

Hurricane Harvey devastated Texas after making landfall near Corpus Christi on Friday night. The slowmoving storm left behind flattened communities and historic flooding in Houston and other parts of Texas throughout the weekend.

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If you would like to help those affected by the storm, here's what you should keep in mind.

You can help right now

The <u>Red Cross</u> said they depend on financial donations to help provide immediate relief. They have already set up a way to donate to victims with a simple text. Text the word HARVEY to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. You can also visit <u>redcross.org</u> or call 1- 800-RED CROSS. Americares

The United Way has also announced a way to text a donation: Text UWFLOOD to 41444 to donate to the United Way Flood Relief Fund

Donations to support <u>The Salvation Army</u>'s Hurricane Harvey relief efforts can be made at <u>helpsalvationarmy.org</u> or by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY.

Give cash, not supplies

Most charities prefer monetary donations. These are more flexible and cause less of a strain on the charity, allowing them to help more, <u>USAID explained</u>. "Unlike material donations, cash involves no transportation costs, shipping delays, or customs fees. It also enables relief organizations to spend more time providing aid by spending less time managing goods," the organization explained on its website.

Volunteer at shelters

The American Red Cross in Texas has asked people to volunteer. The office announced on Friday that it would be training volunteers at their shelters through a "fast=track" course. The Salvation Army also announced it would be accepting volunteers to hand out supplies and food at shelters. Check for a local group in your area that is <u>sending volunteers</u>. Volunteer Houston <u>has launched</u> a VIRTUAL Volunteer Reception Center to aid non-profits and agencies in finding and deploying people to hard-site areas.

Go local

Grocery chain H-E-B plans to donate \$100,000 toward Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. On Monday, all H-E-B, Central Market and Joe V's Smart Shop stores across Texas launched a statewide tear pad campaign, giving customers an opportunity to support victims through donations of \$1, \$3, or \$5, which can be added to their total grocery bill.

The <u>Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund</u> set up by Houston's mayor, Sylvester Turner, and administered by the Greater Houston Community Foundation.

Houston Food Bank and the Food Bank of Corpus Christi are asking for donations.

Carter BloodCare covers hospitals in north, central and east Texas. To donate, call 877-571-1000 or text DONATE4LIFE to 444-999.

To help animals suffering from the disaster, visit the Houston Humane Society or the San Antonio Humane Society.

The <u>Texas Diaper Bank</u> in San Antonio is asking for diapers and wipes, which can be dropped off in person or mailed to 5415 Bandera Road, Suite 504, San Antonio, Tex., 78238.

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The Citrine August 2017 Archive contains 171 patterns,

including 38 panos, a retail value of \$1900.00.

Hurricane Harvey Relief, continued:

Check the charity

Before you donate to a charity, make sure you know where your aid is going. The Center for International Disaster Information recommends checking with a charity monitoring organization like <u>GiveWell</u>, <u>Charity Navigator</u>, <u>Charity Watch</u>, or the <u>Better Business Bureau</u> before donating.

Make sure your donation is secure by going through an organization's official website or sending a check in the mail. <u>Charity</u> <u>Navigator says</u> you should never donate over the phone, email or unknown social media pages, as these are easier for scammers to target.

Donate Blood

<u>AABB</u>, which coordinates a task force to manage blood collection efforts during disasters, put out a call on Sunday for blood donations in the aftermath of Harvey.

Those interested in donating blood may contact the following organizations:

AABB: 301-907-6977 America's Blood Centers American Red Cross: 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Armed Services Blood Program: 703-681-5979

Online-Only Organizations

GoFundMe has created a page with all of its <u>Harvey-related campaigns</u>.

Airbnb is <u>waiving service fees</u> for those affected by the disaster and checking in between Aug. 23 and Sept. 1, and can guide users in creating a listing where their home is offered to victims free.

YouCaring has a fund-raising page set up by J. J. Watt of the Houston Texans with a goal of \$1 million.

GlobalGiving's <u>Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund</u> supports local organizations by helping with "immediate needs for food, fuel, clean water, hygiene products and shelter."

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Longarm Tip of the Month:

You know that little voice in your head....the one that says, "Don't use this quilt backing. It will never lay straight. Call the customer and tell her you need her to modify her backing." You know that little voice, right?

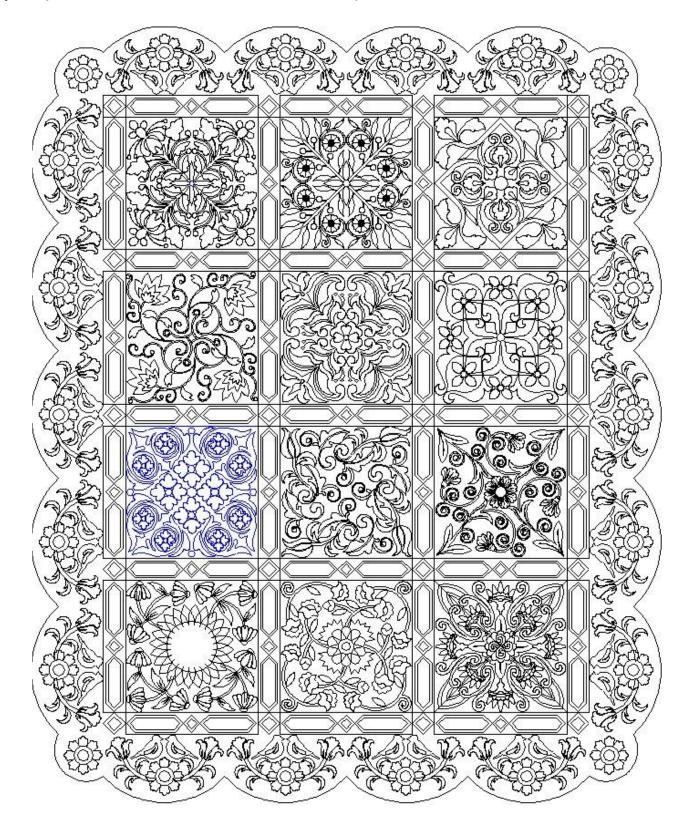
LISTEN TO IT!

I didn't listen. Now, I'm picking a quilt. Estimated time in picking? About 50 hours minimum. Normally, my husband would be helping me out with the picking, but he's got jury duty and is completely wiped out by the time he gets home from his day in court. My teenager is also pretty good about wading in with a seam ripper. She is writing and revising college entrance essays. I could hire it picked, but that would cost me somewhere between \$400 and \$500. The quilt was only going to be about \$60.00 plus batting.

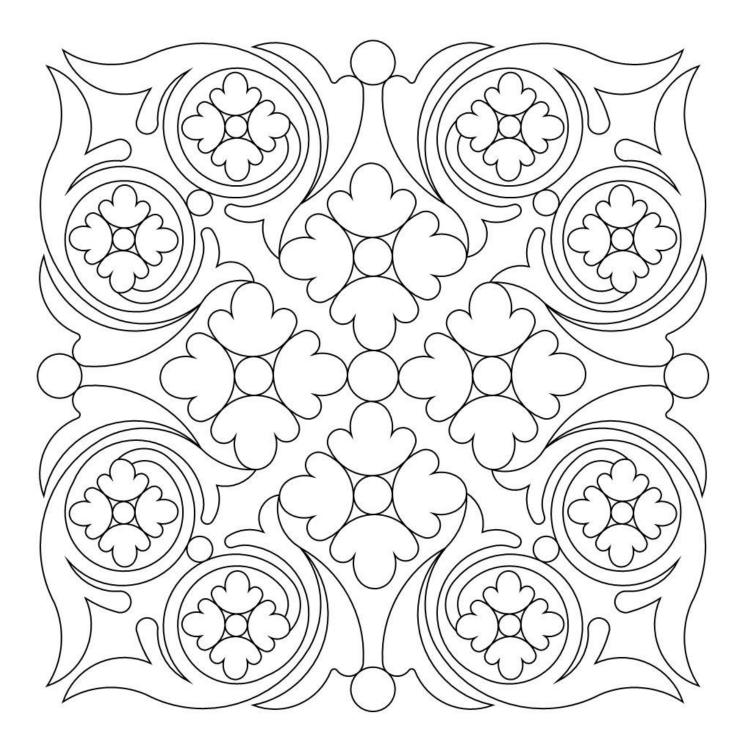
VERY EXPENSIVE MISTAKE! Learn from my mistake! Listen to the voice!

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 #7



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!

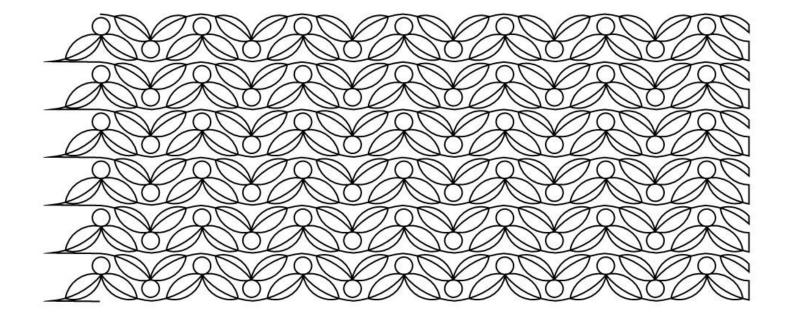
Shrinkage with the Multi Sized Panos

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 a 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.

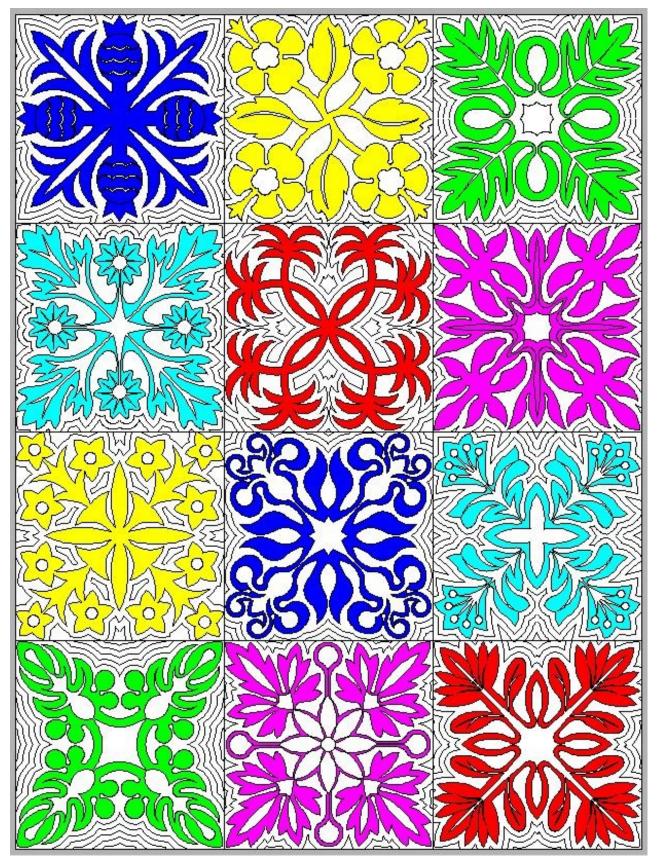
Extended Panos



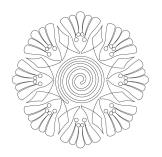
It is worth mentioning that not every longarm machine "likes" extended panos. I run two Statlers, and one of them has no difficulty at all running from right to left, while the other one doesn't behave well at all traveling from right to left. Hawaiian REA (Raw Edge Applique) Patterns Shown below at the smaller size with echo stitching surrounding the applique).



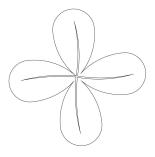
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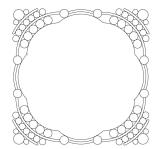


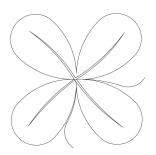
Fruit Tingles Quilt Patterns

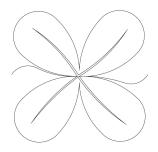


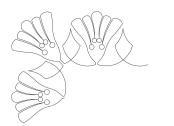


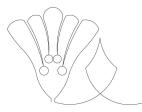




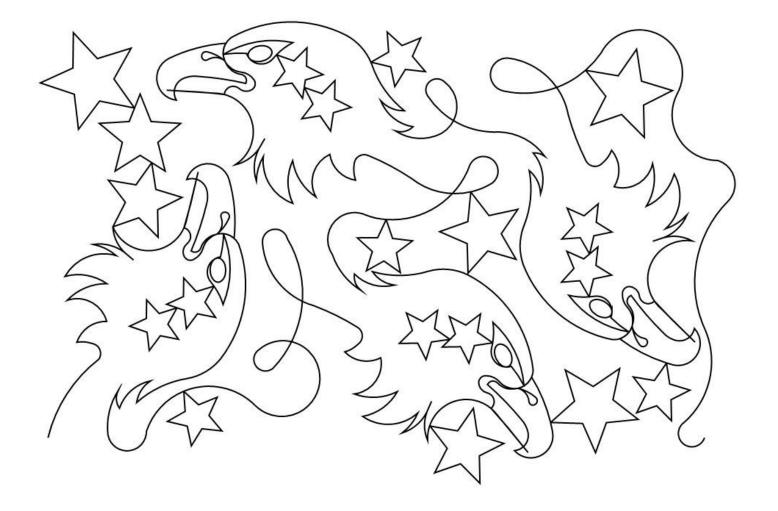




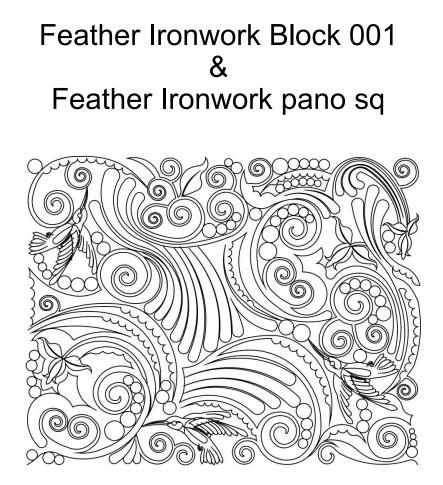


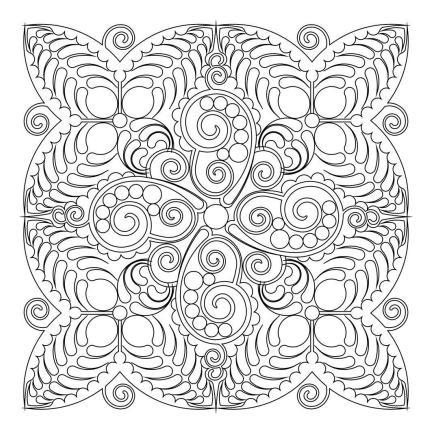


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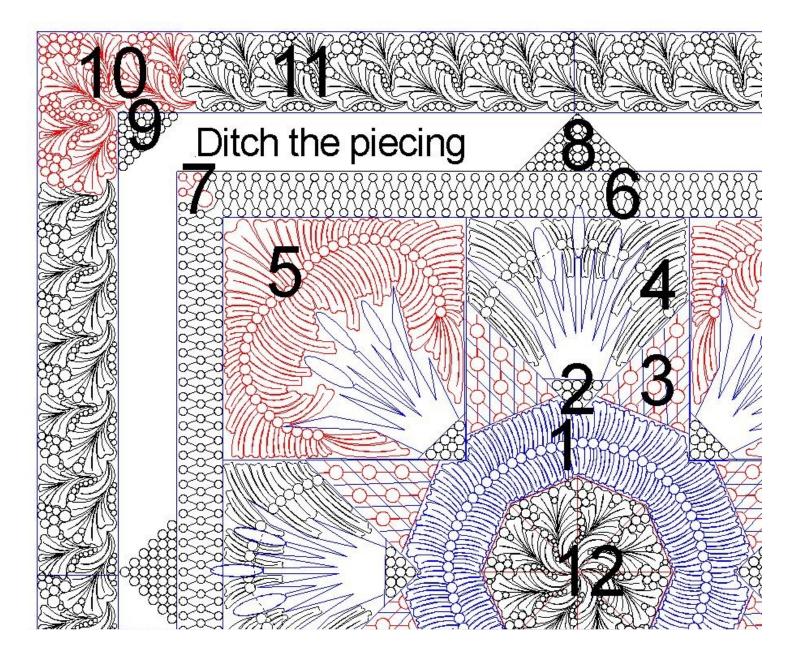


Perfect choice for any patriotic quilt.





Patterns for Judy Niemeyer's Cattails Quilt





- 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- isting Pattern for Modifica- tion	Name to be included in pattern	Attach good pho- tos of quilt and blocks	Style you're going for. Other patterns you're us- ing 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 Direction- 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.)



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! <u>http://www.superiorthreads.com</u>

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.) <u>http://www.checkerdist.com</u>

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

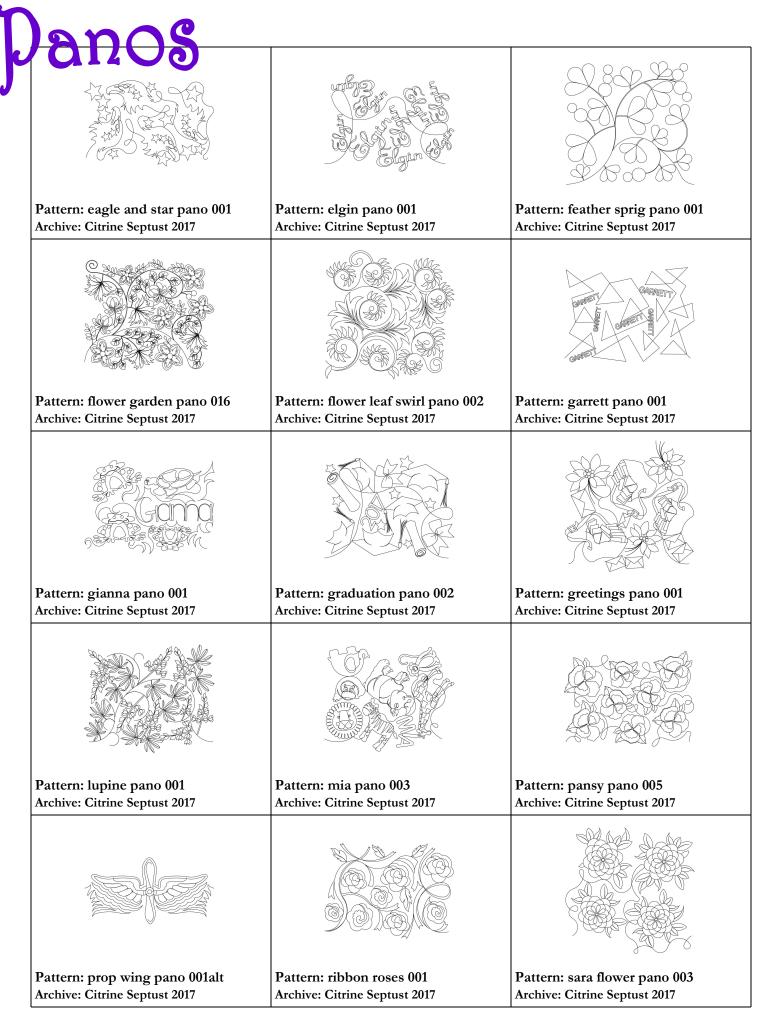
Virginia Longarm: I buy the dress bag and the 3-sided zipper totes to deliver my quilts to customer. They bring their next quilt to me in their bag. When I arrive at our guild meetings, laden with my purple bags, people say it looks like Christmas. Their quilts stay clean and it adds a little extra class 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. <u>http://www.wingspancrafts.com</u>

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: <u>http://www.winlinetextiles.com</u> Wholesale prices available!

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