting provided by your customer, take a few minutes and check it over (front and back). What are you looking for? Bad spots! They might be dirt or debris picked up in the batting factory during processing. They might be a significant uneven spot in extruded batting. What is extruded batting? Hobbs 80/20 is extruded batting. The process is to force the fiber fill in between two scrim like layers. It can get balled up, resulting in a thick wad which will destroy your tension.

Sometimes it's possible to "erase" a bad spot on batting, using a shower scruffy. Sometimes it's not possible. We all have to be so careful when we're quilting that we don't let pins, lint, threads, or anything else get picked up and dragged into the quilt. We expect that the batting we purchase is clean and free of issues when we open the package or take it off the roll. However, it is my experience that *Inspections* are better than *Expectations*, at least when it comes to something you are putting inside your customer's quilt. It is also much easier to deal with bad spots if you find them before they are part of the 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.

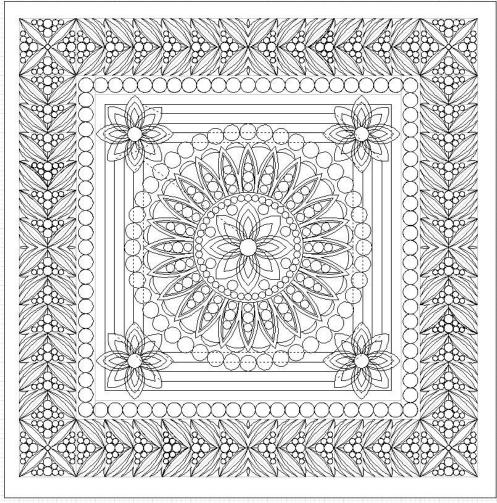
Measure your quilt as it is loaded on the machine. Choose the multi size pattern closest in width to your quilt width. With Statler software I can still use E2E Mode and place two pins. It doesn't matter that the start and end of the belly bar are not on the same horizontal setting. You need to look 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!

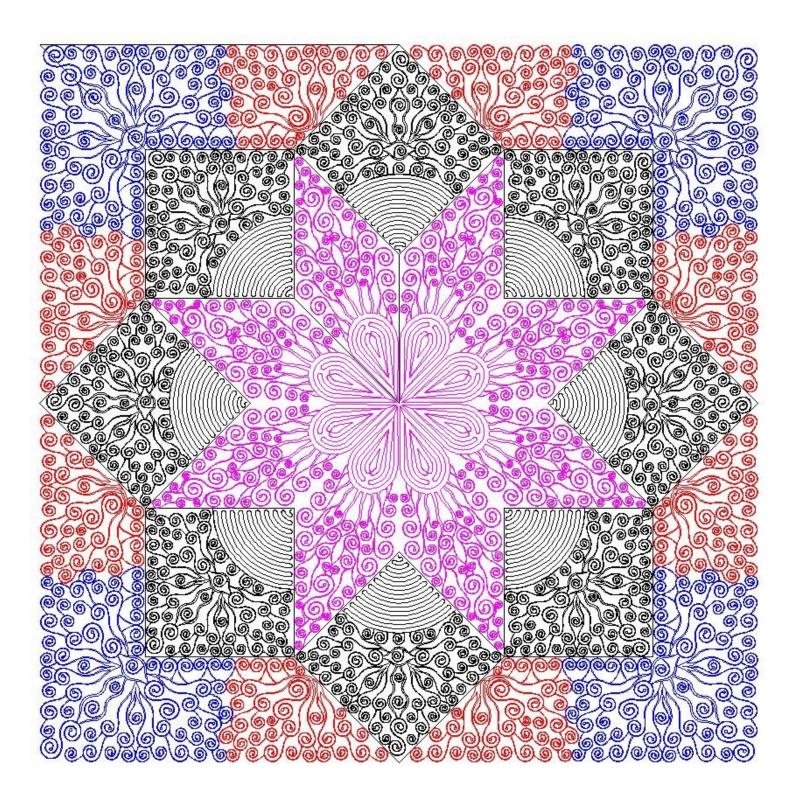
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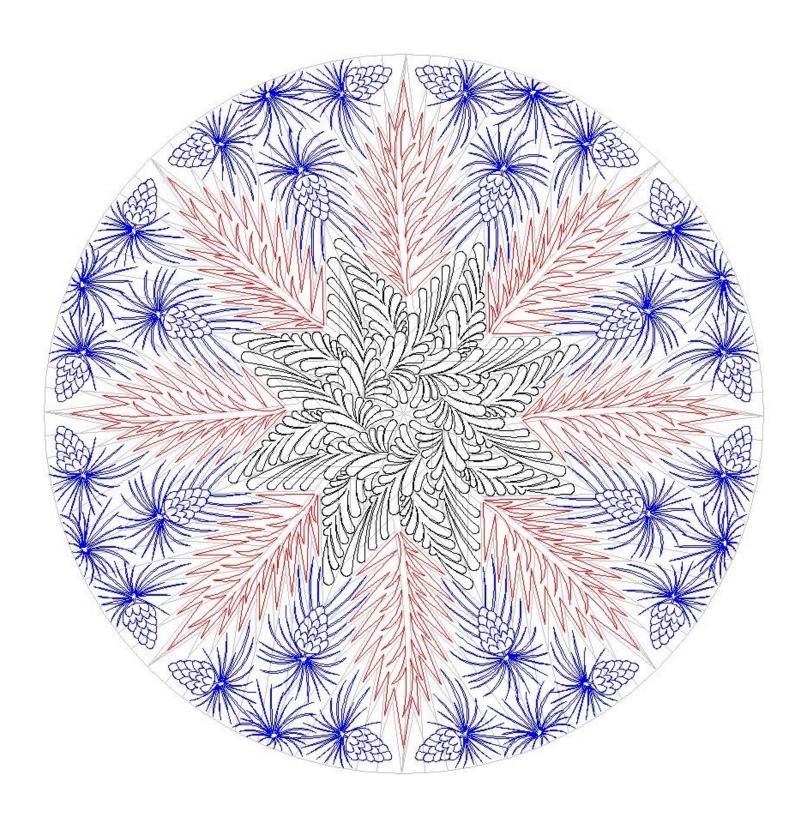




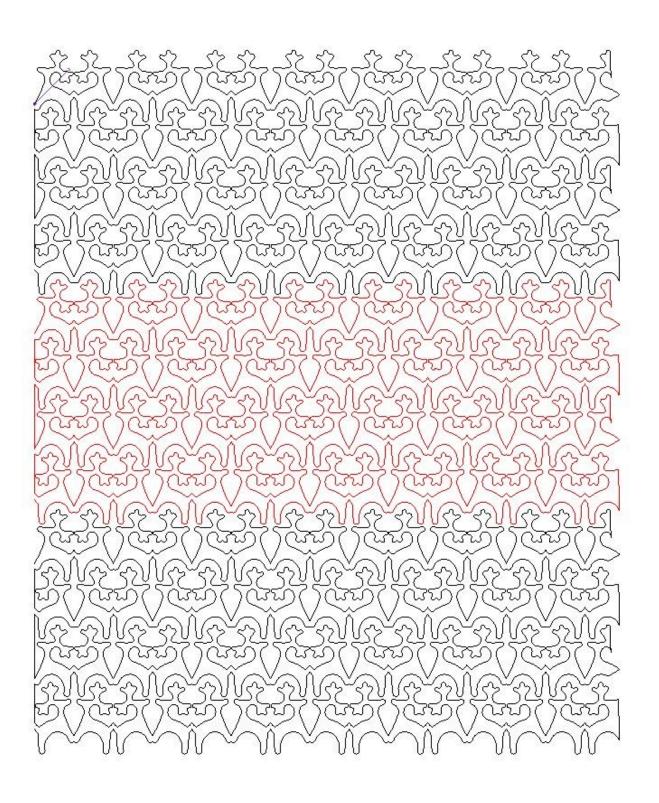
# Judy Niemeyer's Prairie Star Quilt



# Judy Niemeyer's Pine Skirt

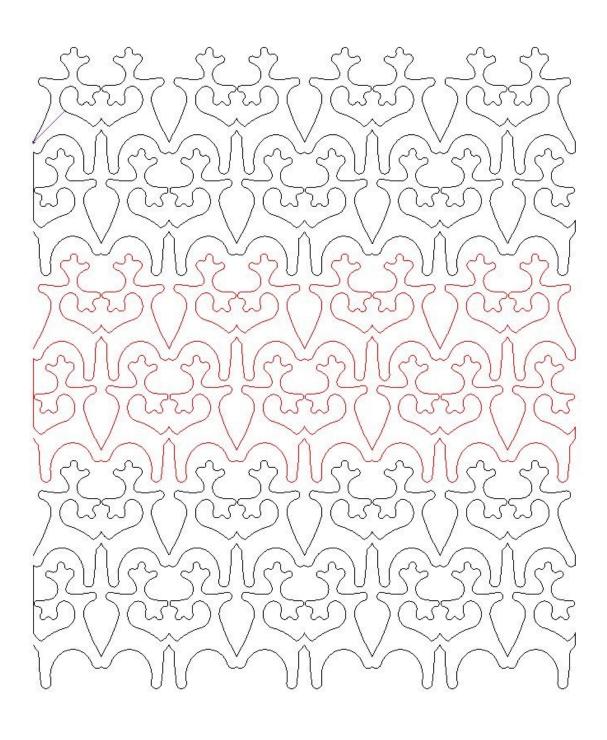


#### Christmas Reindeer 001

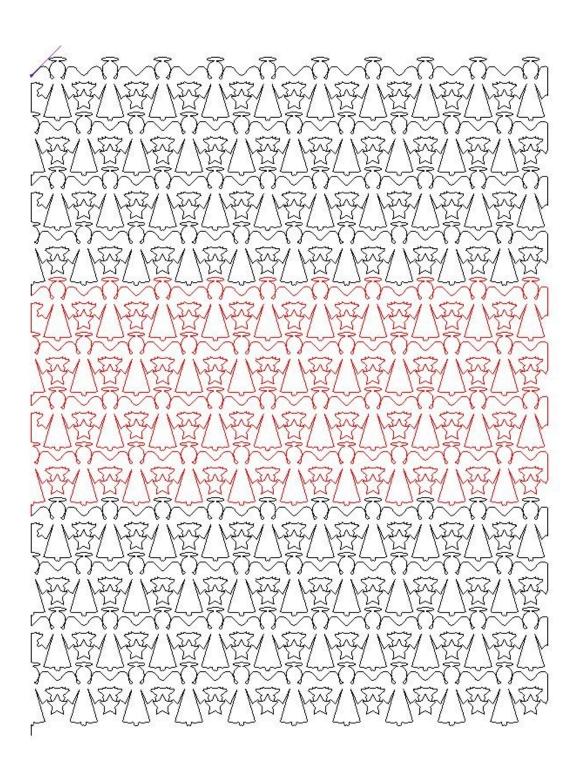


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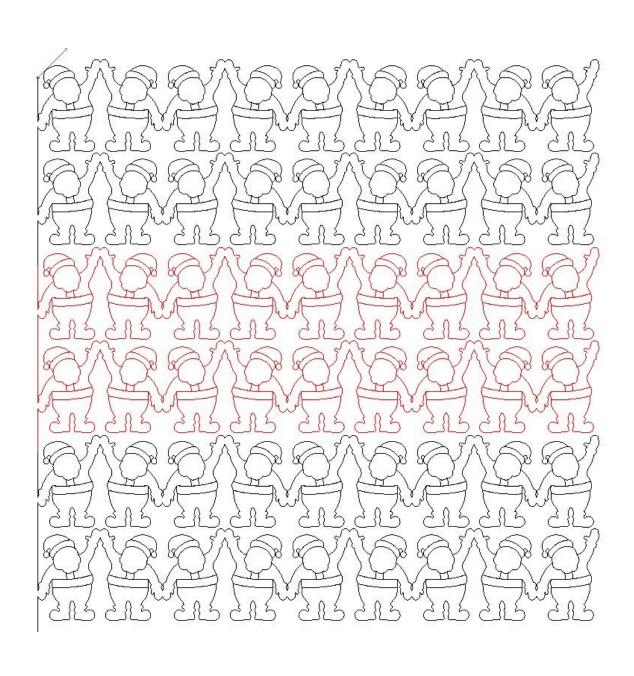
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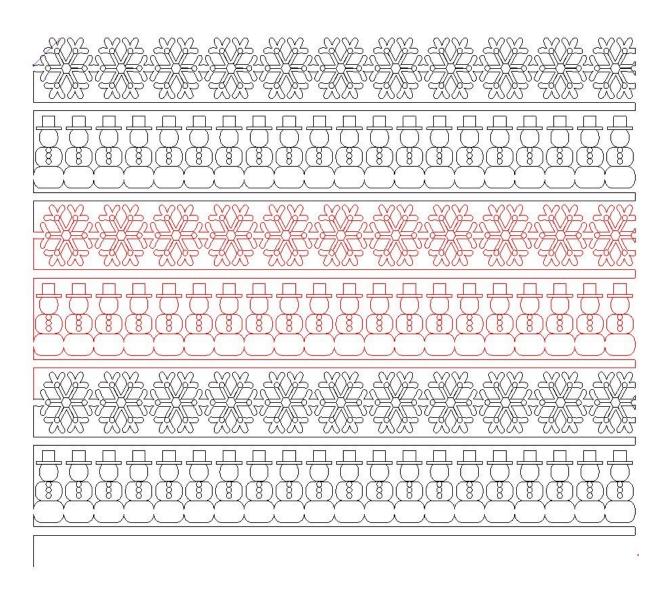
## **Christmas Angel**



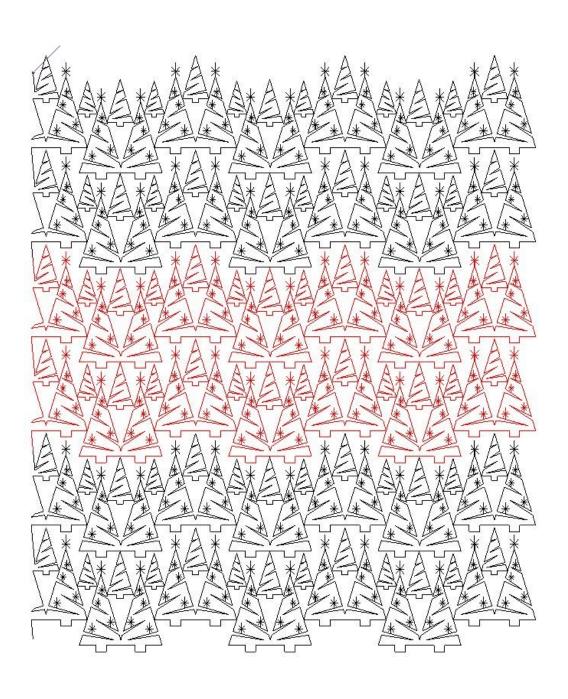
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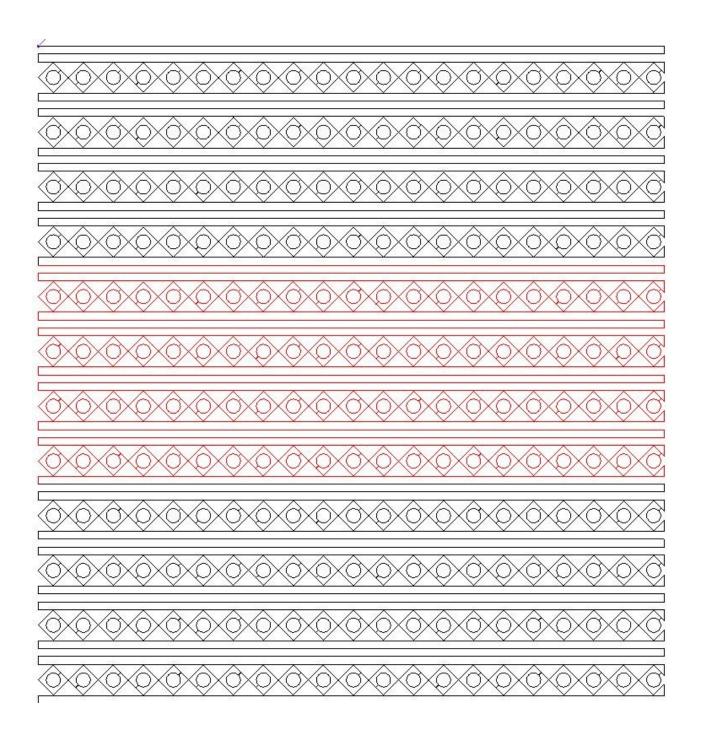
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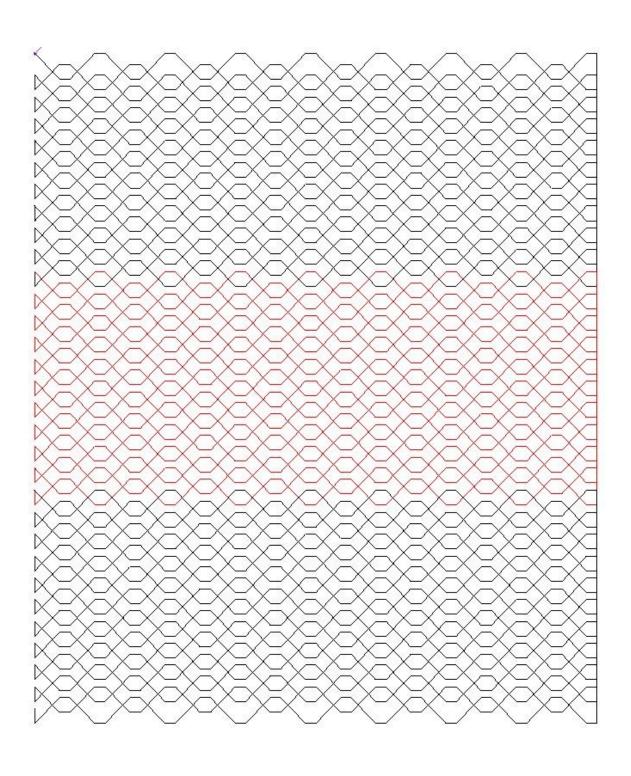
## Christmas Tree 001



## Round Peg Sq Hole Pano



## Geometric Pano 006





- 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 Ex-<br>isting Pattern<br>for Modifica-<br>tion | Name to be included in pattern | Attach<br>good pho-<br>tos of quilt<br>and blocks | Style you're going for.<br>Other patterns you're us-<br>ing in the quilt, etc. |
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| 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 Direction-<br>al                                    |      |  |                                |   |  |
| 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 <u>email your design requests</u> (you can follow up with a phone call, but it helps us to have the email.)

## 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 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! <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.

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! <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. <a href="http://www.virginialongarm.com">http://www.virginialongarm.com</a> 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: <a href="http://www.winlinetextiles.com">http://www.winlinetextiles.com</a>

Wholesale prices available!