



Club Notes:



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Greetings! Let's talk about designing quilts and the process for asking for something special to be designed.

- 1) We prefer email over phone calls. It helps us keep track of requests.
- 2) We need for you to give us as much information as possible when making your request. That means tell us if you need an e2e or blocks, borders, etc.
- 3) Send us GOOD photos of your quilt so we can see the fabrics. Take your photos straight on at the blocks (so that the proportions are correct). Tell us the measurements of your blocks, your sashing, your borders, the triangles, etc., as well as the whole quilt. And then, do the math. Make sure that the sum of your parts actually adds up to the whole. Kim has to draft out many blocks and quilts before she can make the parts. If the measurements don't add up, she's stuck, which causes a big delay for her...and therefore for you.
- 4) If you have something in mind (feathers, swirls, modern, traditional, etc.) tell us. Please don't tell us that you just want us to come up with something and then tell us that what Kim came up with isn't what you (or your customer) want. That's waste of Kim's time. Conversely, if you or your customer positively hates feathers, etc., please tell us that, too!
- 5) Tell us how much space you can quilt before you have to roll the quilt.
- 6) If you want a name pattern made, verify the spelling of the name BEFORE you submit the request. Tell us if you want Block letters or some other font type. Tell us what other design elements you want included in your name pano (stars, loops, hearts, footballs, etc.)
- 7) If you want an existing pattern modified, give us the EXACT name of the pattern you want modified.

**The Citrine February 2018 Archive contains 111 patterns,
including 33 panos, a retail value of \$1275..00.**

- 8) If you want patterns created for a complicated paper pieced quilt, send us a high resolution line drawing of the quilt. And be realistic about how much time it's going to take her to create patterns for all those little places, as well as realistic about your ability and/or willingness to actually place each and every one of those little pieces. Let's be frank, quilters, many of those paper pieced quilts are only suitable for talented hand guiders but NOT for computerized quilters. Kim might be able to make the patterns, but that doesn't mean that you're going to be able to place them and quilt them and keep shrinkage under control. Kim reserves the right to decline this type of design request.
- 9) Tell us if you plan to use different thread colors and quilt the background separately from the rest of the block.
- 10) Tell us if no sew lines (jump stitches) are okay, or if you'd rather have double stitching, if necessary.
- 11) Please don't wait until the quilt is loaded on your frame to ask for the patterns. Depending on how many requests are in line ahead of you, it could cause you serious stress if she can't drop everything to make the pattern you need.

So....got a quilt coming up? Don't have patterns for it? Apply these 11 suggestions to that quilt and email me at

janet@sweetdreamsqiltstudio.com

If you don't receive an email confirmation back from me within 12 business hours, either send it again, or give me a call at the office (573-446-0421) to make sure I received the email.

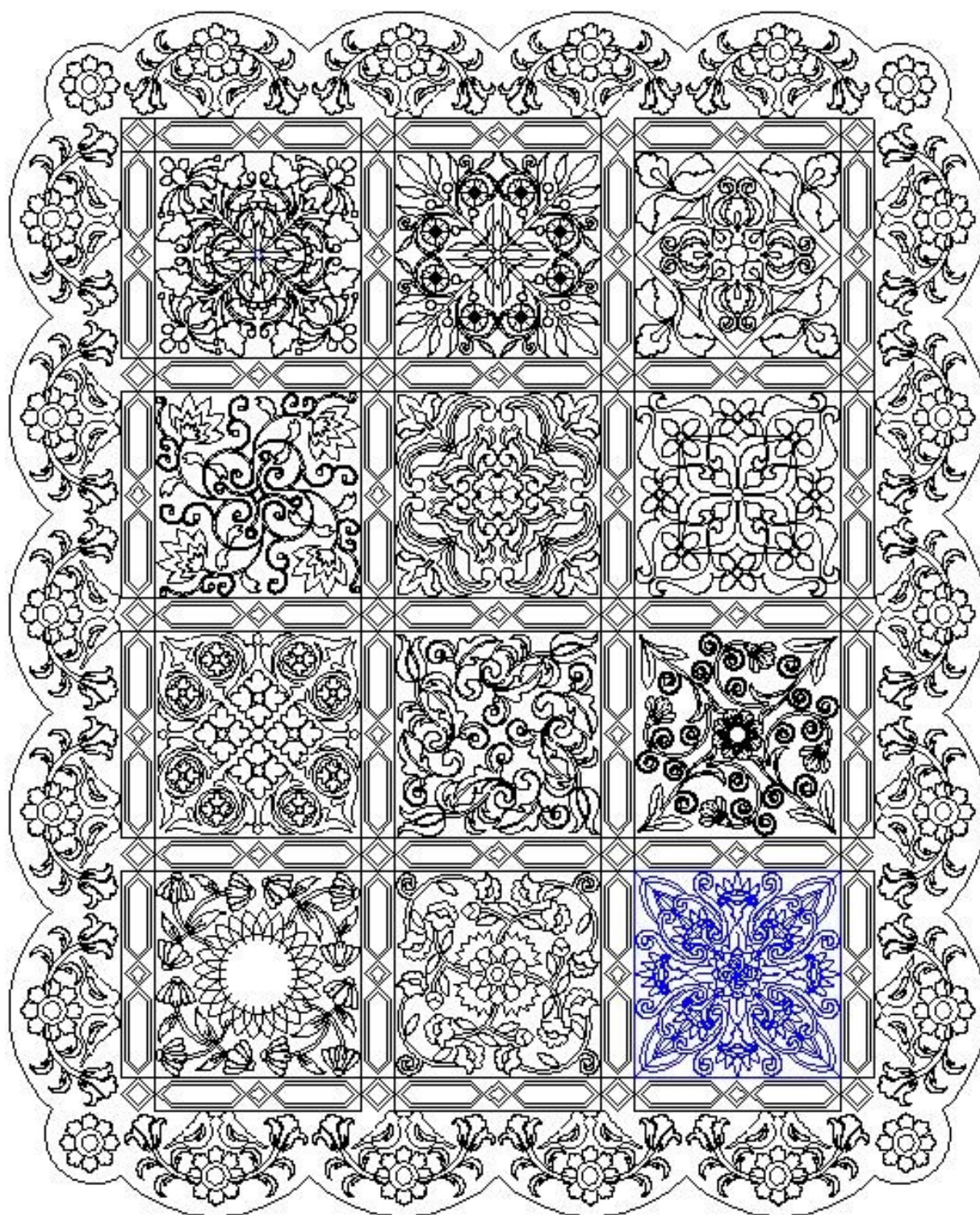
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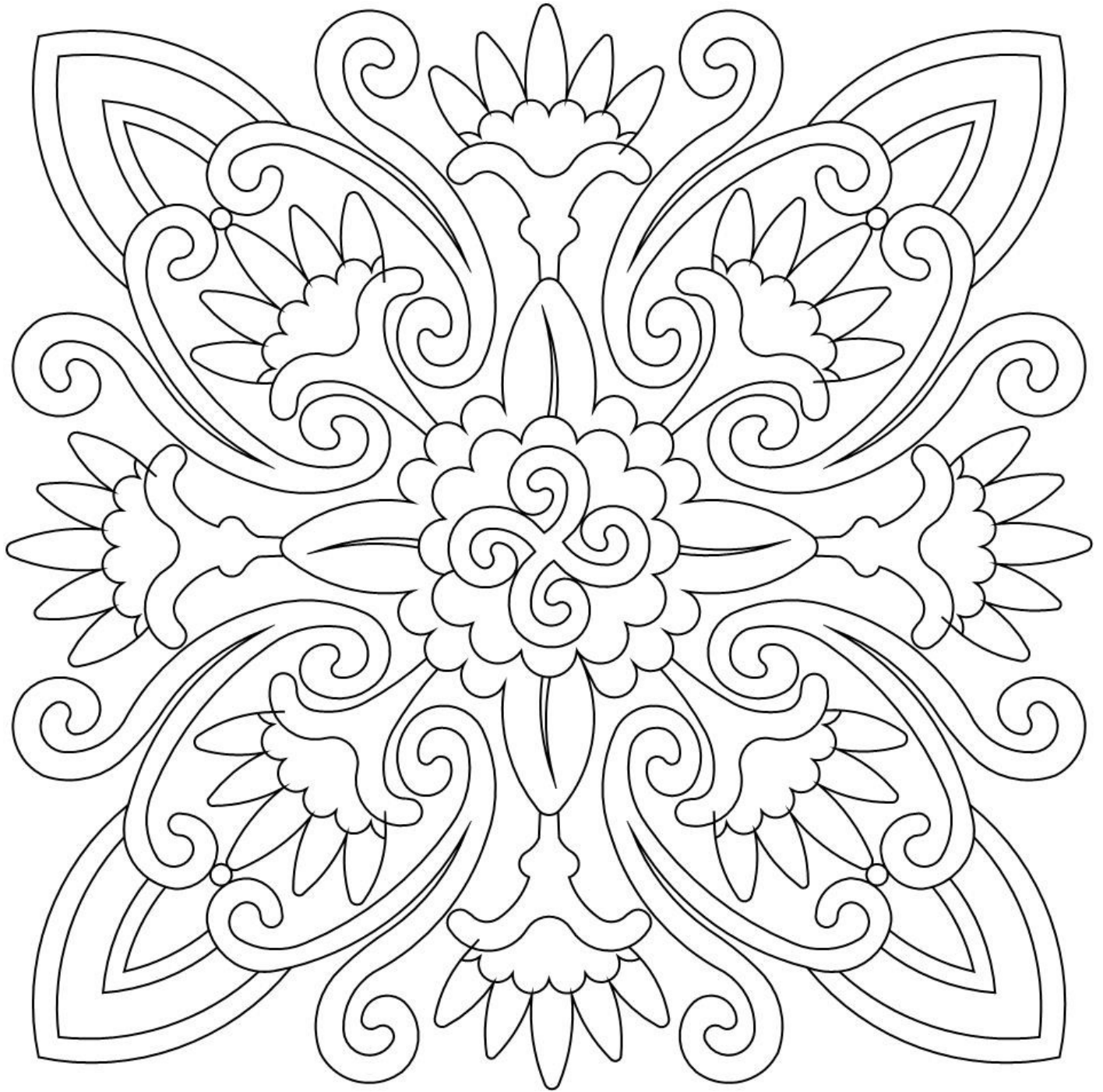
Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio's Block of the Month

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 #12



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!

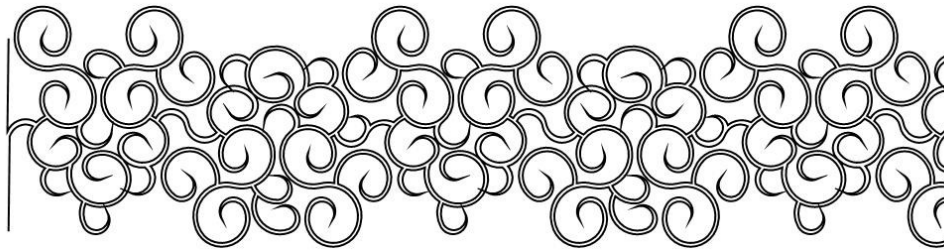
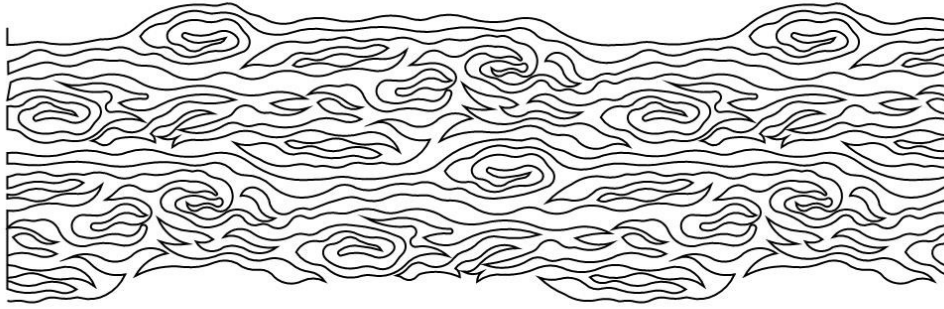
Shrinkage with the Multi Sized Panos

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.

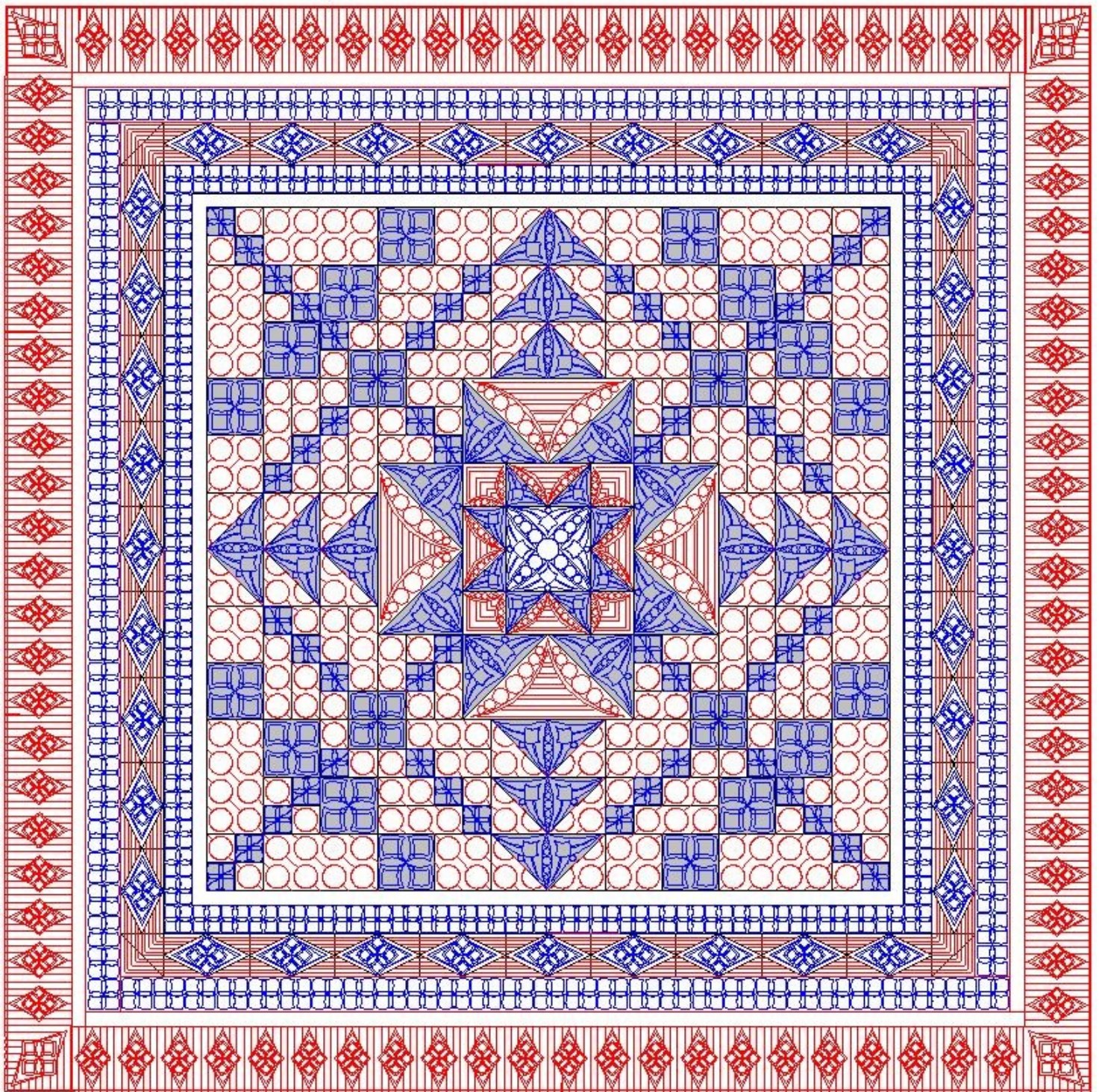
Extended Panos



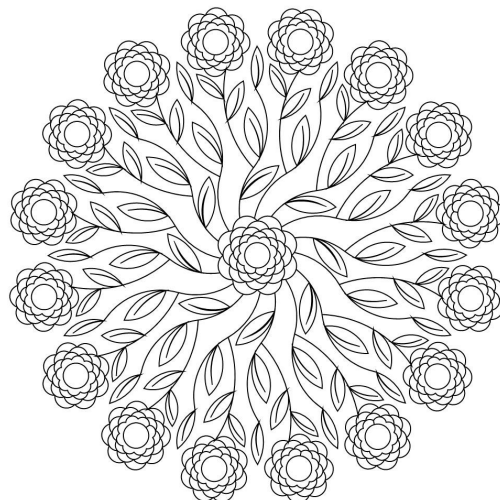
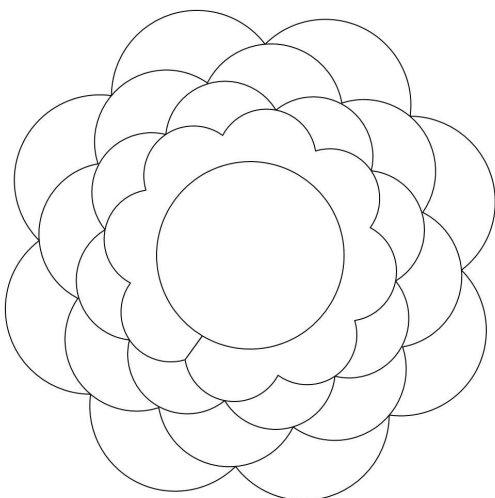
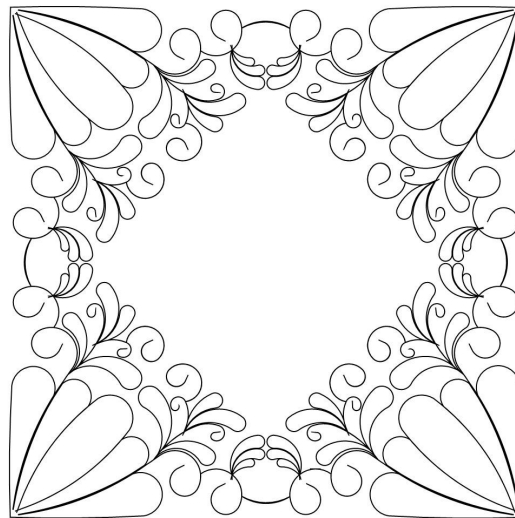
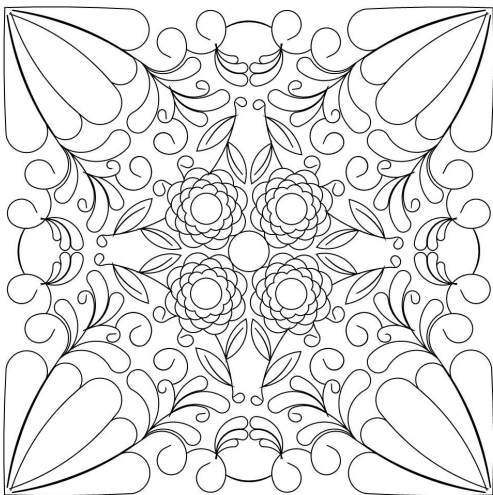
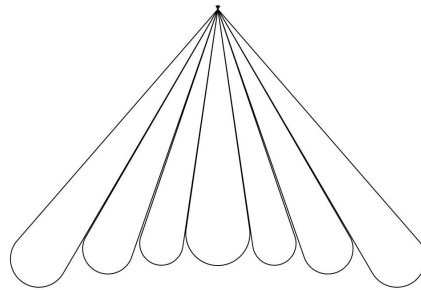
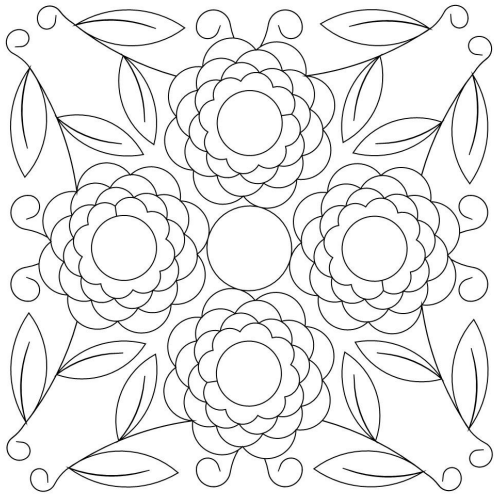
It is worth mentioning that not every longarm machine “likes” extended panos. I run two Statlers, and one of them has no difficulty at all running from right to left, while the other one doesn’t behave well at all traveling from right to left.

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”.

Hope Quilt Patterns

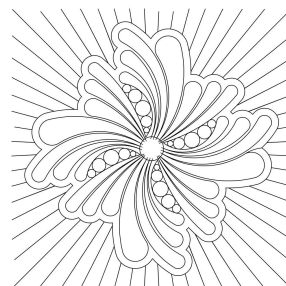
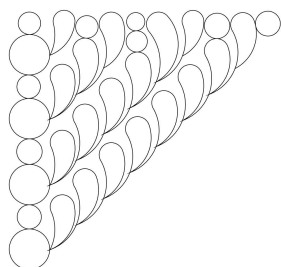
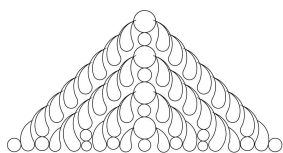
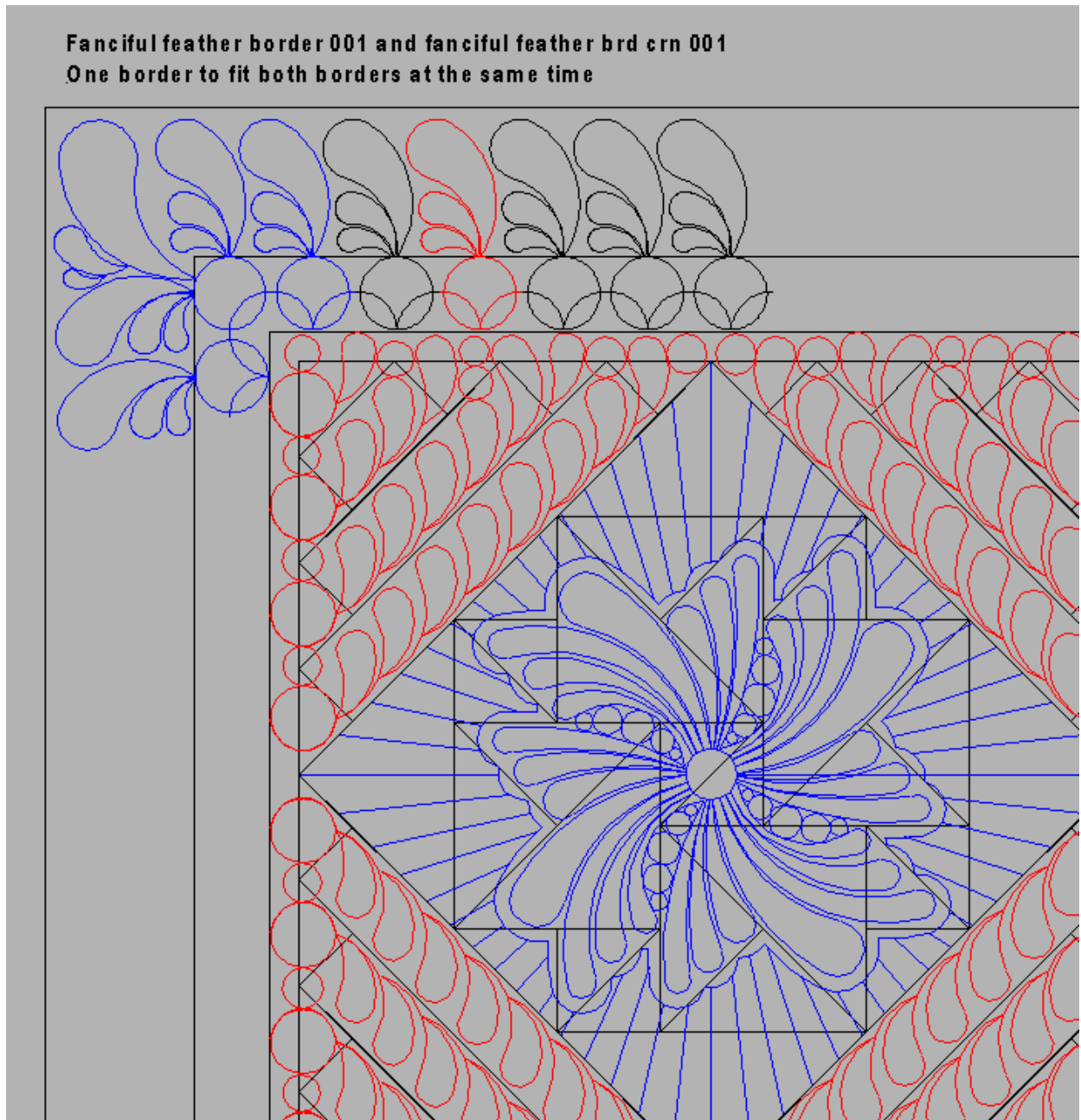


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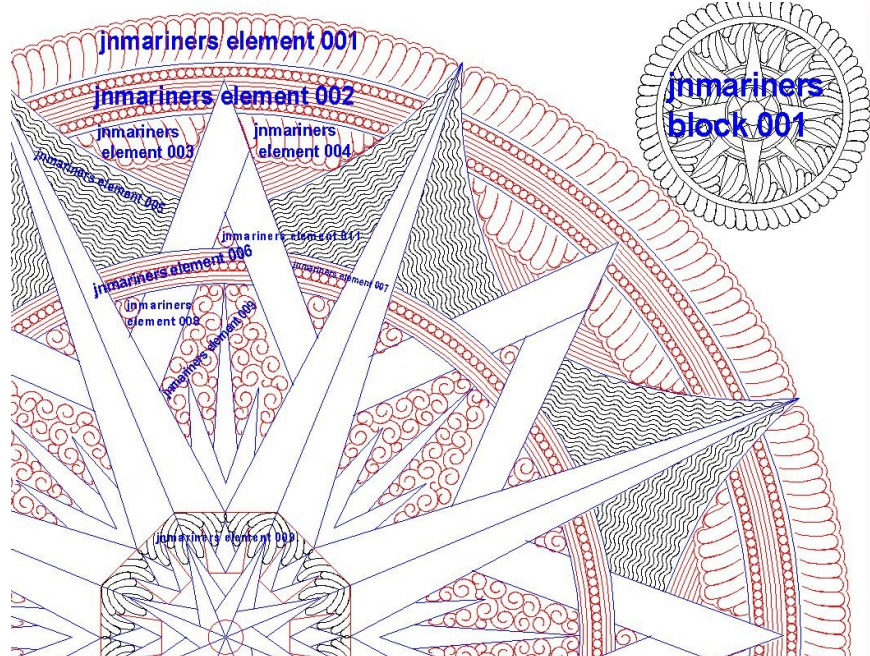
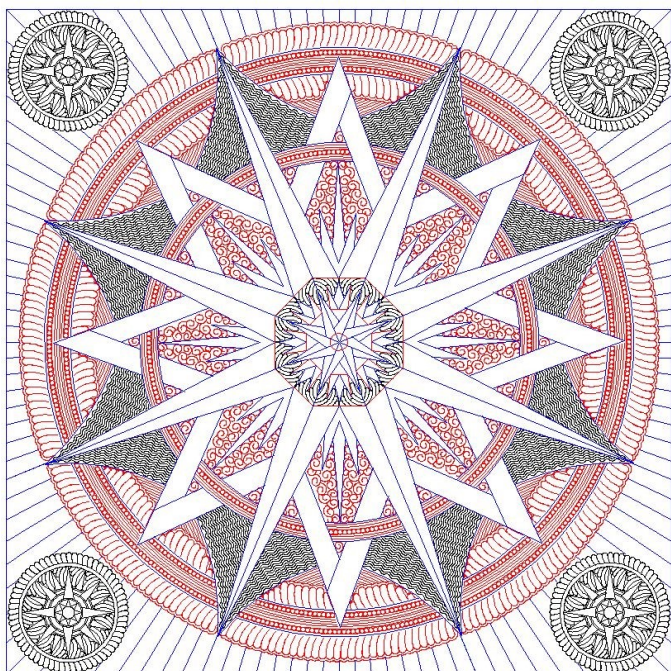
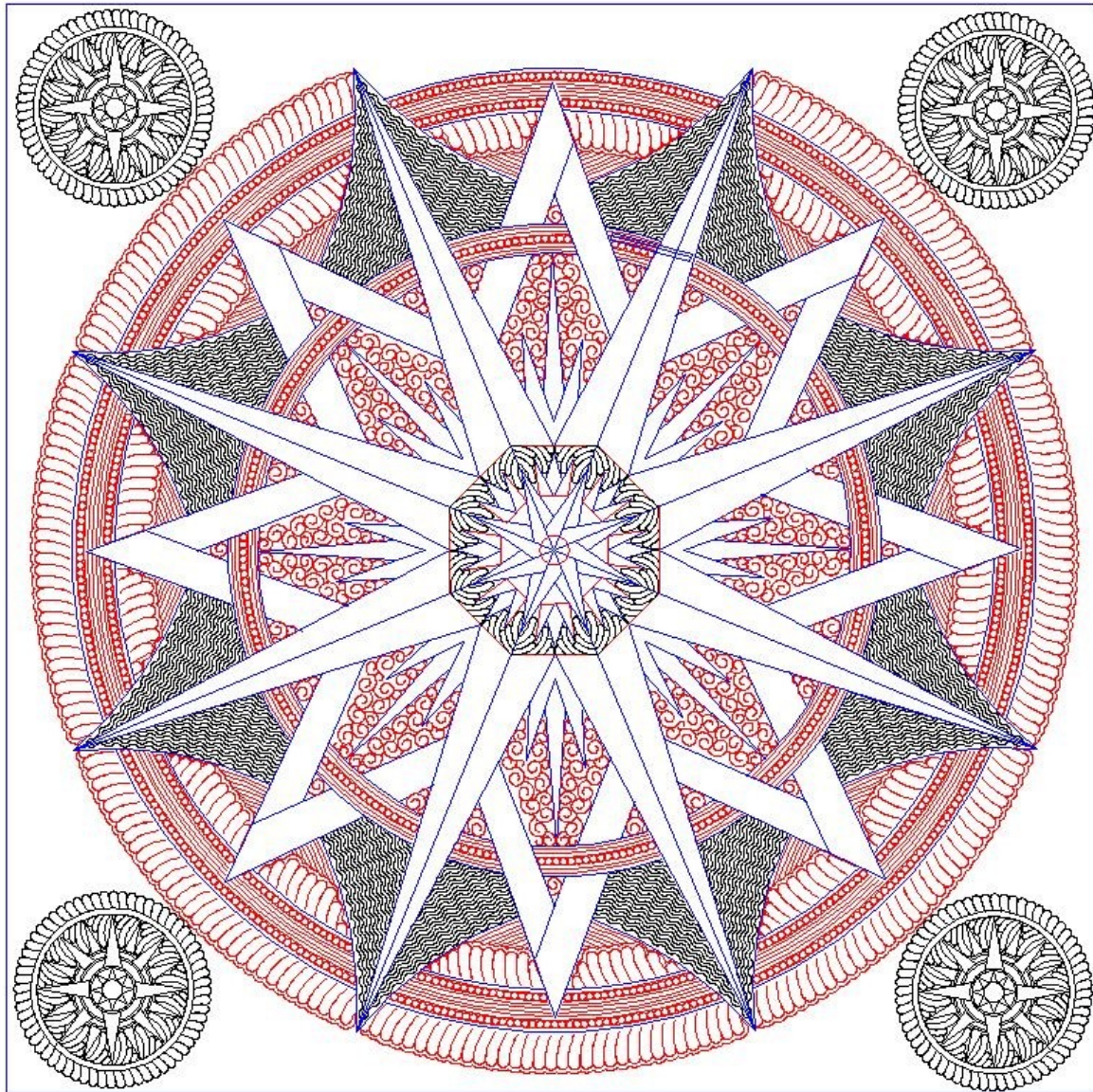


Triple Friend Patterns

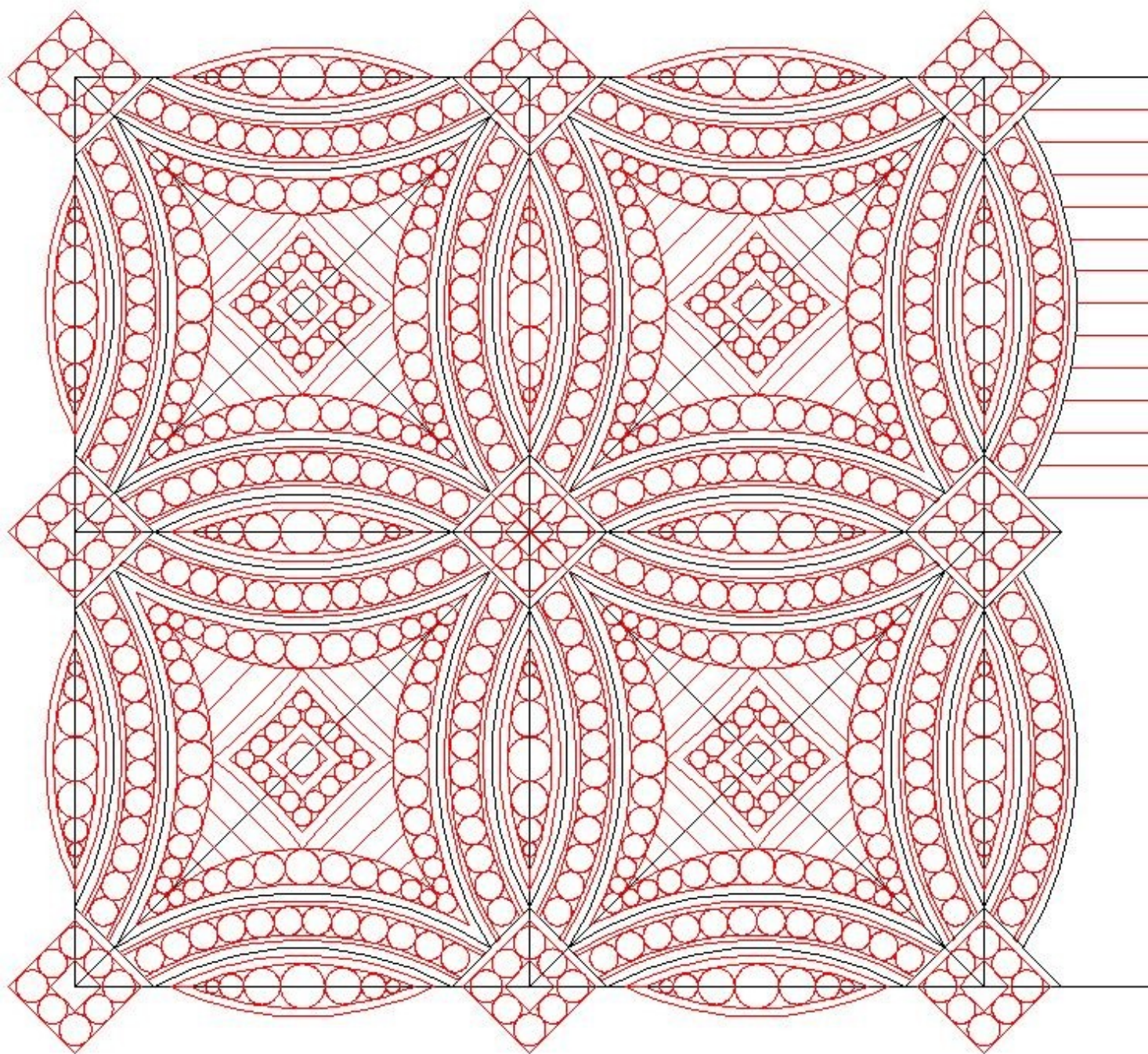
Fanciful feather border 001 and fanciful feather brd crn 001
One border to fit both borders at the same time



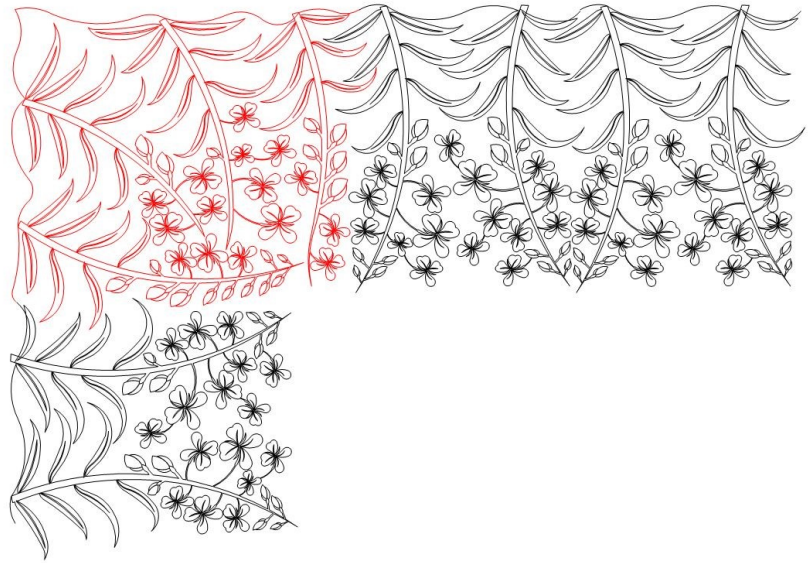
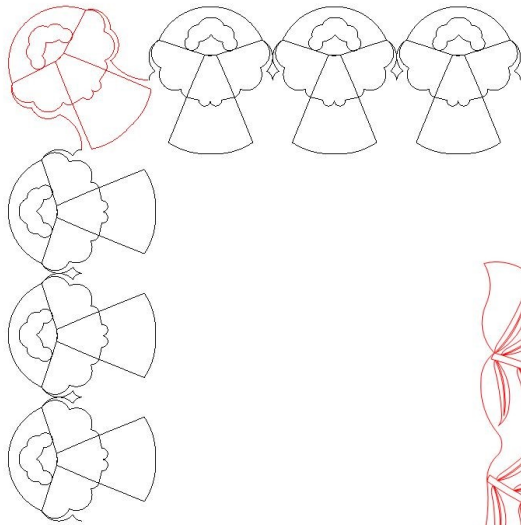
Judy Niemeyer Mariner's Compass Elements



Modern Double Wedding Ring 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.
- 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!!**

Now available at **no cost** to you. Log into your profile on the Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio website and download the software. If you want the DVD (which contains the software AND the 1st 9000 Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio images) there is a small shipping fee.

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>

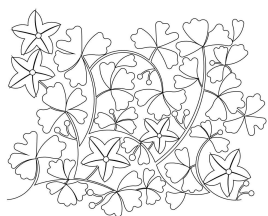
Quilter's Dream Batting: I have pretty much stopped purchasing rolls of batting. I find it easier to maintain an accurate inventory of batting, and it stores well. Unlike some packaged batting, I don't find that the QD batting is distorted, and so it doesn't require a trip through my dryer before I can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

Panos



Pattern: batik flowers pano 001
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Pattern: brambles pano 001 large
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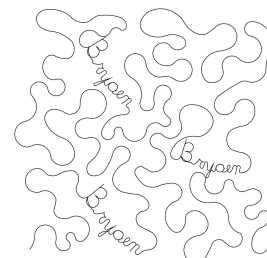
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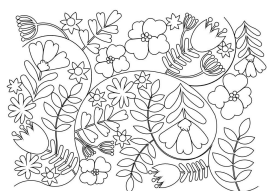
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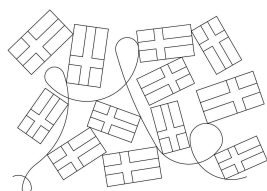
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Pattern: brycen meander
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Pattern: cheryls garden pano 001
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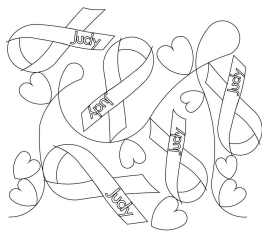


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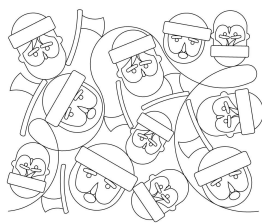


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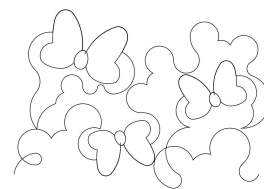
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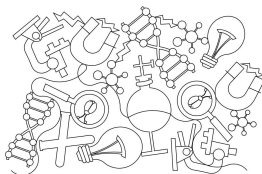
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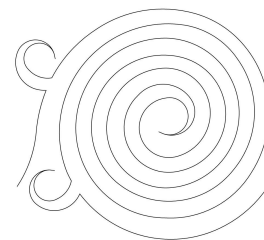
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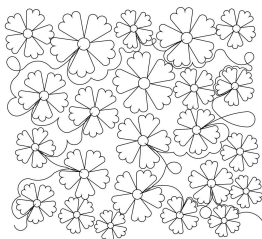
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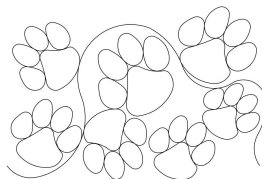
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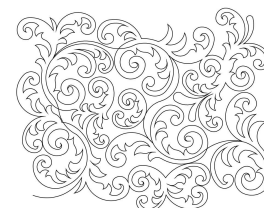
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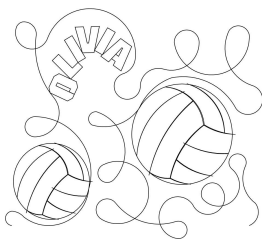
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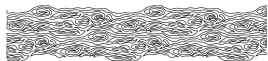




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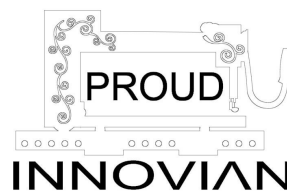
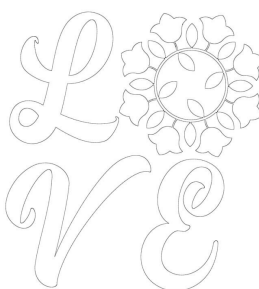
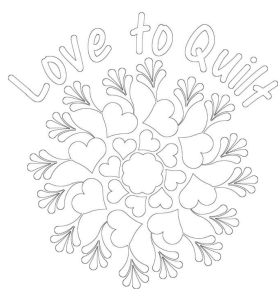
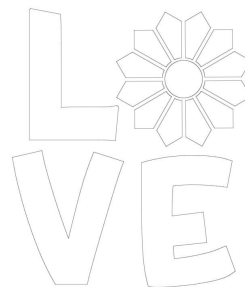
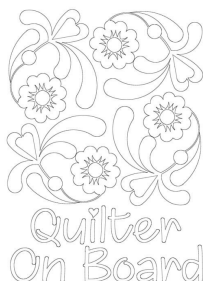
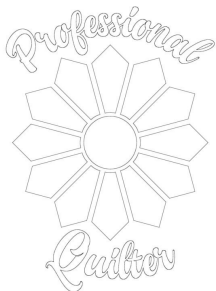
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New Product Coming Soon to the Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio Web Site

Car Window Decals for Quilters



These decals will be available for purchase at the Birds of a Feather show, February 8-11. After that, they will be available for purchase (\$7.00 plus \$1.50 shipping).

(shipping to Continental USA only and 7.975% sales tax for Missouri Residents)

The Innovian Car Decal was created at the behest of Virginia Longarm Network. Other machine brands will become available only after we receive written permission by those companies.