Club Notes: Princess

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This month the Crown Jewels Club Members receive 69 patterns, including 15 panographs, 8 borders, and 46 blocks (retails at \$775).

Lily of the Valley Collection

Check out pages 8 & 9 for the latest full collection which includes 15 pieces.

Crown Jewels Member Michelle Eno sent us these photos to show us how she used the whiskey pattern in one of three Crown Royal quilts she quilted.

We love to hear from our Crown Jewels Club Members: Send your stories and photos to us at <u>sweet-</u> <u>dreamsqs@aol.com</u>.





Mavis SQnSQ, Libby SQnSQ, Iron Work SQnSQ, Samantha SQnSQ, and Petunia SQnSQ

These six new SQnSQ (Square in a Square) block designs use motifs found in other pattern collections, which means you'll have a wide variety of border patterns to accompany them. Last month we features the log cabin blocks and had a several CJC members request pattern designed for large Square in a Square blocks. These patterns are fairly detailed, so you'll want to stitch them on blocks 12" or larger.

One of the most common and frustrating issues longarm quilters deal with is the wonky quilt, or the quilt that is not square. In many cases, you'll have more problems with the customer than the quilt if you don't measure that quilt right there in front of your customer. Measure and write down those measurements. Then you can say, "As you can see, this quilt is not square." Then go into whatever options for the quilt you want to offer, maybe including repairing borders for a fee, letting the customer make the repairs, or simply issuing a disclaimer. If it was not square when it came in, there's a good chance it's not going to be square when it's quilted (depending on how badly out of square it really is).

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I added a disclaimer section to my intake worksheet, where I write down the quilt top measurements (and those of the backing). I have my customer initial any notations and sign the work order. That does two things: It provides me with a backup plan, but more importantly, it solidifies in the customer's mind that her quilt was not square, and she's much less likely to "forget" that important segment of information when she talks to her friends. To soften the blow, you can also take this opportunity to compliment her on her fabric choices, ask her if she had fun making the quilt, etc. It doesn't have to be a negative experience, but it's better to get all that identified and documented at the front end, than try to defend your quilting to her after the fact. (ask me how I know!)

What's the maximum height you can stitch out without rolling the quilt on your machine?

We had a Crown Jewels Club member ask for cross hatching patterns (released in the Topaz Baroness and Viscount Archives) to be designed for quilting systems with shorter throat lengths. The original patterns were designed to maximize the available quilting space of the larger machines, but required quite a bit of manipulation to work on the shorter throated machines. So, Kim took those patterns back to the drawing board and made new ones more compatible. I have 22" available on my Statler, and Kim has 25" on hers. If your machine doesn't offer that much space, try these new grids on for size!



15 Panographs!!



































The I Spy Quilt

The I spy patterns include a pano, a telescope, a pair of glasses, a stoplight, a magnifying glass. Other patterns in this month's selection can also be used in an I Spy quilt....such as musical instruments, and canoe oars. Statler users will be able to recreate this border using the text tool in Creative Studios. You can really have a lot of fun with all those I Spy quilts which come through your doors!









Let's Go Racing!













