

# **Club Notes:**



### **Greeting Quilters!**

Hope you all enjoyed the holidays with friends and family! I thought I would get some of my own guilts quilted the week of Christmas, but that didn't happen! I didn't even quilt the Wonky Christmas Tree guilt featured on the front page of last month's Club Notes Newsletter! My husband installed a whole house humidifier one day this past month, so I no longer have to keep filling the little cool mist vaporizers to keep the static electricity down in my guilt rooms. While he did that, I cleaned out the ottoman which lives in my living room (it contains toys for my grandson). I swapped out the toys he has outgrown for toys in his current age/interest range and put those outgrown toys in a box labeled "Toys for Emery". I bought another wooden cabinet to display guilts in, and it is now in pieces in my garage waiting for the refinishing process to begin. I read a couple of books. I looked at dozens of Block of the Month quilts starting in 2020, but was unable to settle on one. I made an Amazon Music playlist of 115 songs including artists like Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Louis Armstrong, Patsy Cline, etc. I called it "Fireplace Music". I cleaned all the hair and thread out of the beater bars of my Shark vacuum (and my robotic vacuum, named DJ Rumba). I seemed to stay very busy, but really didn't have any major things crossed off my list by the end of the week. For about six months, I have found that I don't go to sleep until about 3:30am, regardless of increased exercise and eliminating caffeine intake. I think I'm losing the ability to focus, resulting in such a hodge-podge of busyness (about one night a week, I actually go to sleep at 10pm and sleep until 6am). My nursing student daughter has been telling me that her Dad and I need to switch to a Mediterranean-style of nutrition. I'm not sure I'm ready for a diet of fish and chick peas! Made tilapia and steamed broccoli for dinner last night....that duaghter didn't eat the fish! Hmmm....so she wants her parents to eat it, but she won't eat it?! Bought a Mediterranean cookbook, but it requires a complete pantry overhaul....sigh.

Looking forward to 2020. Have a new grandbaby coming in early March and we're all excited about that! I have five quilt retreats scheduled in 2020, so hopefully I'll get some of my UFO's knocked out. Might need to invest in a lighter weight sewing chair to take to all those retreats. My good sewing chair is very heavy and I think my hubby is tired of hauling it upstairs and back downstairs. Somebody needs to make one that folds up, is light weight, supportive for hours of sewing, and of course, that also comes in a variety of colors! Quilters are all about choices and color!

Speaking of choices and color, don't know how many of you are making the Thoroughly Modern Christmas Block of the Month quilt, but we'd love to see some photos of your progress!

Here's wishing all of you a great start to a new year, good health, square quilts and straight backings!

Enjoy the patterns! Kim and Janet

The Coral January 2020 Archive contains 127 patterns, including 65 panos, a retail value of \$1595.00.

# Introducing Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio's First Block of the Month Quilt

As long as you remain members of the Crown Jewels Club, you will automatically receive the piecing instructions to make the quilt as well as the stitching patterns to quilt the quilt. It runs July 2019 through June 2020.

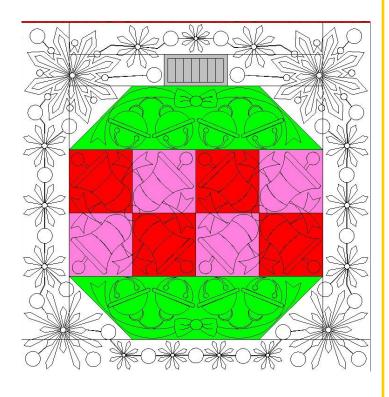
The General Instructions and Tips Sheet will provide the fabric requirements for this quilt. Although I went fabric shopping at Satin Stitches in Columbia, MO for the fabrics in this quilt, I probably could have made it out of my sash, but why pass up an opportunity to go fabric shopping?! I very much enjoyed making this quilt, and am exited to see what quilting patterns Kim designs for each month!

Month #7 is included in this month's patterns.

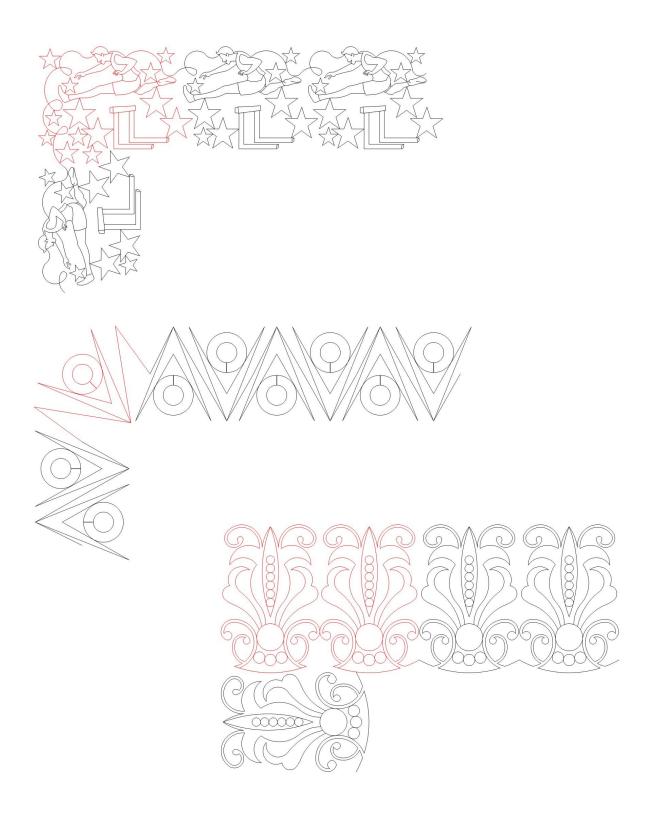
This BOM began in July 2019. The piecing instructions and stitching patterns for previous months are available online for \$25.00 per month.

We'd love to see photos of your blocks as you get them done! Send them to me (janet@sweetdreamsquiltstudio.com) and put TMC PHOTOS in the subject line.

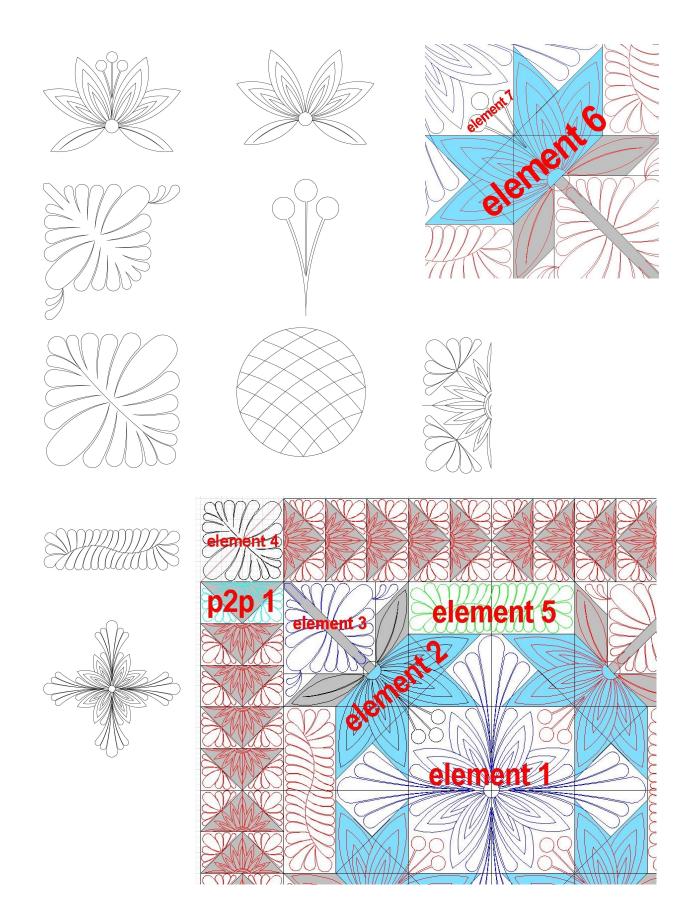




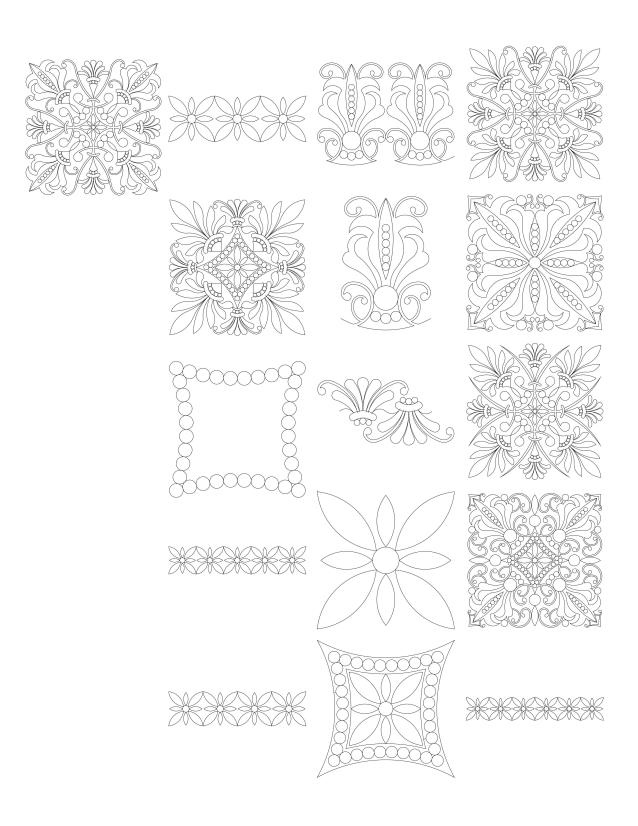
# **New Border and Corner Patterns**



# Coastal Lily Quilt Patterns

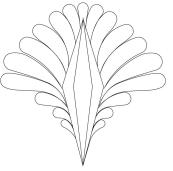


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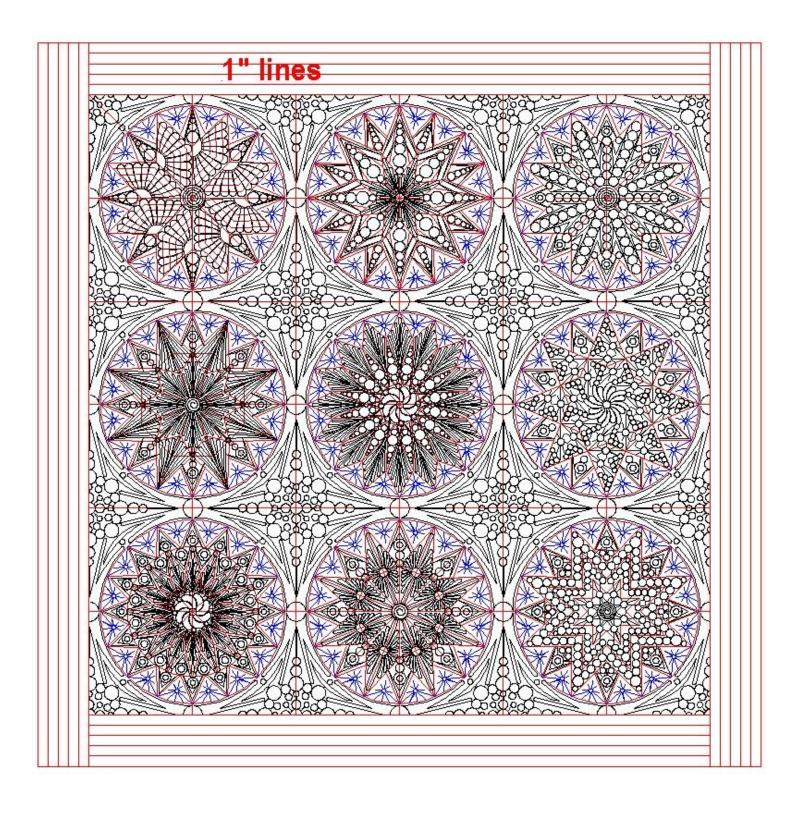


# Sea Glass Quilt (Sew Kind of Wonderful)

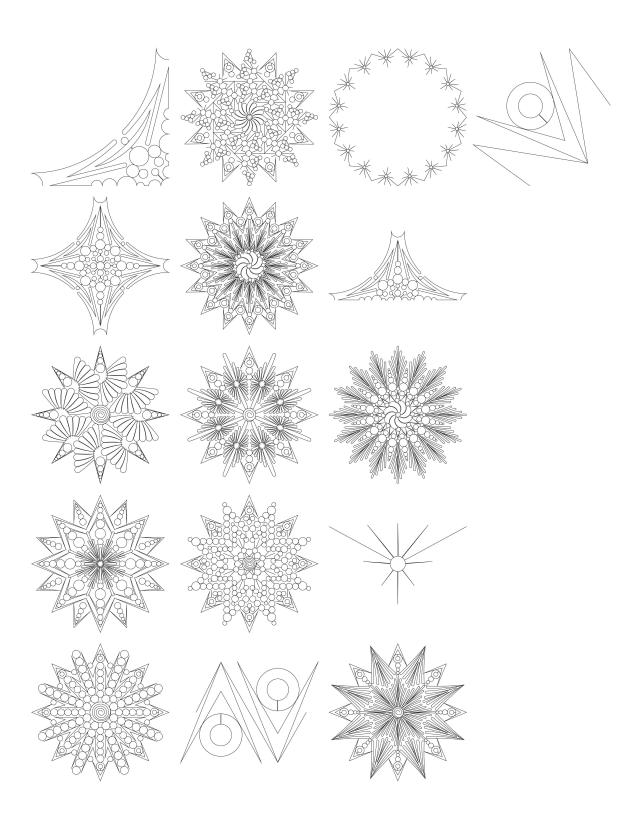




# **Sizzle Quilt Patterns**

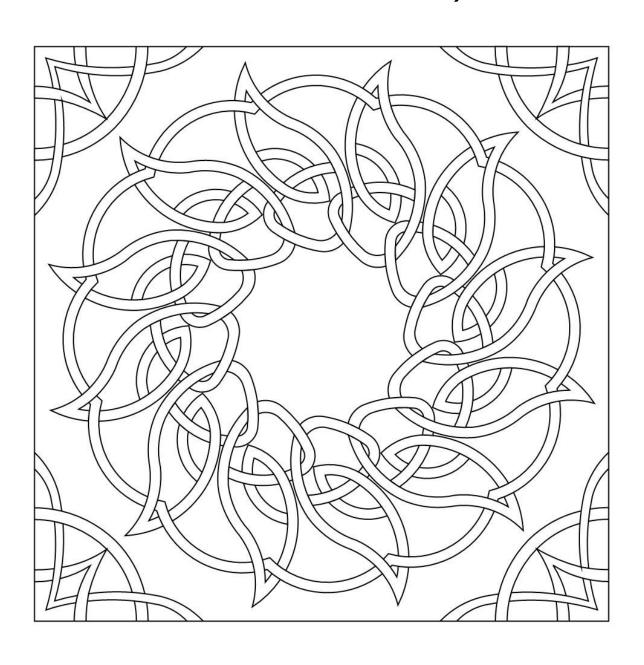


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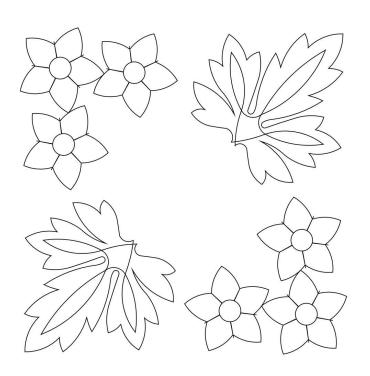


# **Celtic Wreath Quilted**

(Originally released in November 2019, this pattern has been improved greatly. If you already have this pattern, delete the original and replace it with this version.)



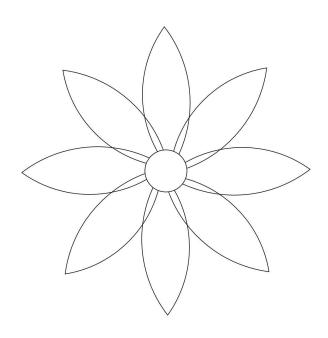
## **Bow Tie Patterns**



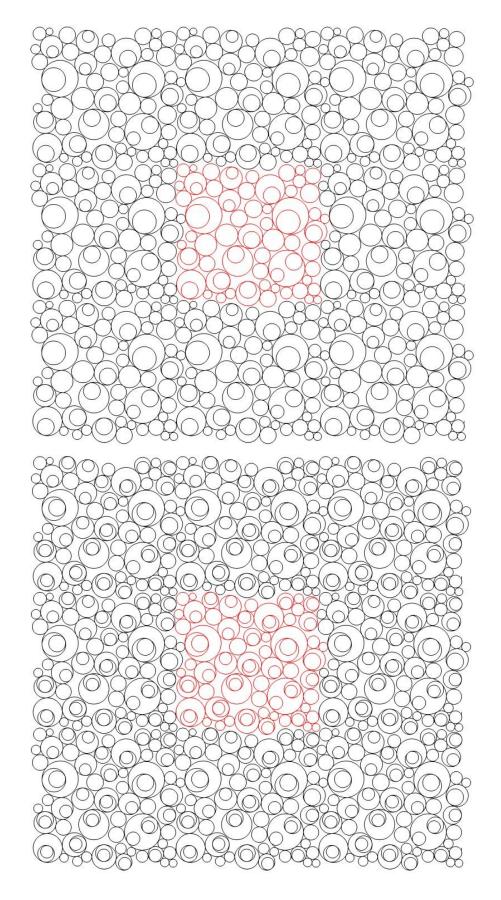
These patterns were designed to quilt a 3D bow tie block, where the center of the bow tie is 3 dimentional.

The separate flower pattern is for the center and is optional.

The other pattern uses jump stitches to connect the four parts surrounding the 3D center.



## **Updated Bubbles Everywhere Patterns**



One of my favorite geometric e2e patterns has always been Bubbles Everywhere 002. When I wanted to enlarge it that pattern, I found the largest bubbles to leave sections underquilted. Kim gave me two new options, both of which are great for childrens' quilts as well as T Shirt quilts.

Everywere 009 and 010 shown here.

# The Name Panos...sigh!

I do my level best to talk my quilting customers OUT of stitching name panos on their quilts. Why? Because I think they almost always detract from the quilt itself AND you can't read the names from the backside of the quilt. My personal quilting philosophy is to "do no harm" which means not quilting elaborate designs on a quilt just because I have a computer guided longarm which allows me to do so. Just because you CAN does not mean you SHOULD.

Regardless, name panos are popular, especially around Christmas and Graduation seasons. Consequently, this archive contains more name panos than I would like. Most of them you will never have a use for, so just cull them out and forget about them. That's what I do...they don't make it onto my Statlers. If you need one, you can always ask me to send it to you again.

From time to time we poll our Crown Jewels Club members and ask them if they'd like us to delete all those name panos from the archive so you don't have to cull them out. Very few people (much to my surprise) voted for that option. As Crown Jewels Club members, you pay the \$50.00 monthly fee and get EVERYTHING Kim draws....including the name panos, and apparently, you want them all.

# Statler Owners Upgrading to Creative Studio 7.1 (please read)

After you have downloaded an installed your Creative Studio 7.1 software, please do the following as a workaround to a CS software bug:

Click on SERVICE Click on TECHNICAL SUPPORT Click on CONTROLLER DEFINITIONS

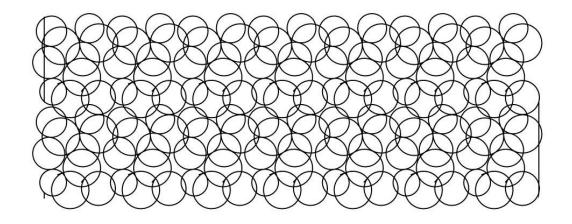
On the far right is a SAM text box. Replace whatever is in that box (might be blank, might be zeros, might be your controller number, might be your Statler Red Key number) with the number to which your patterns are encrypted. Save that change and reboot your Creative Studio software. Do this on your Statler computer and any computer on which you run CS 7.1.

Hopefully this bug will be eliminated in future software versions.

Also, there is a instructional pdf document available on the Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio web site to assist you with importing encrypted patterns into CS 7.1. You'll save yourself some headaches if you read it before you import your patterns.

https://www.sweetdreamsquiltstudio.com/files/docs/Importing encrypted pattern using CS7.pdf

## **Extended Width Panos**

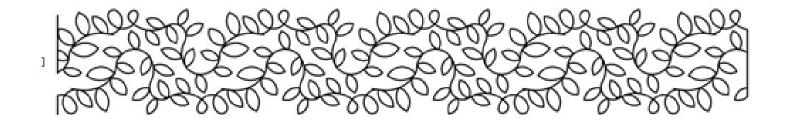


## **BBP Circles 004**



Leaf Swich 001 sa (short arm)

## **Extended Width Panos**



# Tri vine 001 sa (Short Arm)

## **Benefits to using Extended Width E2E Patterns:**

For simple patterns with small height, an extended width version will quilt several rows without you having to reset to the beginning of each row, freeing you up to tend to other things.

For alternating patterns, that function is already taken care of, including having the deep interlock eliminated from the sides. This also pertains to patterns with a deep horizontal interlock, even if they are not alternating patterns.

Sometimes I use an extended with e2e designed for use on a short arm machine, and just enlarge it if my customer wants less dense quilting.



### Created by Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio, Quilter's LightBox<sub>®</sub> software was designed to easily:

- Import photos of your guilt and/or guilt 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:

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 (you'll need your sales tax certificate to set up a wholesale account). They also sell retail (at a higher price). They have an amazing selection of thread. They have fabulous customer service and an easy online account set up process. They also ship internationally! <a href="http://www.superiorthreads.com">http://www.superiorthreads.com</a>

**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.) <a href="http://www.checkerdist.com">http://www.checkerdist.com</a>

**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.

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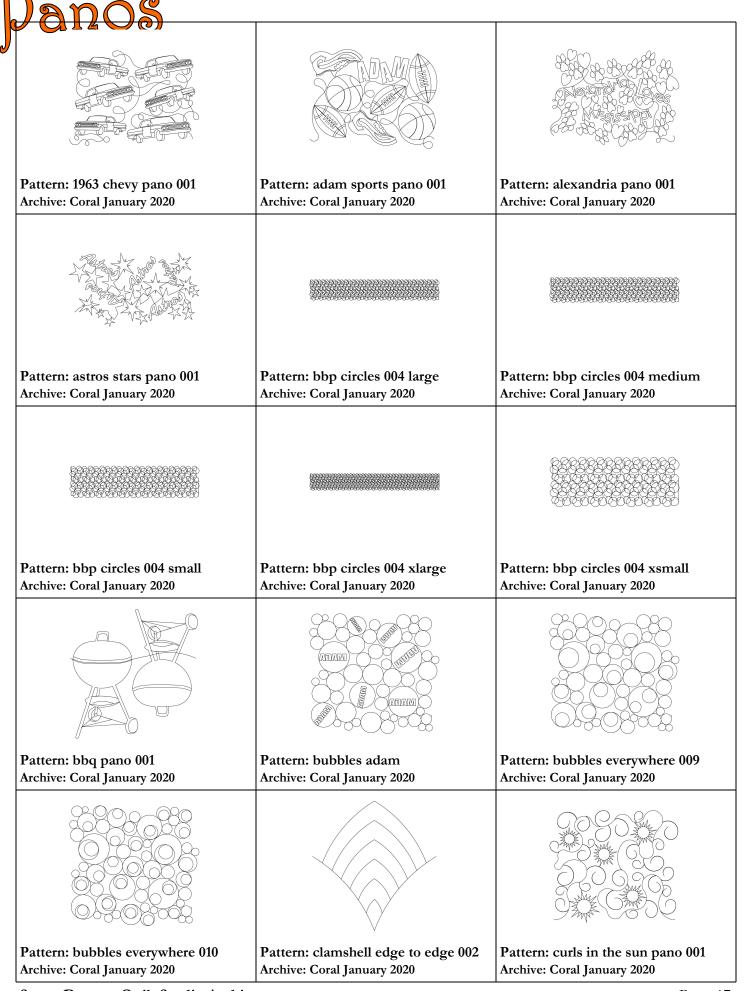
Quilter's Dream Batting: I have pretty much stopped purchasing rolls of batting. I find it easier to maintain an accurate inventory of batting, and it stores well. Unlike some packaged batting, I don't find that the QD batting is distorted, and so it doesn't require a trip through my dryer before I can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

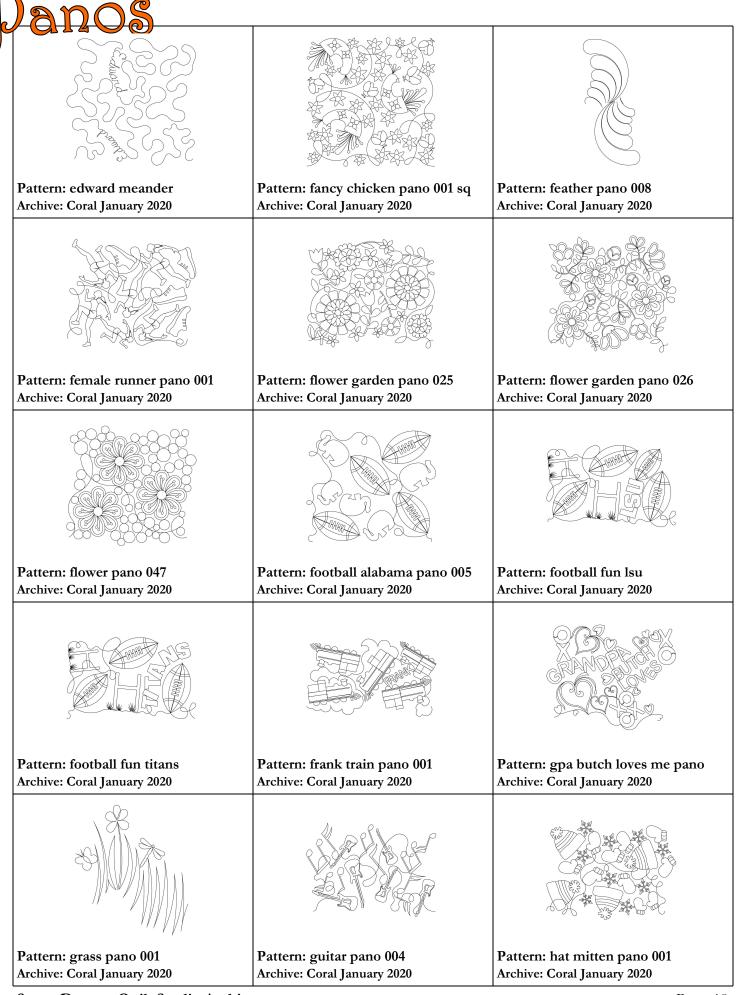
**Virginia Longarm:** I buy the dress bag and the 3-sided zipper totes to deliver my quilts to customer. They bring their next quilt to me in their bag. When I arrive at our guild meetings, laden with my purple bags, people say it looks like Christmas. Their quilts stay clean and it adds a little extra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

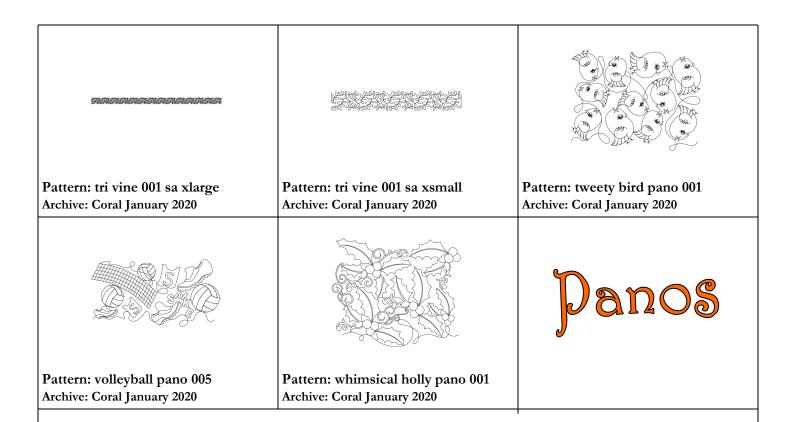
**Winline Textiles:** These people were at MQS in Wichita. Their batting also feels very nice, has great consistency. They sent me home with two sample batts (a crib size and a twin size). I have used both sample batts and was very, very pleased. Visit them at: <a href="http://www.winlinetextiles.com">http://www.winlinetextiles.com</a> Wholesale prices available!





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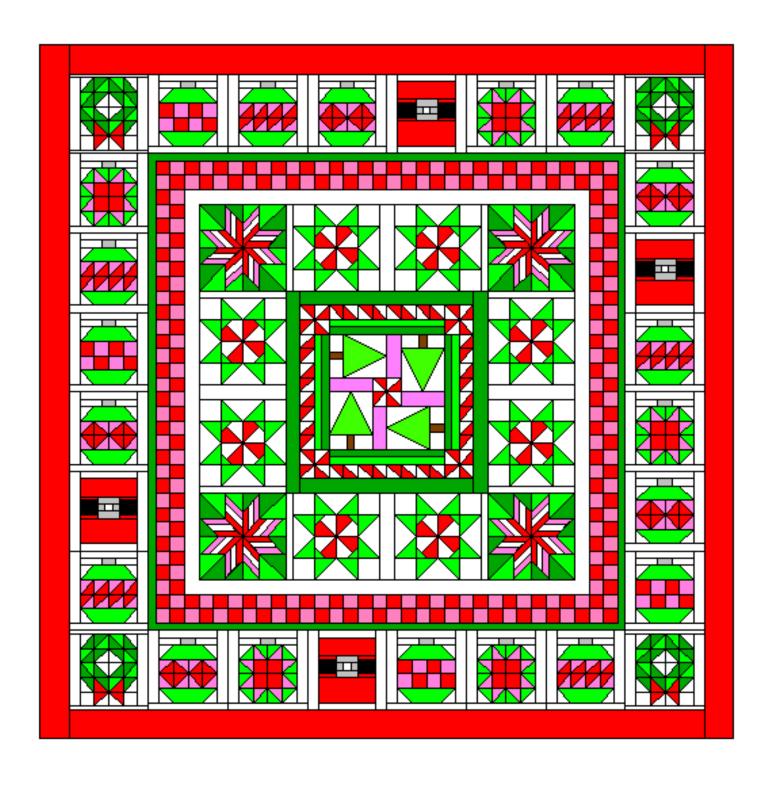
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# It's Physical Inventory Time!

Count your batting and thread before you begin on your 2020 customer quilts!

### **Thoroughly Modern Christmas Quilt**



## **Thoroughly Modern Christmas**

## General Instructions and miscellaneous tips

Finished quilt measures 96" x 96"

### Fabric Requirements:

6 Yards Solid White Background Fabric Fat Quarter of Black .75 Yard Binding
4 Yards Red Scrap of Brown 9 Yards Backing
1 Yard Dark Green Fat Quarter of Silver
3 Yards Lime Green 3 Yard Hot Pink

#### Tools for piecing:

Ruler, rotary cutter, Triangle Square Up Ruler, Add a Quarter Ruler. You don't have to use these specific rulers...one just makes squaring up half-square triangles easier and the other one helps you trim your paper piecing sections to 1/4".

### White Thread suggested



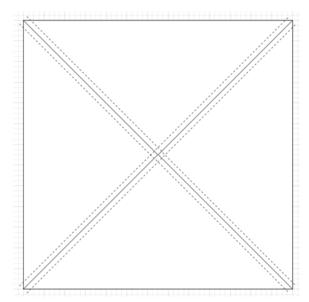
Seams should all be 1/4".

### Making Half-Square Triangles (8 at a time):

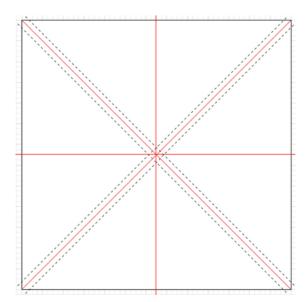
Mark the wrong side of the light fabric square twice diagonally.

Place light and dark fabrics right sides together.

Stitch ¼" on either side of both lines.



Cut stitched blocks in half horizontally and vertically AND on the diagonal lines.



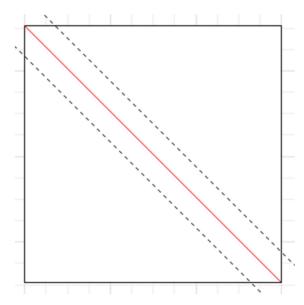
Square pieces according to block instructions. Open and press to the dark. Trim off the dog ears to reduce bulk in seams during block construction. If you don't have a Triangle Square Up Ruler, open and press to the dark and then square to block instructions.

### Making Half-Square Triangles (2 at a time)

Mark the wrong side of the light fabric square once on the diagonal.

Place light and dark fabrics right sides together.

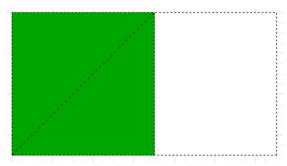
Stitch ¼" on either side of marked line.



Cut on the line between the stitching.

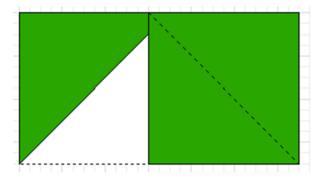
Square pieces according to block instructions. Open and press to the dark. Trim off the dog ears to reduce bulk in seams during block construction. If you don't have a Triangle Square Up Ruler, open and press to the dark and then square to block instructions.

### **Making Flying Geese**



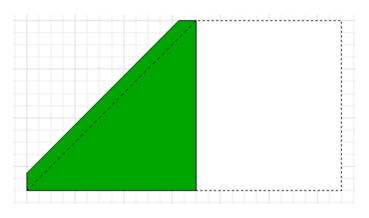
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Draw a diagonal line on all of the "sky" squares.



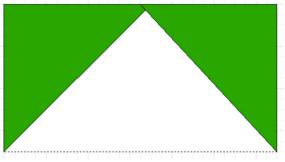
Step 3

Place "sky" square in upper right corner of "goose" rectangle. Stitch on line. Trim away 1/4" toward the right corner. Press to corner.



Step 2

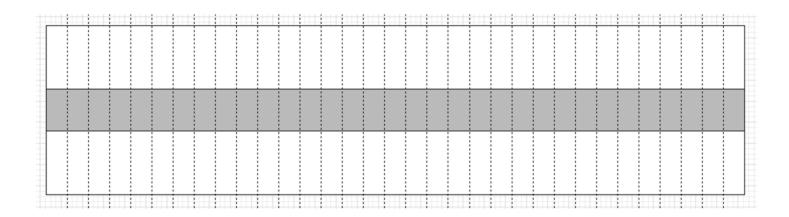
Place "sky" square in upper left corner of "goose" rectangle. Stitch on line. Trim away "x" toward the left corner. Press to corner.



Step 4

Finished Flying Geese Unit

There are 20 ornament blocks. Each ornament block has a silver hanger piece. Rather than making that hanger piece for each block separately, you may wish to make a strip set and cut them all at the same time. To do this, you will need to cut two strips of background fabric 3.5" by Width of Fabric and one strip of silver fabric 2.5" by Width of Fabric. Sew these together as show below, White/silver/White. Press seams to the silver. Cut the slices at 1.5".



**Background Cutting for Ornament Blocks:** 

For each Ornament Block, you will also need the following from the background fabric:

Cut 2: 2" x 10.5" rectangles Cut 1: 1.5" x 11.5" rectangle Cut 1: 1.5 x 8.5" rectangle

To cut these ahead of time:

- •Cut 10 strips 2" x W.O.F. (width of fabric): Sub-cut into (40) 2" x 10.5" rectangles
- •Cut 1 strips 11.5" x W.O.F. (width of fabric): Sub-cut into ( 20 ) 1.5" x 11.5" rectangles
- •Cut 1 strips 8.5" x W.O.F. (width of fabric): Sub-cut into (20) 1.5" x 8.5" rectangles

We suggest that you label these piles of sub-cuts and set them aside for use when the ornament blocks are presented.

### **Properly Applying Borders:**

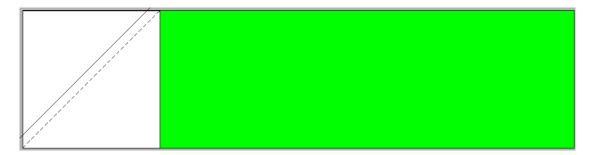
**Step 1:** Measure the quilt top to bottom on the left edge, middle, and right edge. Add together those three measurements and divide that total by 3. Make two border pieces equal to that measurement.

**Step 2:** Find and mark with a pin the center of that quilt edge AND the center of each border piece. With right sides together, match the two center pins, and pin on the border to the quilt. Stitch. Press toward the border. Repeat pinning and stitching for opposite border.

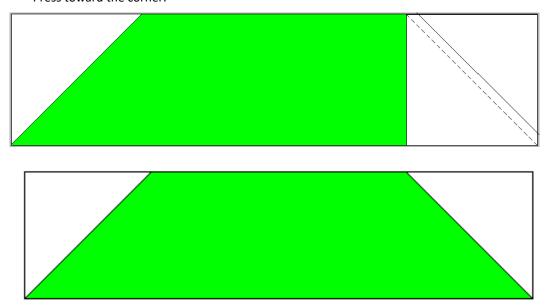
**Step 3:** Repeat Steps 1 and 2 for the other borders.

### **Ornament Top and Bottom Units**

- •Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 2.5" x 2.5" squares of white background.
- •Place one 2.5" x 2.5" square over the left end of one 2.5" x 8.5" lime rectangle.
- •Stick on the diagonal line.
- •Trim away 1/4" from seam toward the corner.
- Press toward the corner.



- •Place one 2.5" x 2.5" square over the right end of one 2.5" x 8.5" lime rectangle.
- •Stitch on the diagonal line.
- •Trim away 1/4" from seam toward the corner.
- •Press toward the corner.



- •Make 10 for the Double Square Ornament Block
- •Make 12 for the Striped Ornament Block
- •Make 8 for the Checkerboard Ornament Block

#### **Checkerboard Ornament Block** - Make 4

Cut 8: 2" x 10.5" strips of background\*

Cut 4: 1.5" x 8.5" strips of background\*

Cut 8: 1.5" x 3.5" strips of background\*\*

Cut 4: 1.5" x 11.5" strips of background\*

Cut 16: 2.5" x 2.5" squares of background

Cut 1: 2.5" x W.O.F. of pink

Cut 1: 2.5" x W.O.F. of red

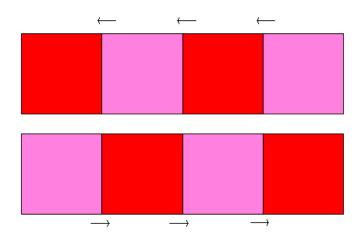
Cut 5: 2.5" x 8.5" rectangles of lime green

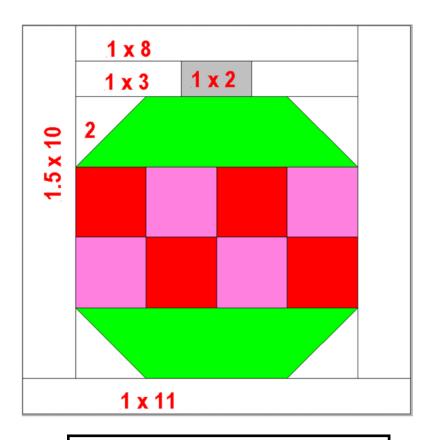
Cut 4: 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles of silver\*\*

\*Refer to General Instructions Sheet for cutting all of the ornaments background fabric in advance.

\*\*Refer to General Instructions Sheet for assembly of all of the silver ornament hanger sections in advance.

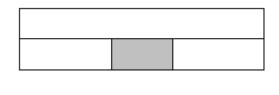
- •Refer to the Checkerboard Inner Border Instructions:
- •Use one 2.5" x W.O. F. red strip and one 2.5" x W.O.F. pink strip to make the checkerboard center for this ornament.
- Sub-cut into 16 units
- •Press in the direction of the arrows
- •Make 4 checkerboard units





### If you did NOT mass produce the hanger pieces:

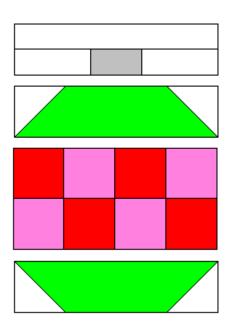
•Stitch one 1.5" x 8.5" rectangle of white background fabric to one white/silver/white 1.5" x 8.5" unit along the long edge. Press toward the solid white rectangle. Make 4

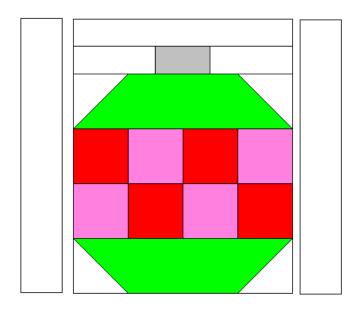


Repeat the ornament assembly instructions provided for the Double Square Ornament Block.

You will need 16 top and bottom ornament units and 4 of the silver hanger units (show above).

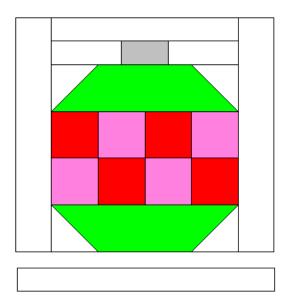
- •Assemble one silver hanger unit and two lime ornament top and bottom units with the Checkerboard unit as shown below.
- •Stitch one 2" x 10.5" white background rectangle to the left and right side of the block. Press toward the white.



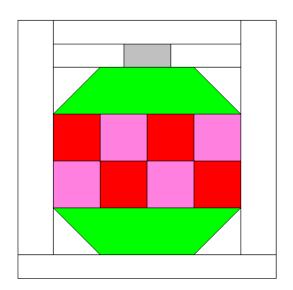


•Stitch one 1.5" x 11.5" white background rectangle to the bottom of the block. Press toward the white.

Make 4



Square block to 11.5" x 11.5"



### **Thoroughly Modern Christmas Quilting Instructions**

### **Month 7 – Checkerboard Ornament**

### **Patterns:**

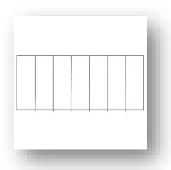
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TMC element 009



TMC element 010



TMC frame 003



### Notes:

