



Club Notes:

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Greetings Quilters!

This month I have struggled to keep my head up above water. It seems that there are always more uses for my resources (time, energy, and money) than there are resources available. I have a Schnauzer (and I'm very attached to him) who decided that in retaliation for having "that bald puppy (grandson, Thatcher) roaming around the house, he was going to mark his territory. So now I have new carpet coming on Monday, which means the subfloors need to be sealed with Kilz prior to the carpet layer crew's arrival.

Alan's 75 year old father had a heart attack on the Friday after Thanksgiving, and so he is hospitalized. The doctors have quite a challenge to heal him, as he has diabetes and significantly reduced kidney function which inhibit his ability to tolerate the procedure to have all the stents he needs implanted. My oldest daughter has struggled all year with Graves Disease, and in mid November was finally deemed ready to have the radioactive procedure to kill her Thyroid. By the end of this month, they hope to begin the process of replacement thyroid hormone treatments and get her back to normal.

Kim's father is at the Mayo clinic having a procedure done to take care of a situation resulting from his prostate cancer several years ago, and he and her youngest brother will be staying with Kim from December 23rd until after the 1st of the year (and maybe longer, depending on her Dad's recovery process).

Kim's youngest daughter got engaged and Kim is attempting to make a wedding quilt for her, plan a wedding, while still drawing patterns, helping out with her three granddaughters, and clearing out guest rooms enough for her family coming at the end of this month.

I am quilting as fast as I can, and crossing my fingers that I won't have any massive picking situations and no equipment failures with which to contend so I can meet all of my "I need this quilt back in time to bind it and ship it to Timbuctoo for a Christmas gift" commitments. Somewhere in the midst of all of this, I also need to keep the Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio business running and also do Christmas shopping (think Christmas will be an Amazon.com affair this year). I wonder if Amazon will gift wrap it and put in under my tree for me, as well?!



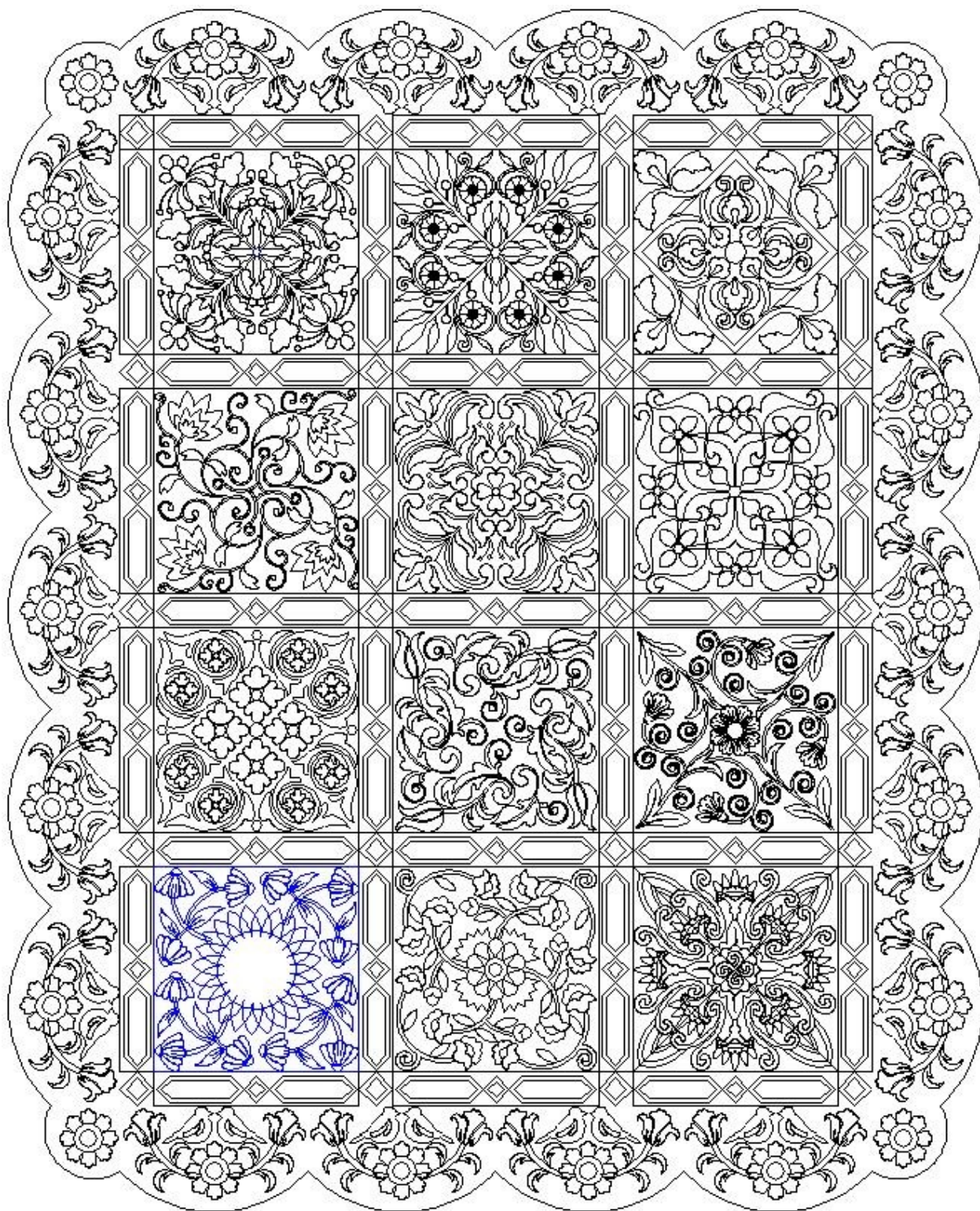
We hope that the coming holidays bring you more enjoyment than stress. Enjoy the patterns.

Kim and Janet

**The Citrine December 2017 Archive contains 134 patterns,
including 52 panos, a retail value of \$1600.00.**

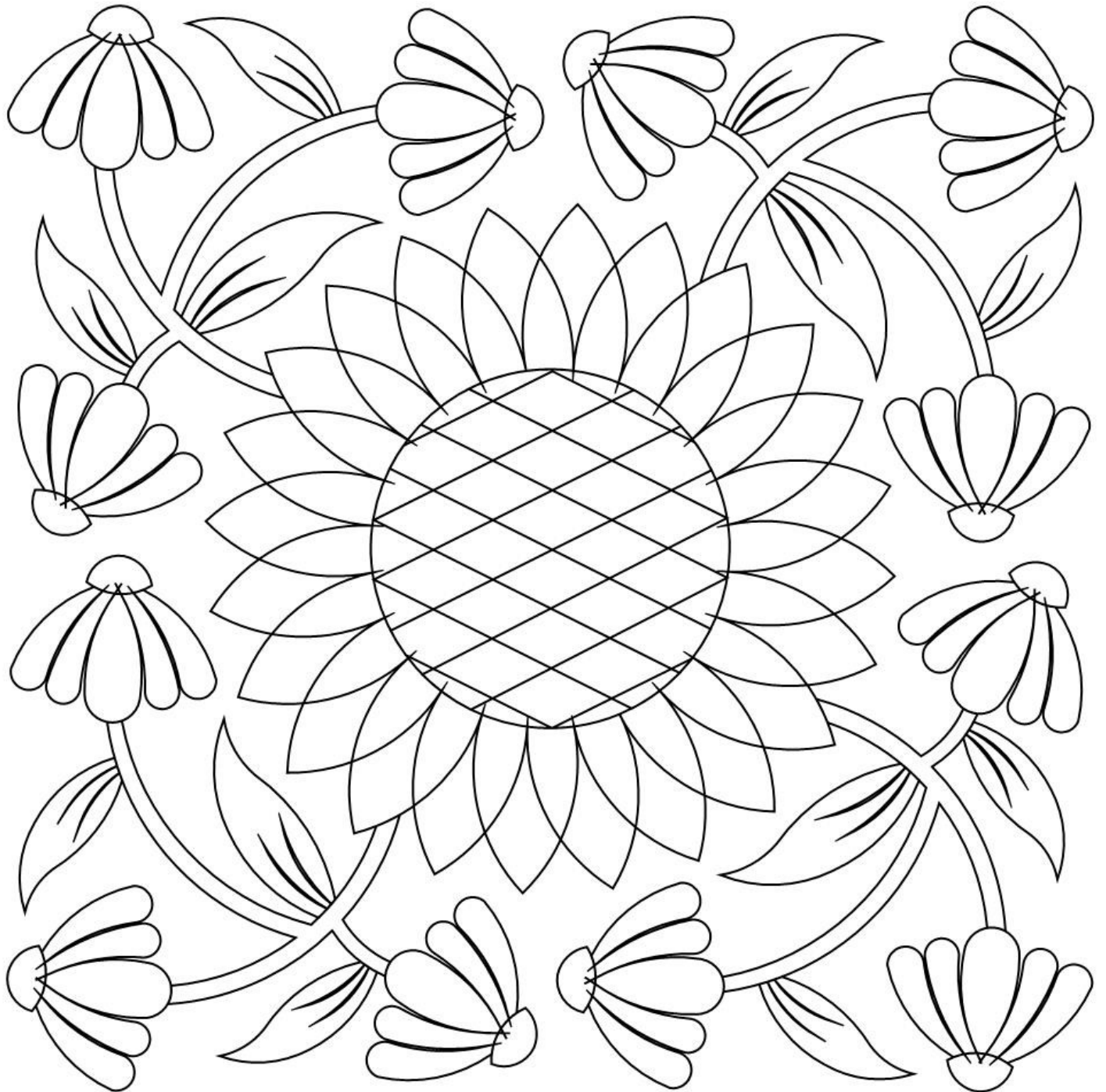
Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio's Block of the Month

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 #10



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!

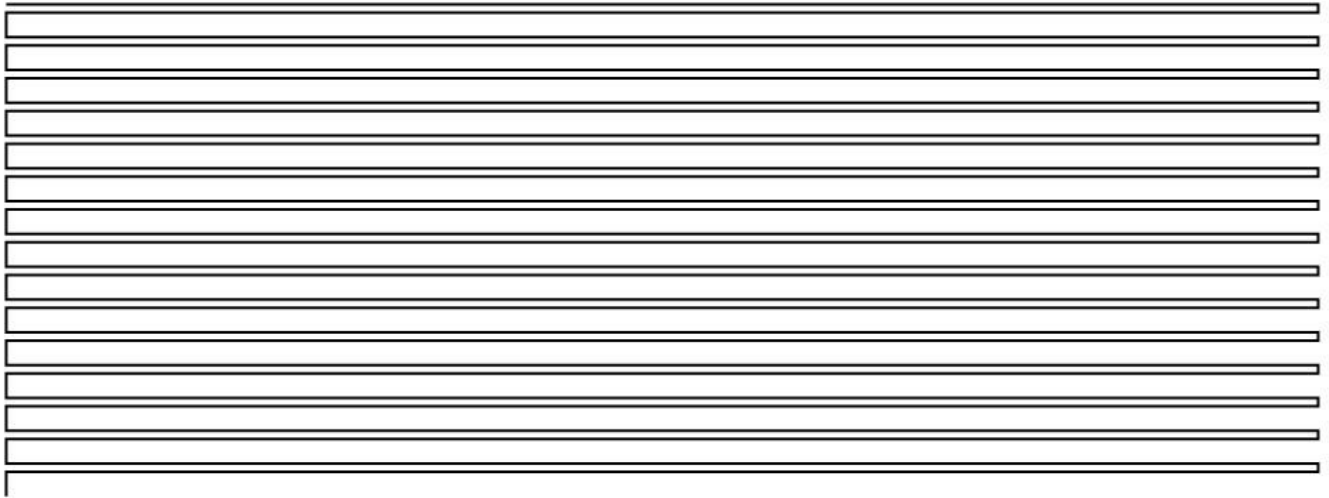
Shrinkage with the Multi Sized Panos

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.

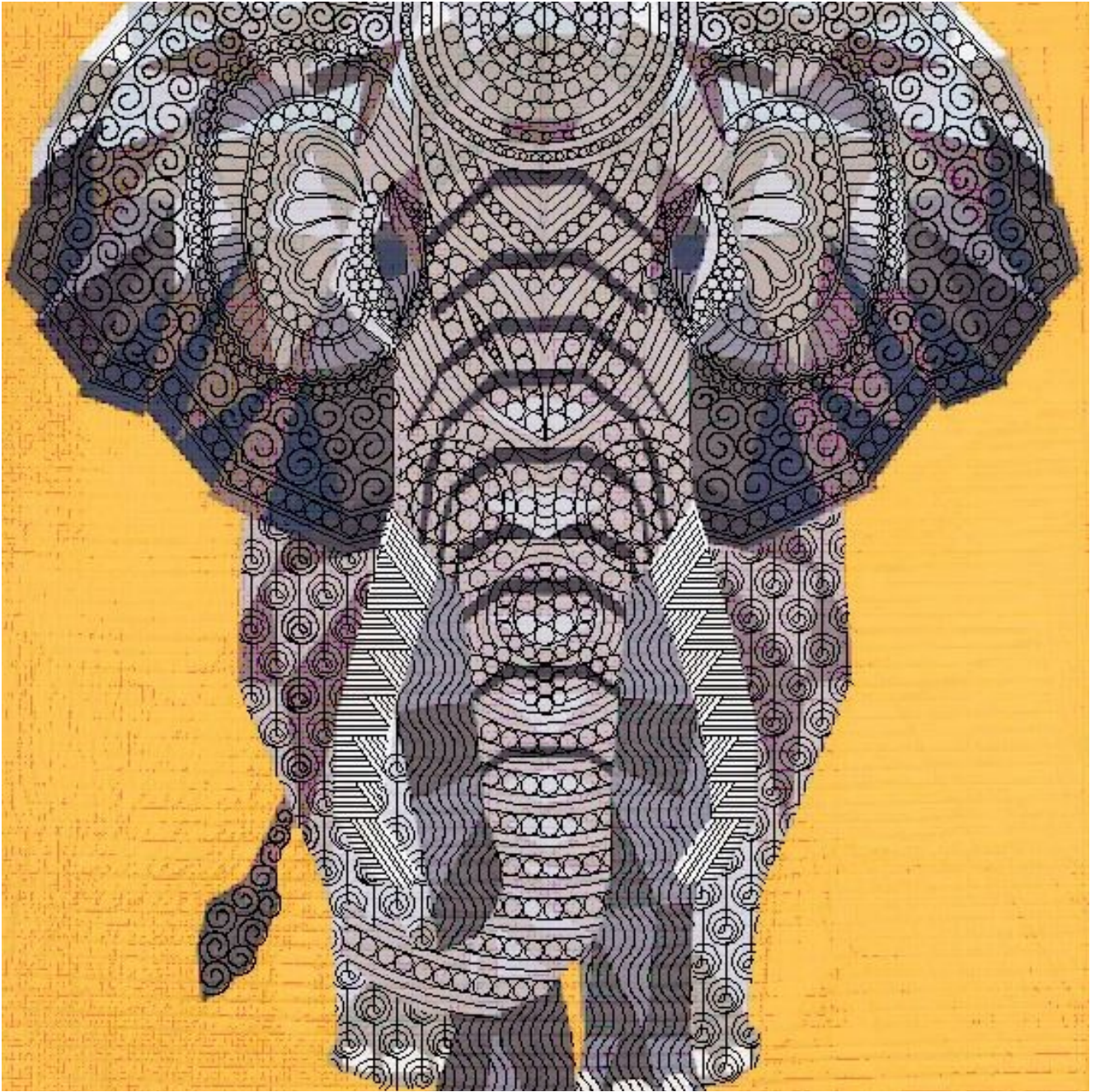
Extended Panos

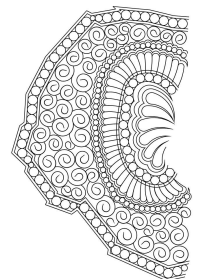
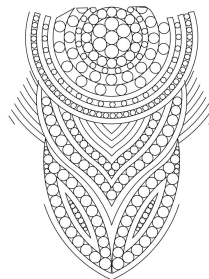
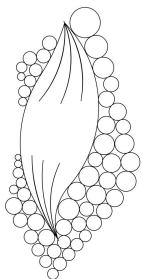
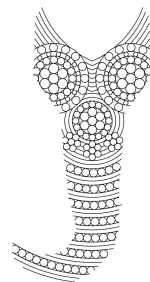
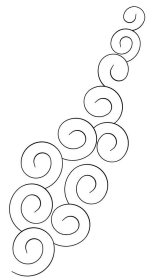
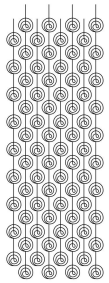


It is worth mentioning that not every longarm machine “likes” extended panos. I run two Statlers, and one of them has no difficulty at all running from right to left, while the other one doesn’t behave well at all traveling from right to left.

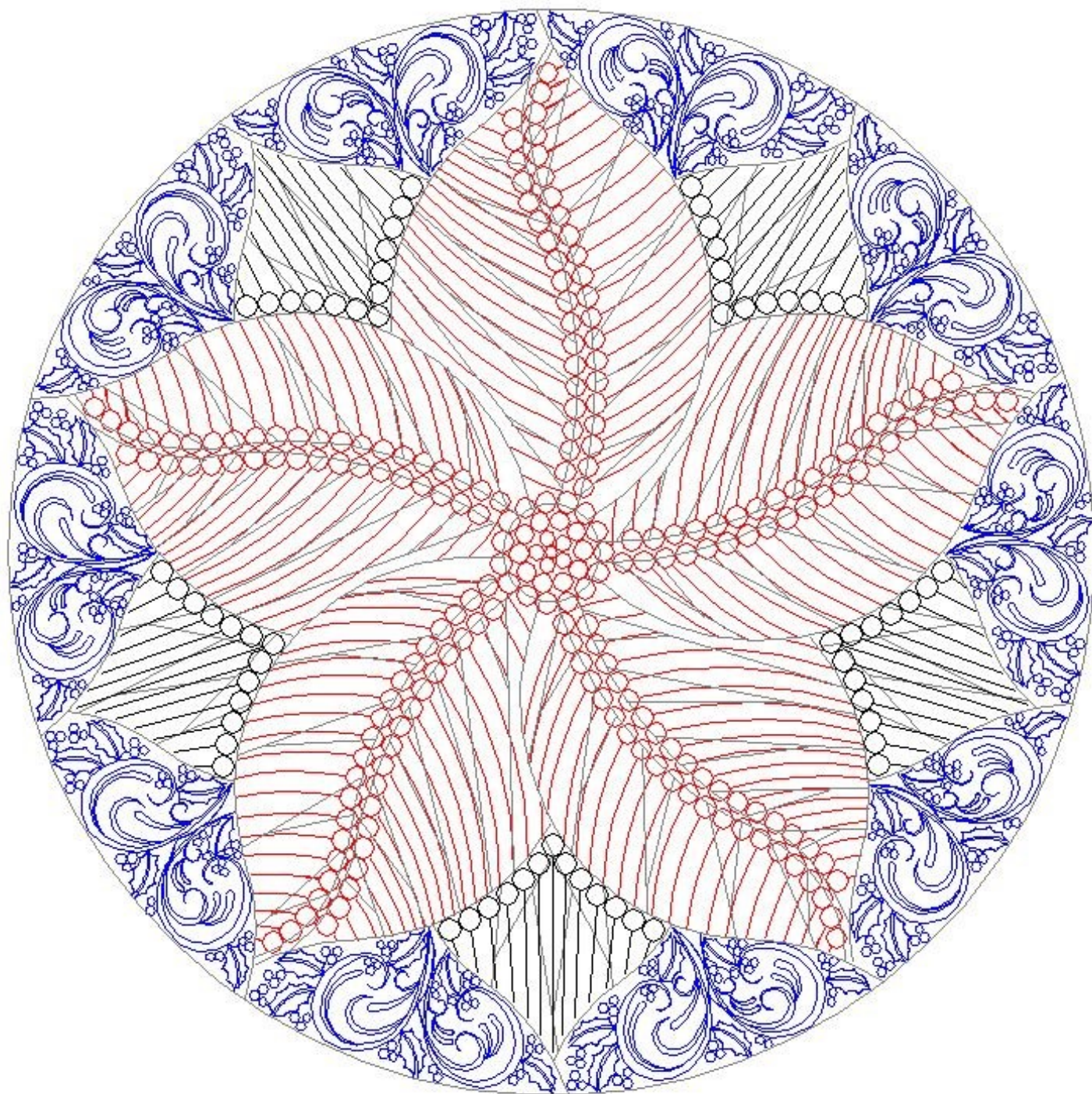
Practice on a piece of muslin before you queue up an extra large version of an extended pano. Takes a bit of time to practice, but not as much time as managing thread breaks or “frogging”.

Violet

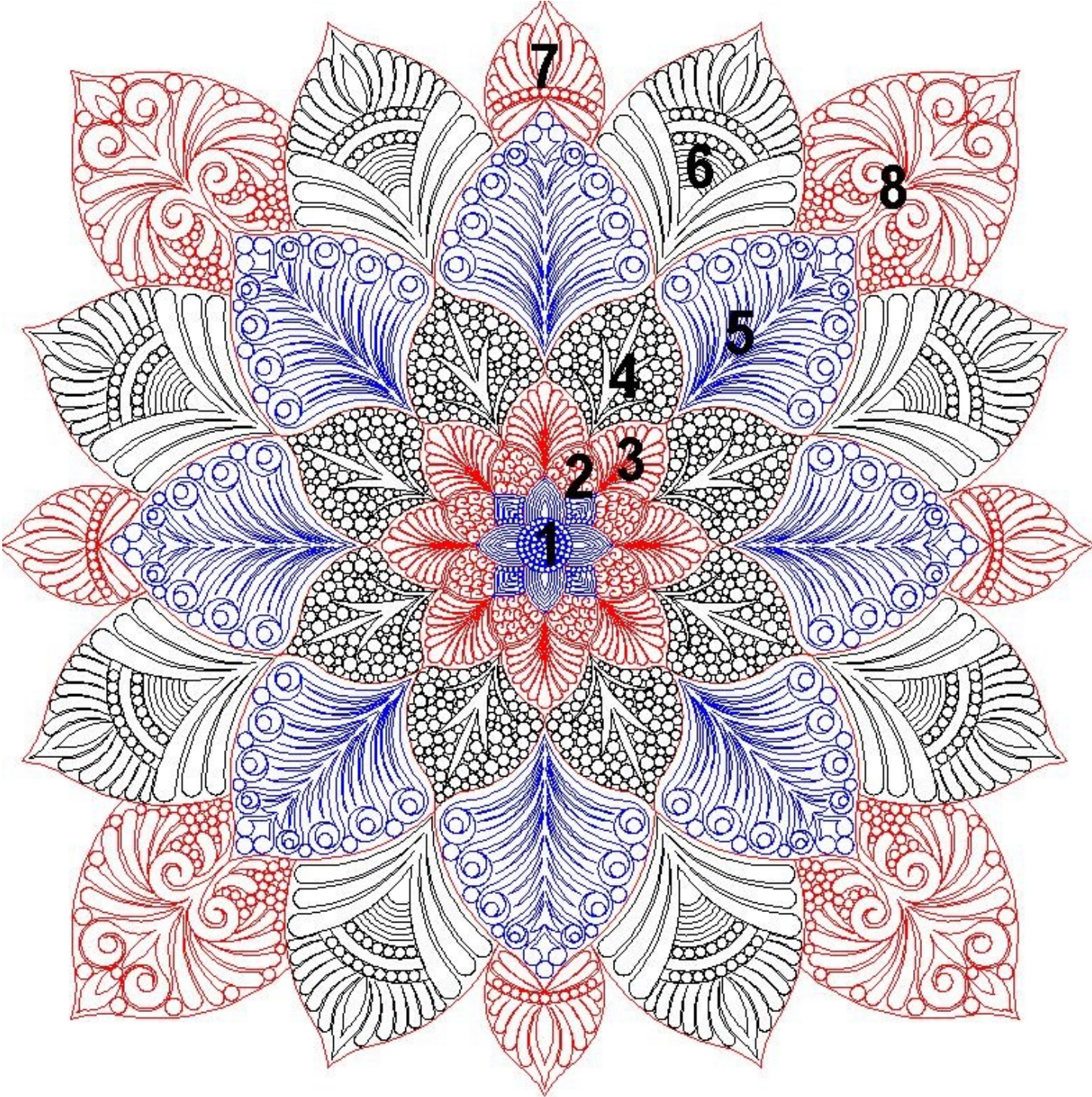




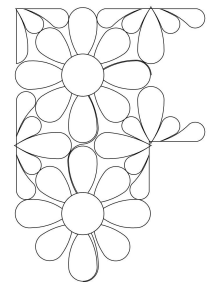
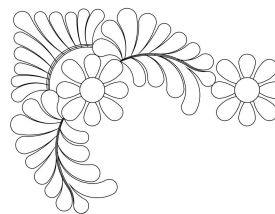
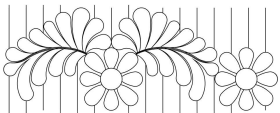
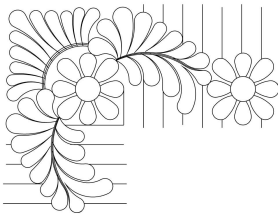
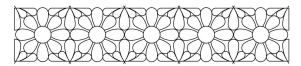
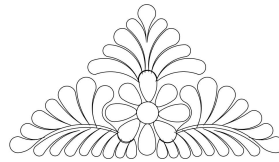
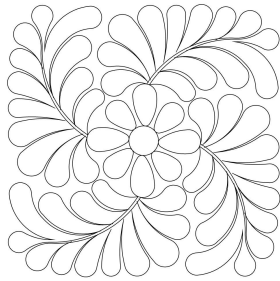
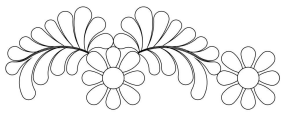
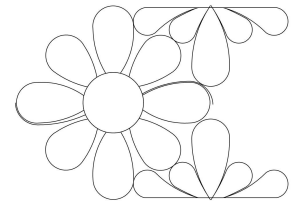
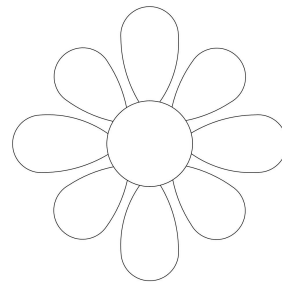
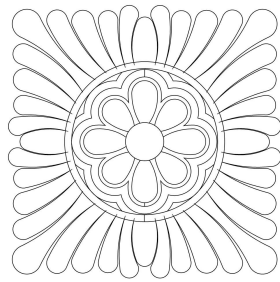
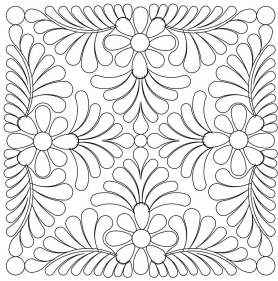
Judy Niemeyer Poinsettia Patterns



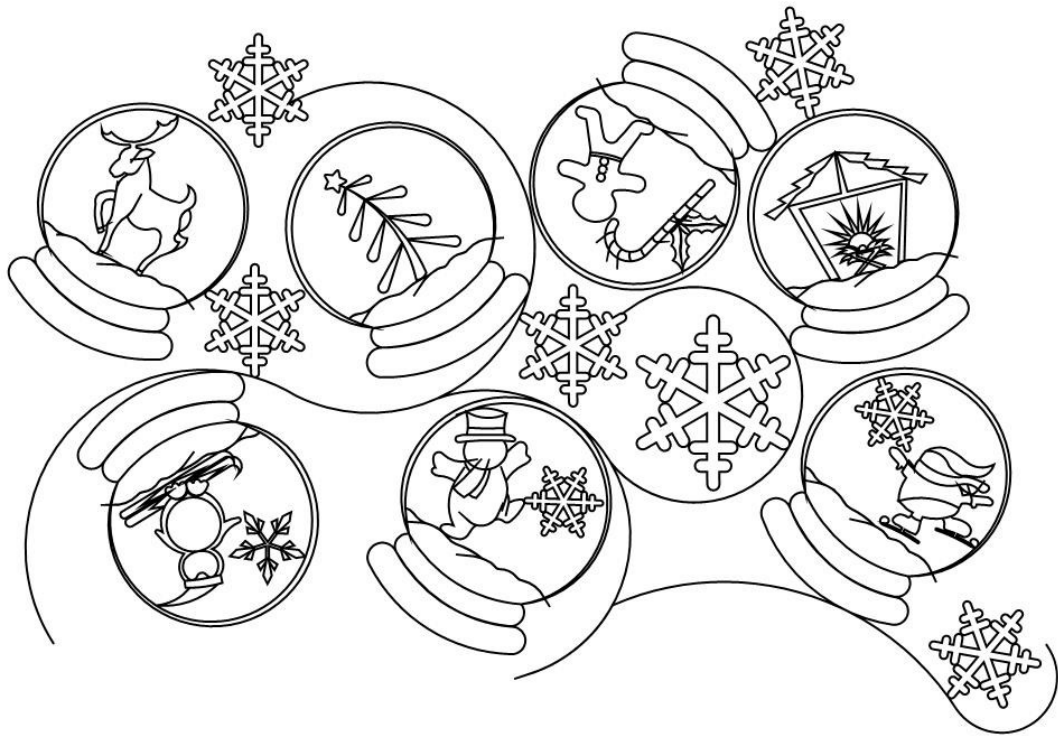
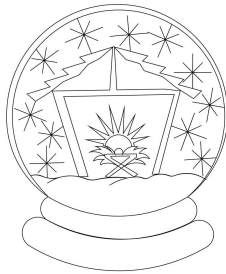
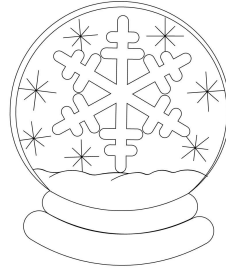
Crystal Bloom Quilt Patterns



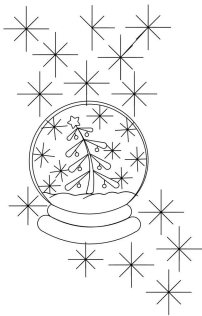
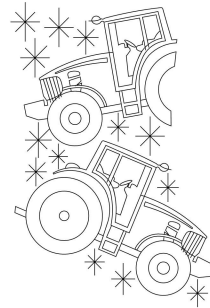
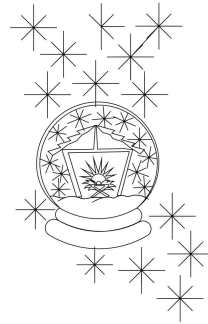
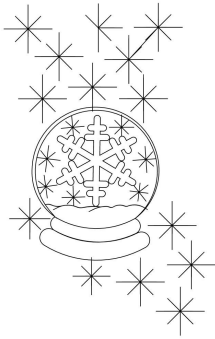
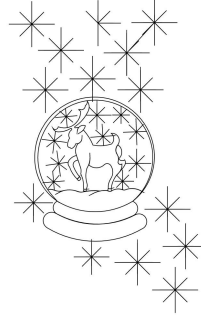
Mayfair Pattern Set



Snow Globes



New Christmas Stocking Filler Patterns (use with Stocking Outline Patterns)





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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!

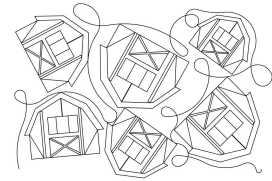
Panos



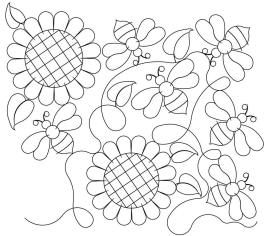
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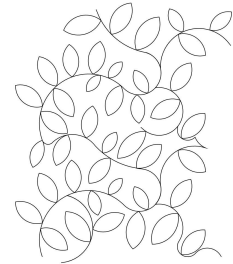
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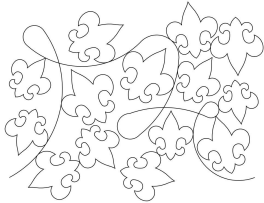
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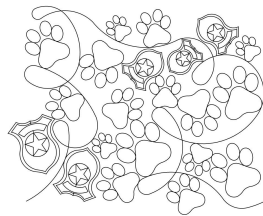
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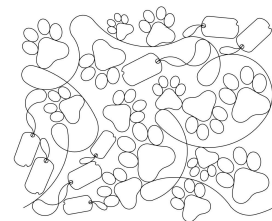
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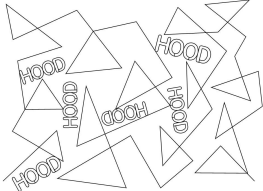
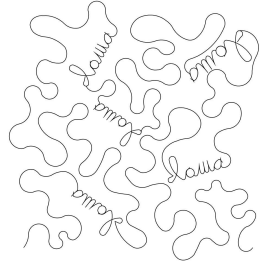
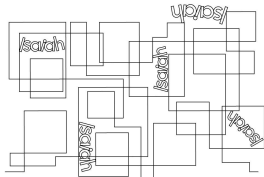
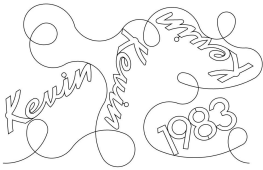
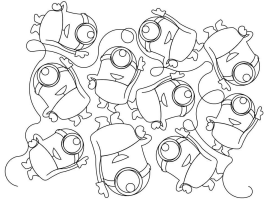
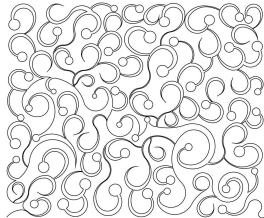

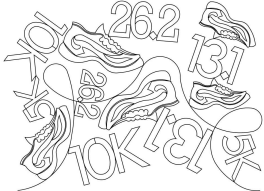
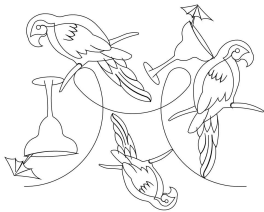
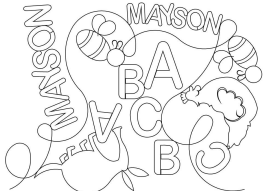
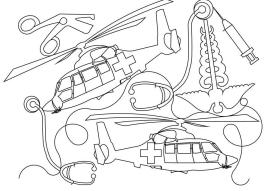
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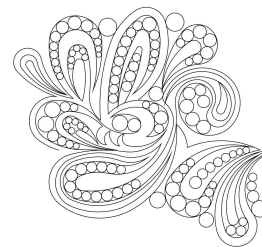
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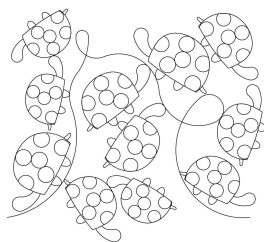
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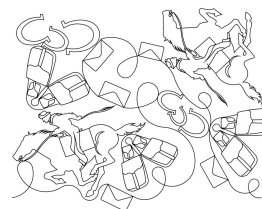
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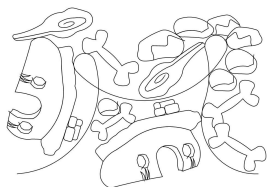
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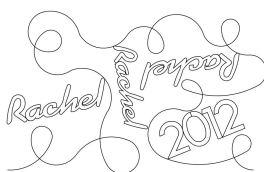
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Pattern: ribbon dance chelsea
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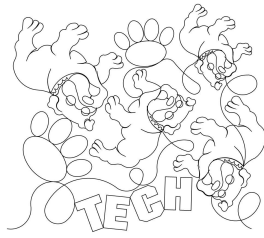


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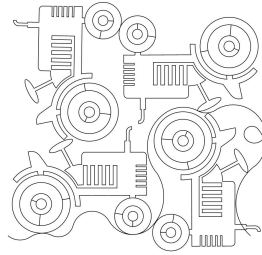
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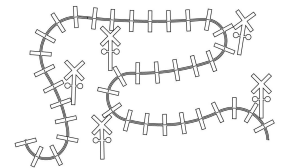
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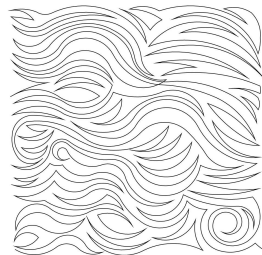
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Pattern: wavy line fill pano 001
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Pattern: winter pano 001
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Pattern: zig zag animal pano 001
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Panos

Longarm Tip of the Month

Running two Statlers in my home at a rate of about 10 quilts per week, the amount of fuzz from cotton thread and cotton batting creates dust bunnies....well, really, they are more like dust rhinos. Housework is far from my favorite thing to do, and when actually dusting the furniture in the house lasts for about one hour before the airborne link settles again doesn't make me enthusiastic about doing it very often. It was my sister's suggestion (and she has her very own Statler, now) that I get a robotic vacuum system which can run under the Statlers, under the sewing tables, under the desk, etc. without much input from me. I researched the various units available (and they are all pretty expensive). The Neato Botvac 85 was the winner. I love it! Once you get all of your power cords tacked up out of the way, it rarely gets hung up on anything. I have it scheduled to run on Tuesday evenings and on Friday mornings. The first week, it would clean one quilt room and about one half of the family room before signaling that it's dust bin needed emptying, and once it told me that I needed to dust it's sensor box. After that, it has been smooth sailing. I no longer have dust rhinos (which are kind of embarrassing), and I can dust the furniture in my house and it lasts for about 3 days. I can live with 3 days. An added bonus is that we also are experiencing less allergy-related issues and the furnace filter now only has to be changed once per month. On a side note, Harvey the dog does NOT like the robot vacuum, but so far Harvey moves faster than does the robot! :)

