



Club Notes: Citrine JUNE 2017

Busy, Busy, Busy we are! I'm sure we're no busier than are you, but we seem to be meeting ourselves coming and going! The end of the school year brought with it all of those award ceremonies and concerts. Jordan was inducted into the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She played in her final orchestra concert. She has decided to not continue with orchestra in her Senior Year at high school. Instead, I believe she's filling that block with AP Chemistry or maybe it's AP Physics....I can't remember....either one of those classes would send me into orbit! She begins A + tutoring on Monday (will be working with 2nd graders). She's also contemplating a summer job. (Well....Mom and Dad are contemplating her getting a summer job, but I'm not too sure that Jordan is really committed to the idea, except in theory). Jordan is also playing softball this summer, so we have evening ball games to add to our evening options.

Kim and Janet have been multitasking (probably beyond our capabilities). We are about to launch our new website, which will provide you with amazing search features. We're keeping our webmaster duck taped to our space office chair. He's a night owl, so it's a real stretch to even get him to appear before 11:00am, by which time we have a list as long as our arms of changes and additions for the web site. The new site is currently being tested by Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio customers, ranging in computer skills from the lowest skill level to the highest. We have already gotten some great feedback and have been able to incorporate some of their suggestions into the format. We're really excited about this web site and hope you find it be helpful.

We are also working on our classes for the SUGAR 2017 Conference and preparing samples for our vendor booth at SUGAR.

Of course, we are still working on the steady stream of design requests, and continue to be amazed by what people are putting on quilts! :) My office computer lost one hard drive, which made it incredibly slow and exhibited some very strange behavior. The computer guys had it for a week, during which time, I had to run the office from a laptop computer. I appreciate having the laptop computer (I take it with me almost everywhere, in case one of our customers has some type of customer service need), but it's a much smaller screen than I'm used to using, and I cannot type nearly as quickly on a laptop keyboard as I can on a regular keyboard...slows me down!!

On a more personal note, I decided in early February that if I was going to be able to keep up with Thatcher (who will be 9 months only in just a few days), I'd better shed some weight. I can't say that it's been any fun, but I'm down by 47 pounds and have another 26 pounds left to lose to reach my goal. This is the first time in my life that I've ever had to go clothing shopping for smaller clothes instead of larger ones. Ironically, I had cleaned out my closet and dresser drawers back in November, and took many garbage bags of "too small" clothes to the Goodwill store. Had to buy some clothes to wear to the SUGAR conference! Kim wasn't thrilled by the prospect of me showing up wearing pants held up with zip ties! Can't imagine why! :)

After the SUGAR conference, Kim will be traveling to Philadelphia with her Dad for a large family reunion and will be gone for several days. My family and I will be making our normal pilgrimage to AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI. This year Caitlin & Gabe are leaving the grand dogs at home with the house sitter and bringing the Thatchman! If he's walking by then, things could be very, very interesting!

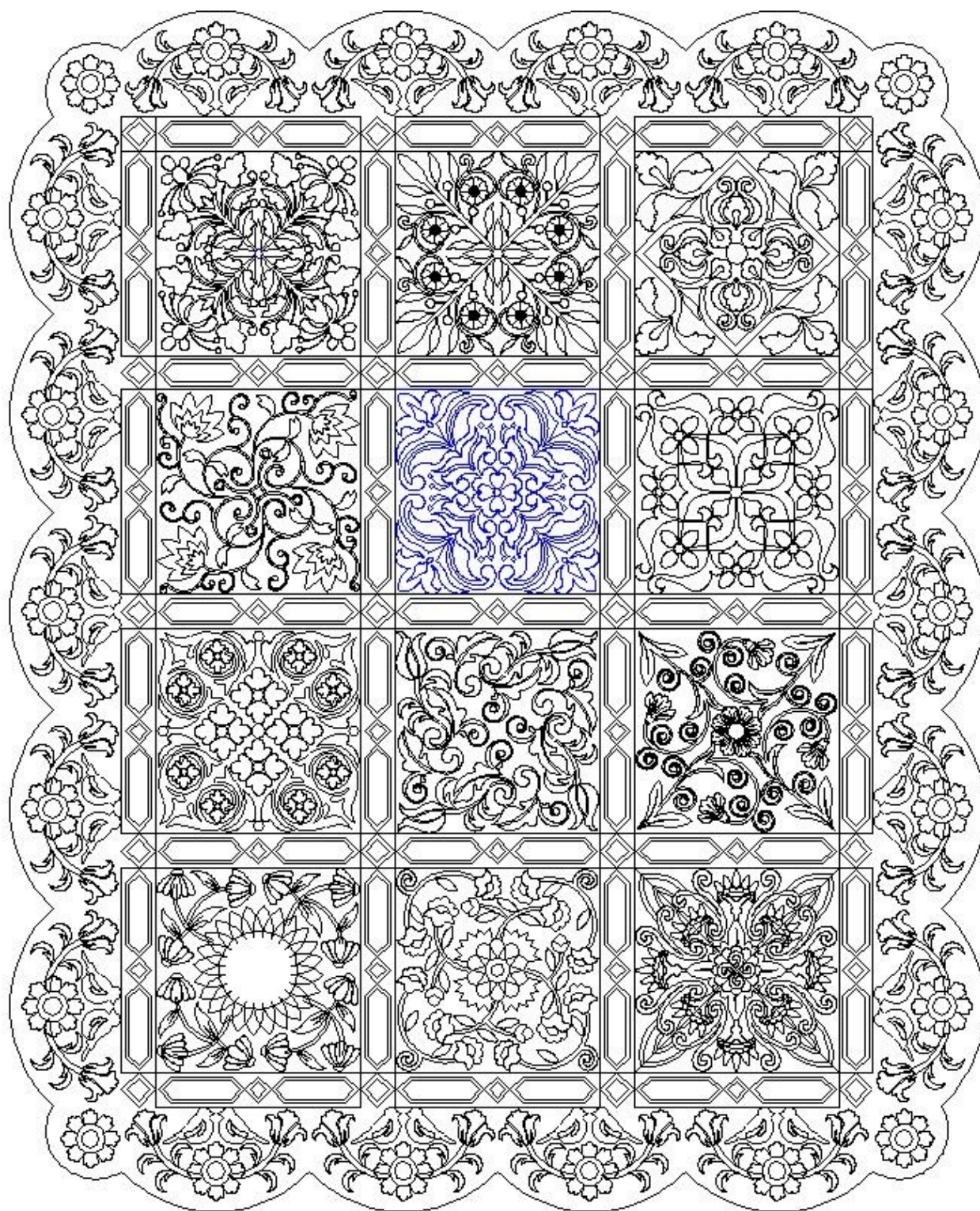
Enjoy the patterns....there's a lot of them this month!

Happy Quilting
Kim and Janet

**The Citrine June 2017 Archive contains 150 patterns,
including 86 panos, a retail value of \$1930.00.**

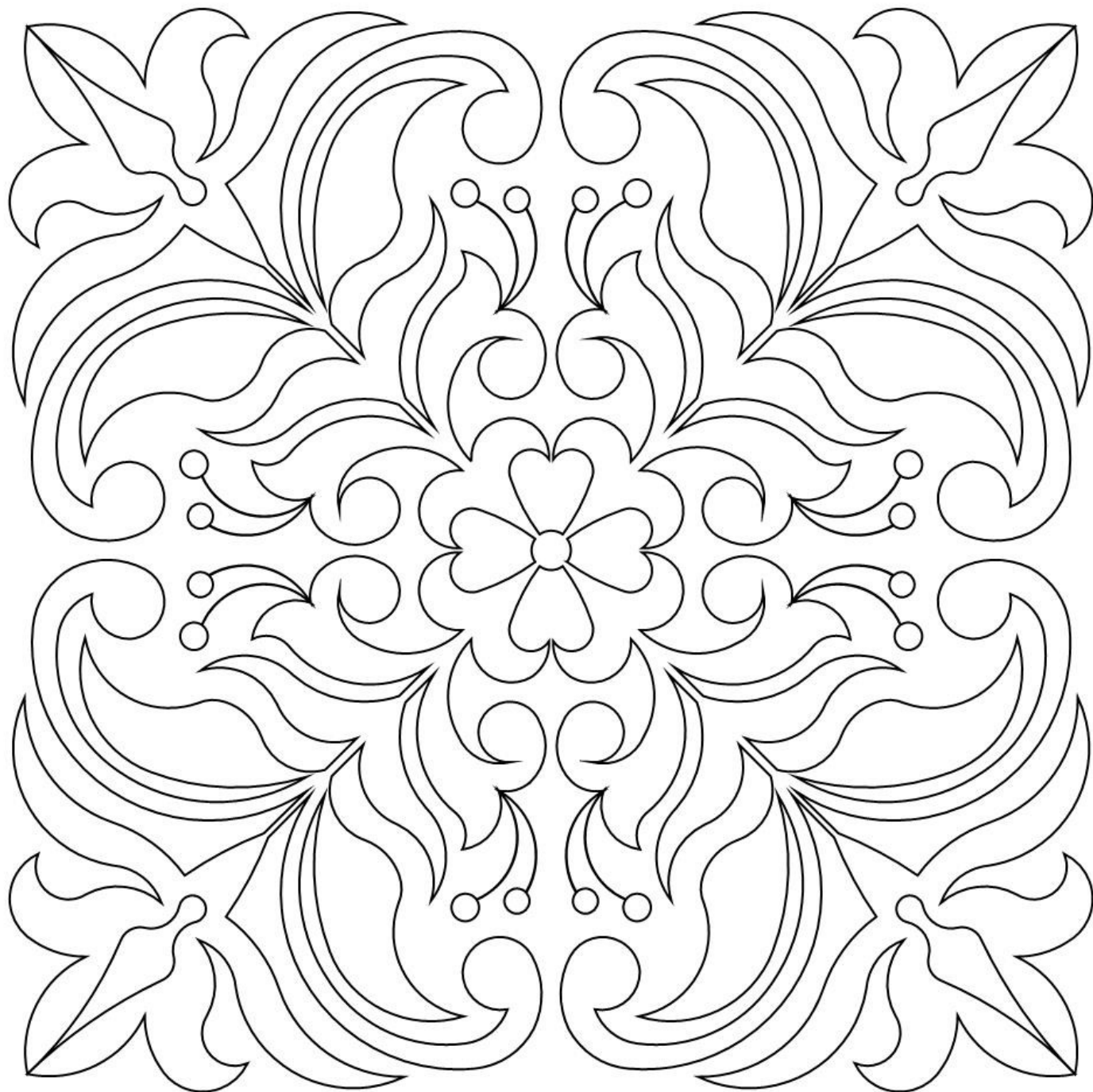
Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio's Block of the Month

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 #5



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

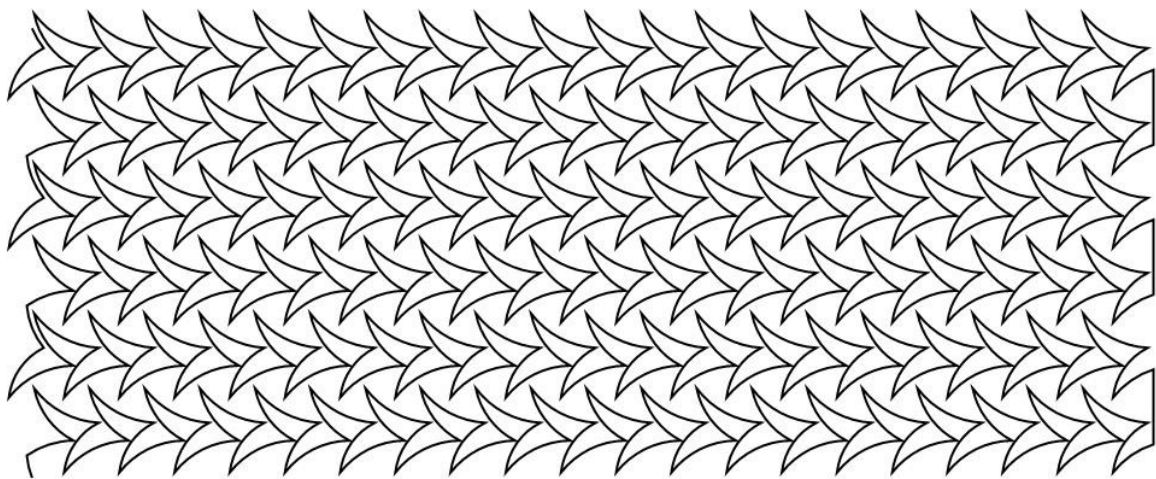
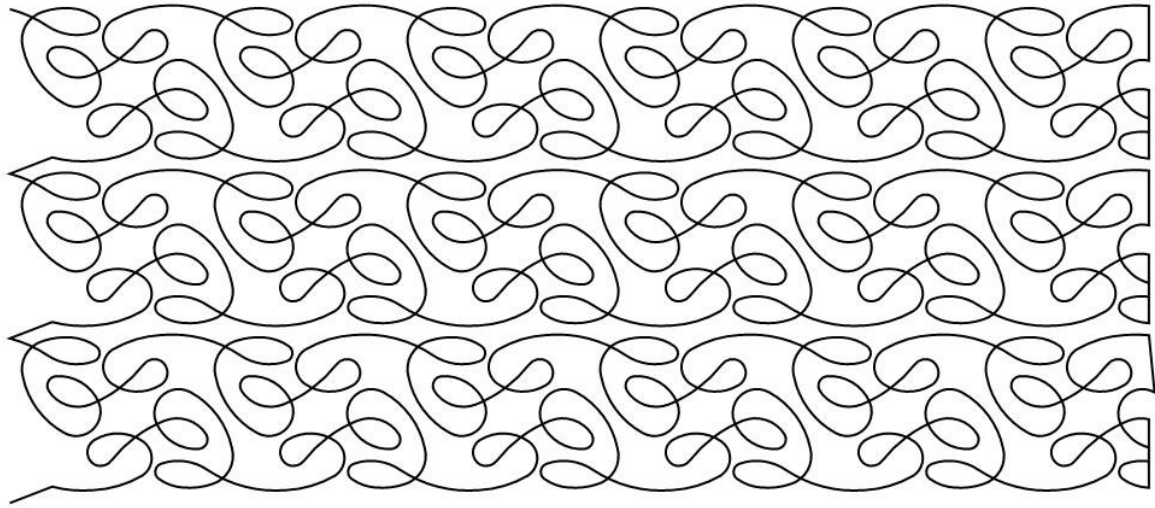
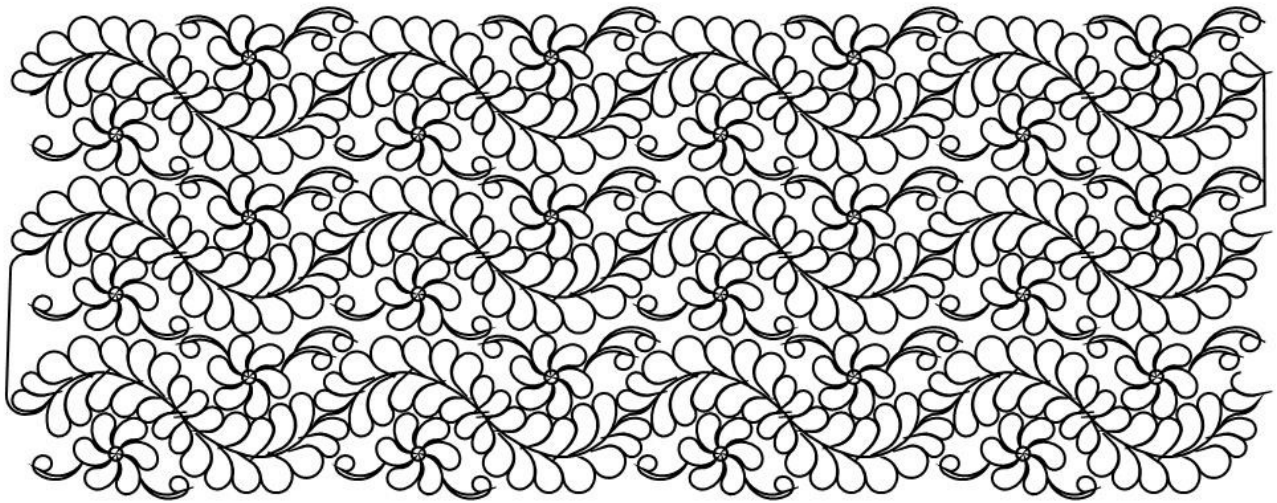
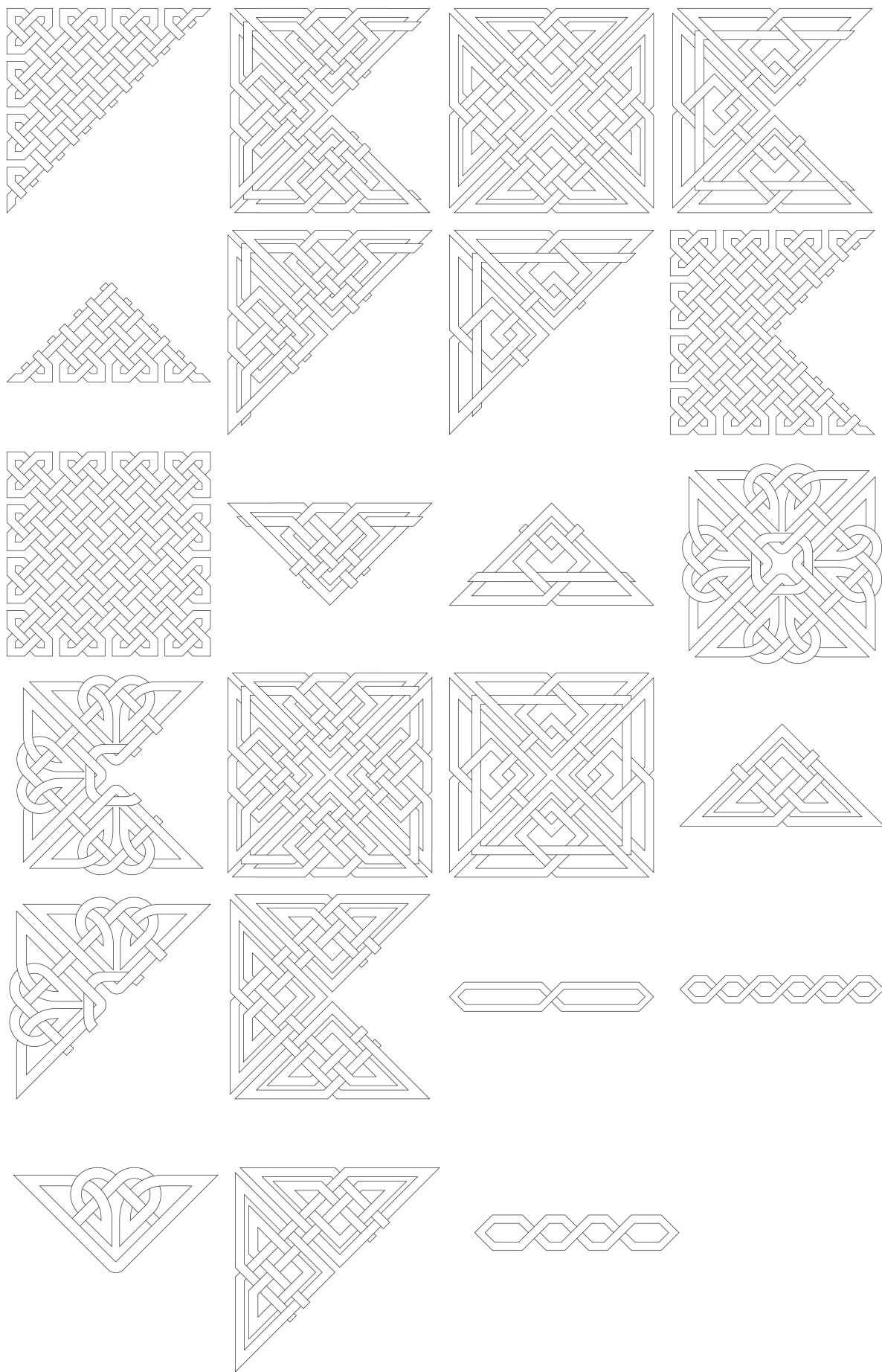




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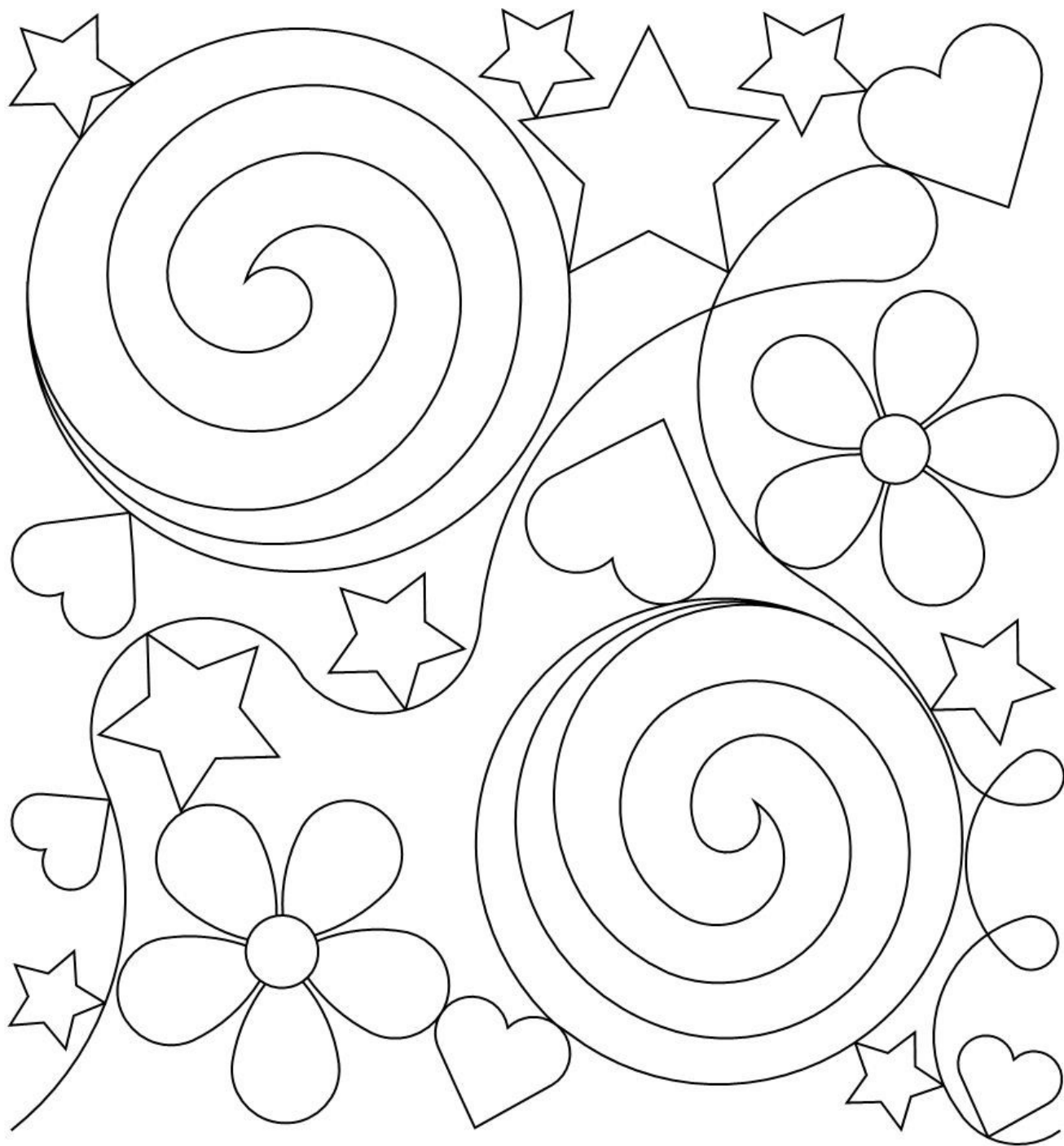


Gaelic Patterns



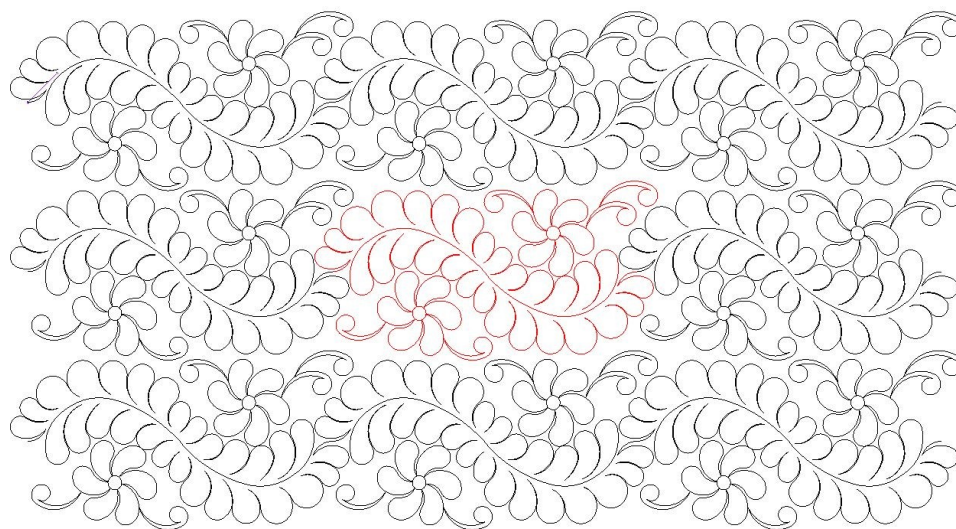
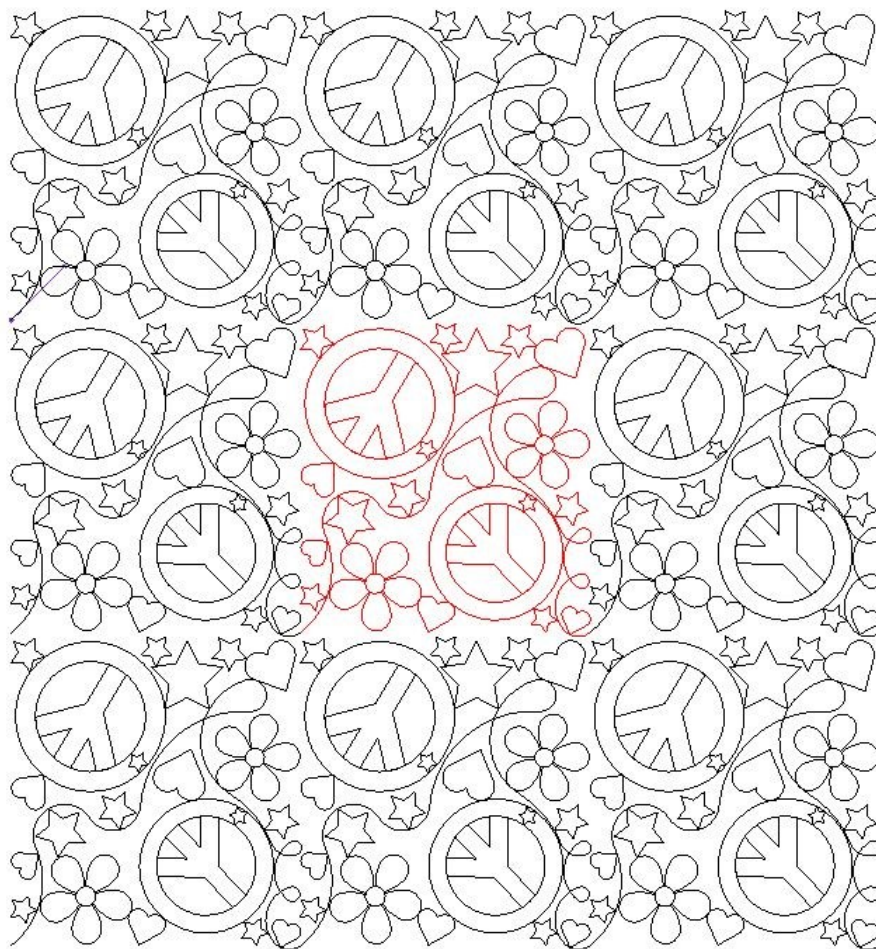
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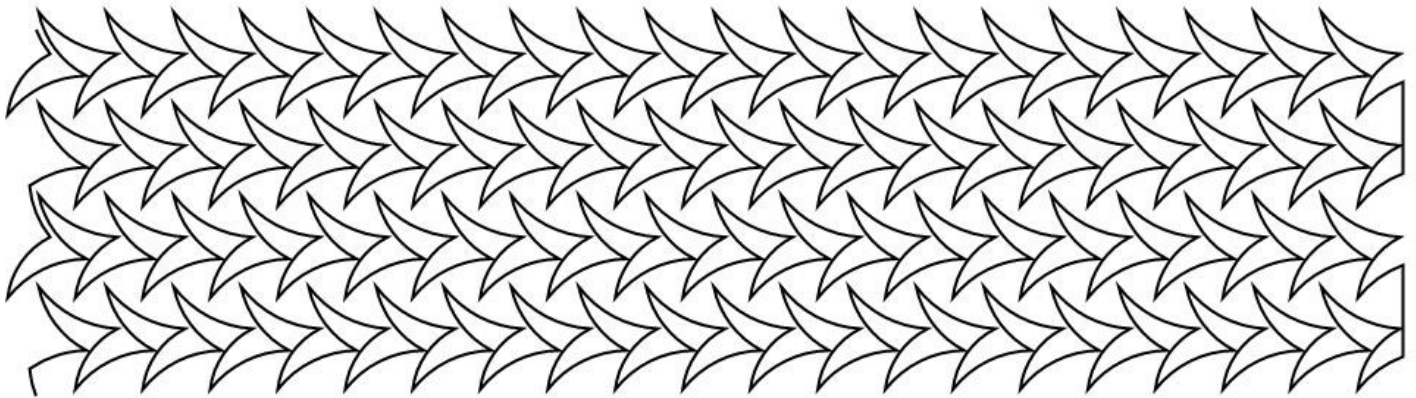
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Seems early for Christmas, but
we've already seen the quilts
coming in!

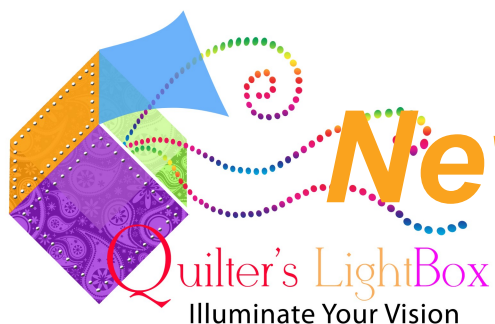


Extended Panos—Short Arm Versions



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”.



Meet Your New Best Friend!

**Summer is Here
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>

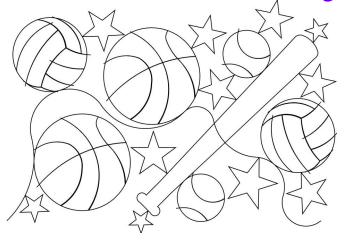
Quilter's Dream Batting: I have pretty much stopped purchasing rolls of batting. I find it easier to maintain an accurate inventory of batting, and it stores well. Unlike some packaged batting, I don't find that the QD batting is distorted, and so it doesn't require a trip through my dryer before I can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

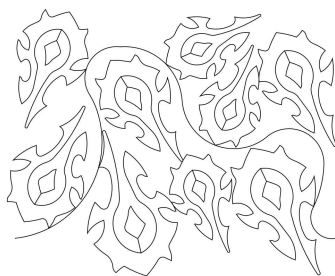
Wingspan Crafts: These are the people at MQX East who have the pre-shunk cotton batting (Katahdin) and the lovely 80/20 (Acadia). They were very nice to work with.
<http://www.wingspancrafts.com>

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.winetextiles.com>
Wholesale prices available!

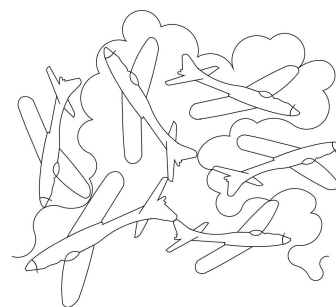
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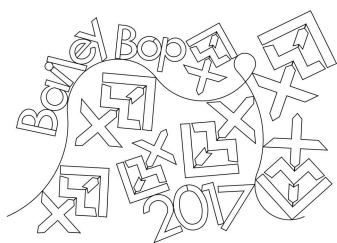
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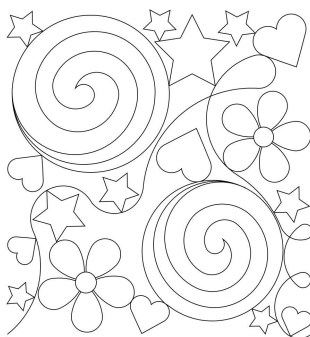
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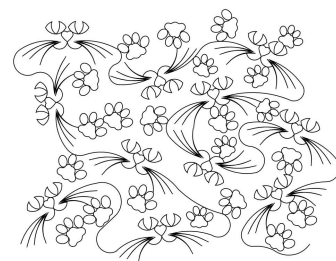
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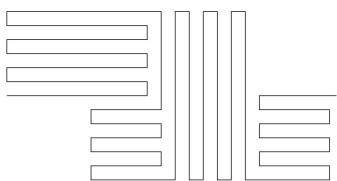
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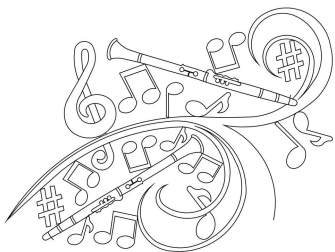
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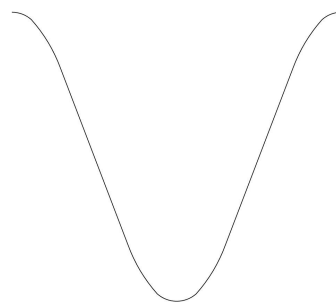
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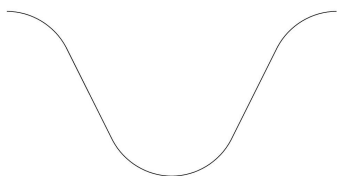
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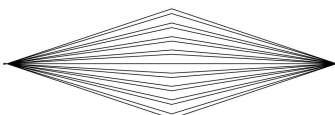
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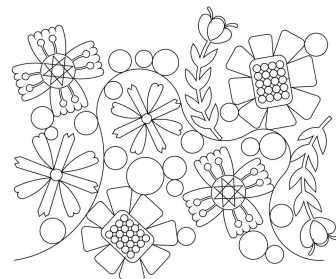
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Pattern: deep wave pano 002
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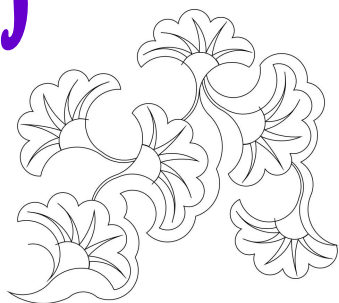


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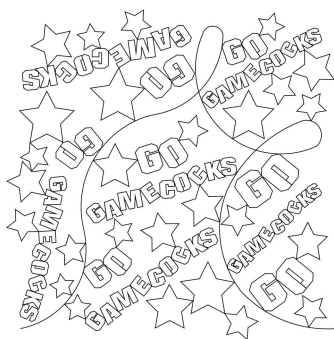
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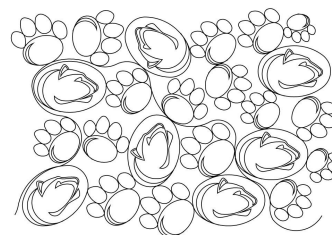
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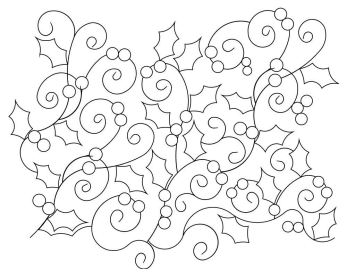
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Pattern: go lions pano 001

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Pattern: holly curls pano 001

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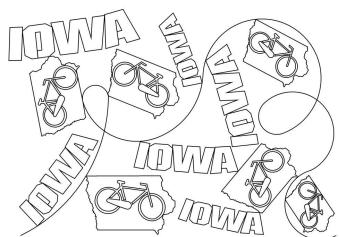
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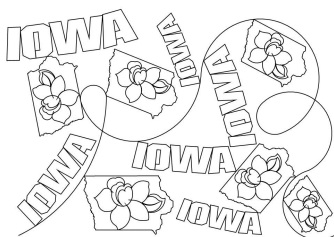
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Pattern: iowa pano 003

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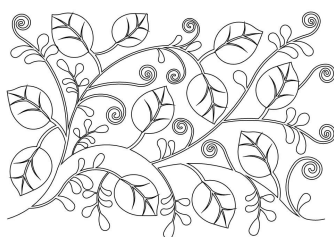
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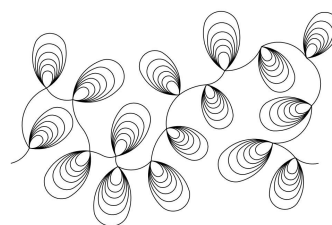
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Pattern: leaf pano 018

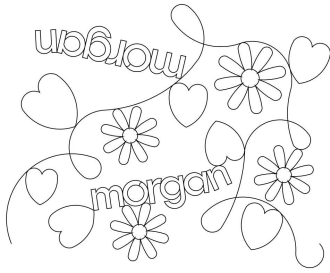
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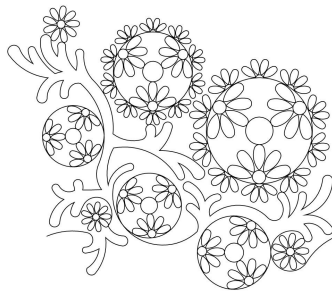
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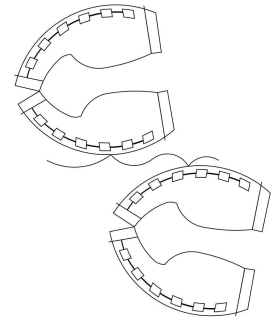
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Pattern: morgan pano 001
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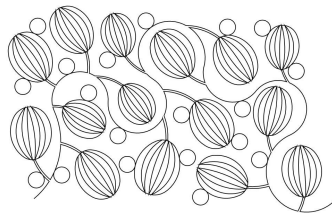
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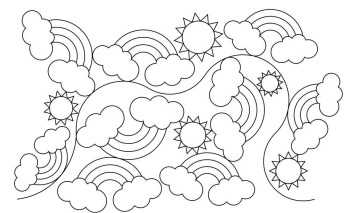
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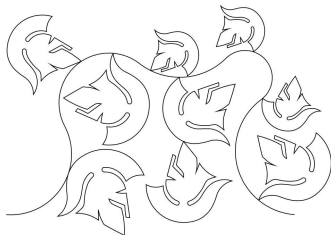
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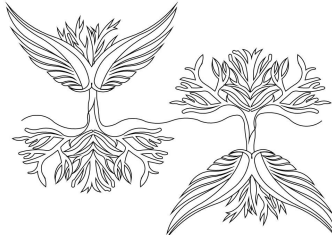
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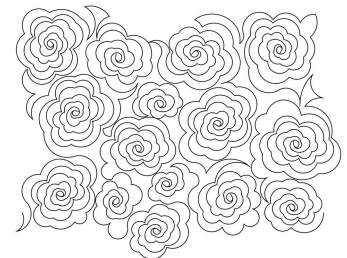
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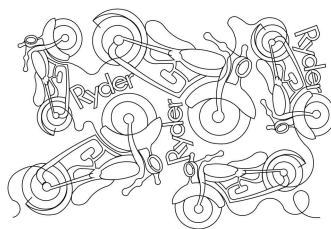
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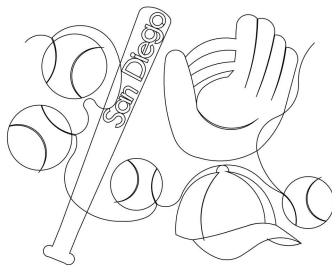
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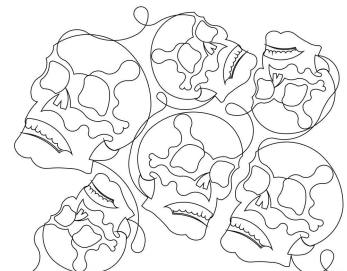
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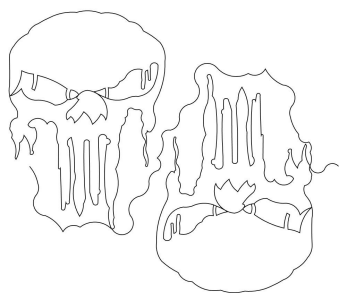
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Pattern: san diego pano 001
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Pattern: skull pano 001
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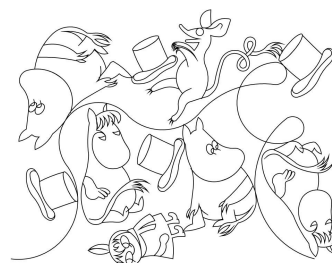
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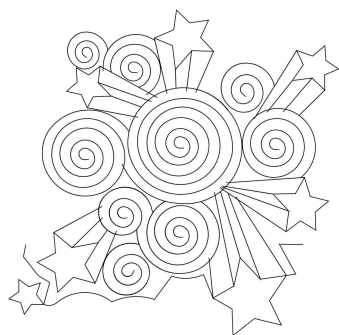
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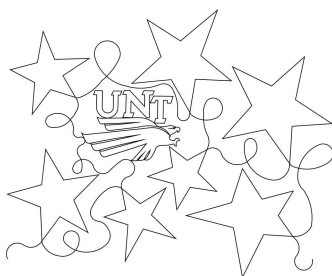
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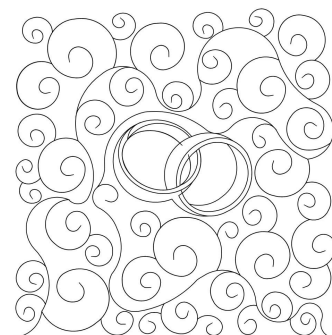
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Pattern: unt eagle pano 001

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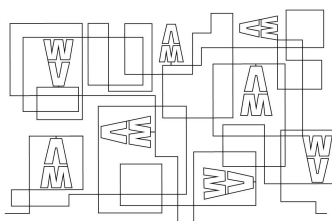
Pattern: wedding band pano 002 sq

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Pattern: winter-christmas pano 001

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Pattern: ww squares pano 001

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