

Club Notes:



April 2011

Spring is Busting Out All Over!!!

We have Jonquils, Crocus, Tulips, Bradford Pear Tree Blooms, Tulip Tree Blooms....Silver Maple Trees budding out. The cedar trees are heavy with all that yellow pollen. And it's all covered with snow! Before long, the temperatures will be soaring, and we'll be lamenting the cooler days.

Harvey and Lola (resident puppies at Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio) are interested in more frequent walks around the neighborhood. Harvey has been chasing Stella and Maisy (resident kitties at Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio) and generally making a pest of himself....feeling his oats!

Customers are starting to get those quilts for high school graduates, college graduates, and June weddings. Aside from the pre-Christmas season, Spring is probably the busiest time in a longarm quilter's work life. You will all see this reflected in the variety of special patterns created this month. Enjoy!

Kim and Janet



The Emerald
Duke
contains 117
patterns,
including 25
panos,
a retail value of
\$1295.00

A word about borders and border corners:

Kim has been designing patterns for many years. At first, she just designed them for her own use, and then, at the prompting of Paul Statler, she offered them for sale to other longarm quilters. As the years have gone by, she has been asked to make border corner patterns to work with existing border patterns. So, not all borders have border corners.

On our website, we have begun adding information to the borders & border corner patterns to let you know if a border also has a border corner pattern. Border corners are NOT continuous patterns, therefore, you will find them under "blocks" rather than under "borders".

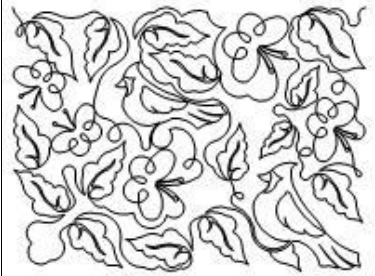
Panos



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Archive: Emerald Duke



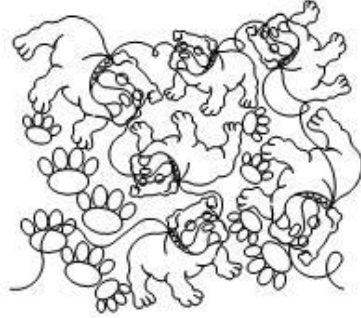
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Pattern: birds and bees 1 sq
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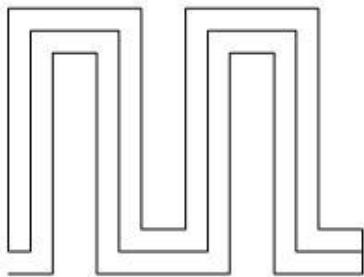
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Pattern: bulldog pano 004
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Pattern: charisma pano 001
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Pattern: zig zag pano 001
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Pattern: deep blue sky pano
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Pattern: deer in the trees 003
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Pattern: falling star pano 001
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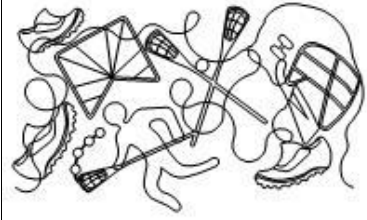
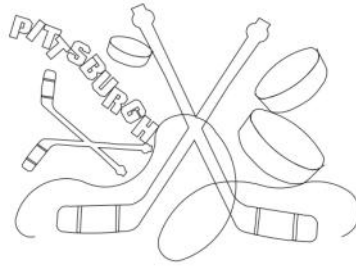
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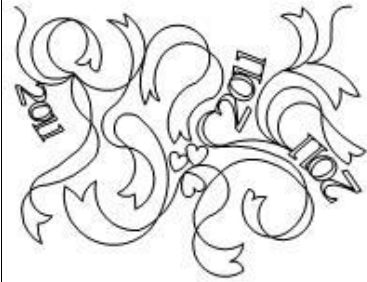
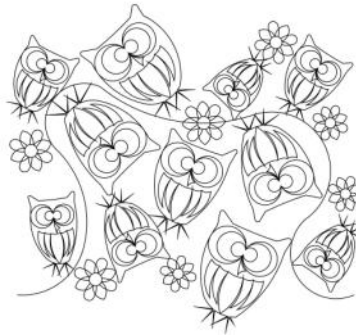
Panos Cont.



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Pattern: hockey pittsburgh
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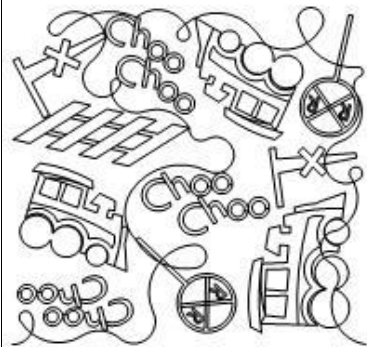
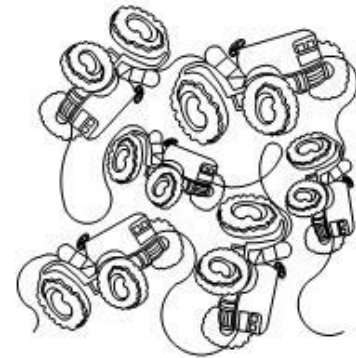
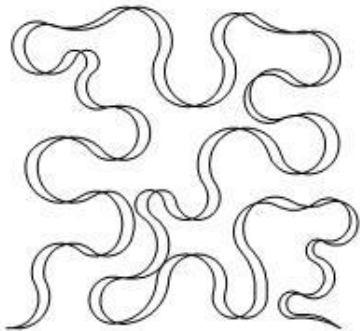
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Pattern: leaf pano 008
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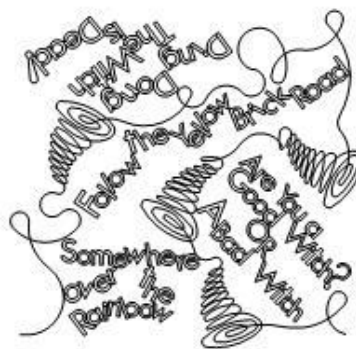
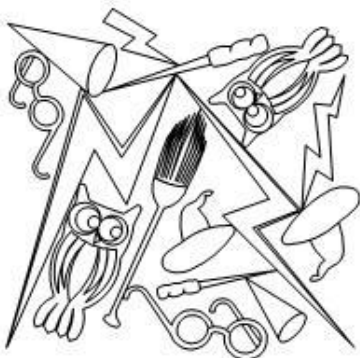
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Pattern: ribbon dance pano ns
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Pattern: tractor pano 002
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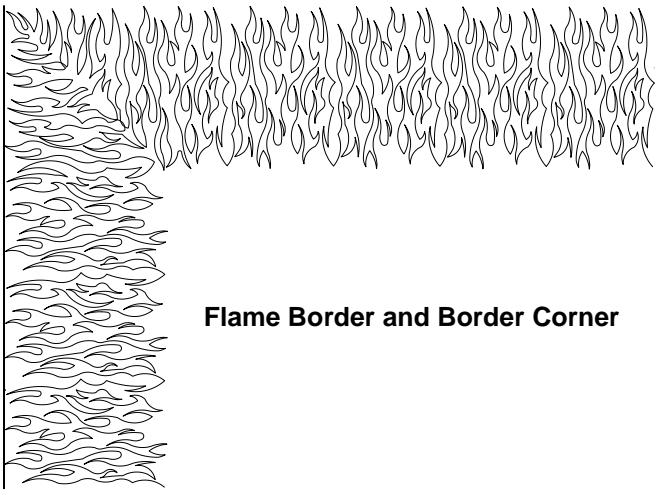
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Pattern: wizard pano 001
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Pattern: wizard phrases pano 001
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Pattern: wn pano 001
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Flame Border and Border Corner

April Longarm Tips:

Tip #1: To help keep batting from “pleating” as you advance the quilt, use a little Velcro on a long cardboard tube and attach the end of the batting to the Velcro. Roll up the excess batting on the tube. Gravity will help keep it straight. You can do this with all types of batting.

Tip #2: To minimize border stretch in piano key borders, have your customers stay stitch within a 1/4” of the outer edge before they bring it to you.

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 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>

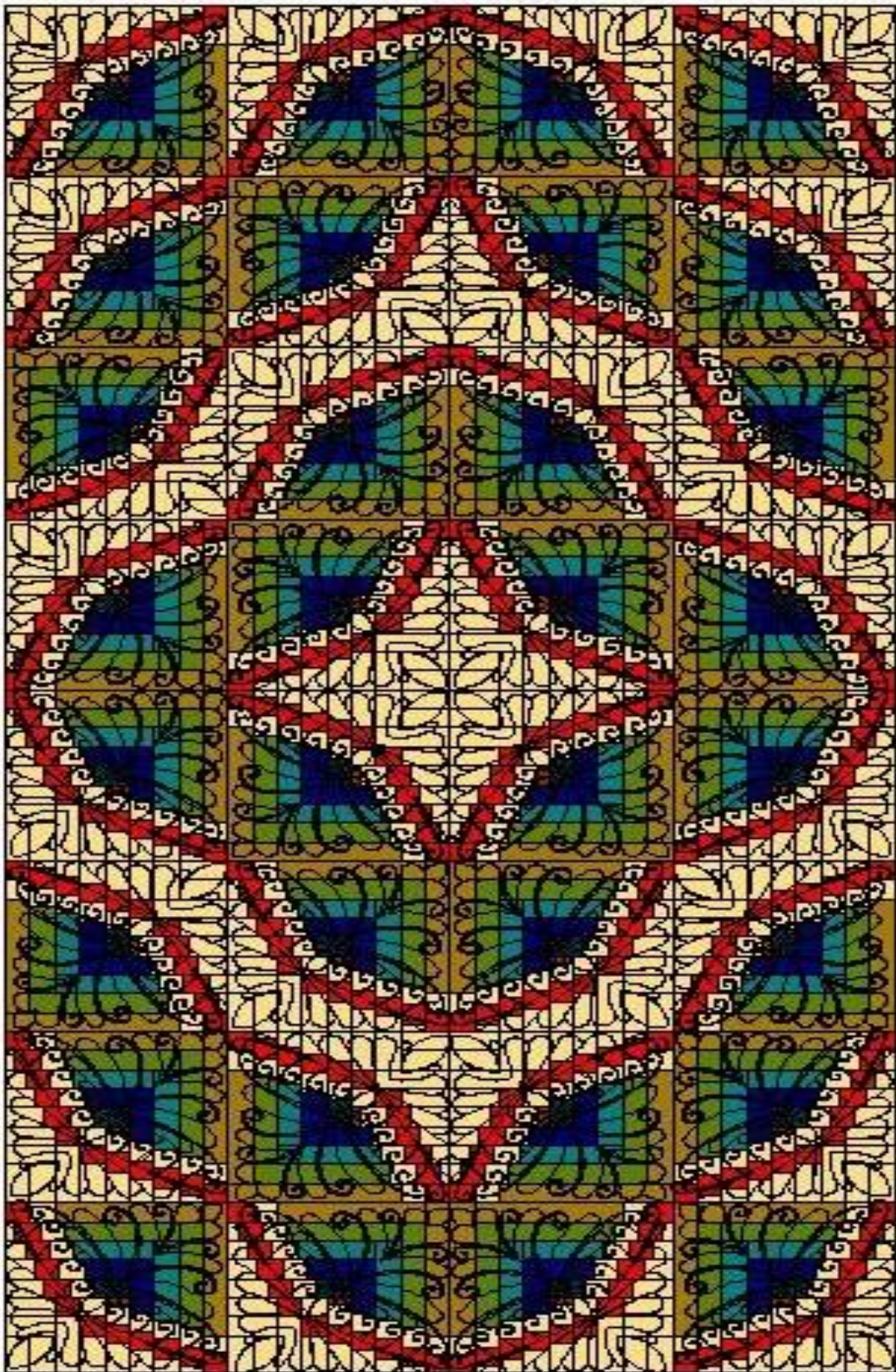
Kingsmen Longarm Quilting Supply: They sell Hobbs batting, Signature cotton, and A&E Perma Core thread, plus the Quick Zip system, oil for your longarm, bobbins, machine parts, etc. They don’t have a minimum order for anything, and they sell retail (at wholesale prices). These people are top notch people to work with!
<http://www.kmquiltingsupply.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.
<http://www.checkerdist.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>

Quilted Memories: This Hobbs Batting distributor is only a quick phone call away. She ships UPS or Fed Ex. UPS costs a bit more, but since they’ll put my packages inside my garage rather than leaving it out on my front porch, I don’t mind that extra cost. This lady (Lyn Heilman) makes it happen! When I find myself in a batting crunch, she’s there for me! Just gotta love that! (Plus she provided all the classroom batting for the SUGAR 2010 Conference this past summer). <http://www.quiltedmemoriesllc.com>

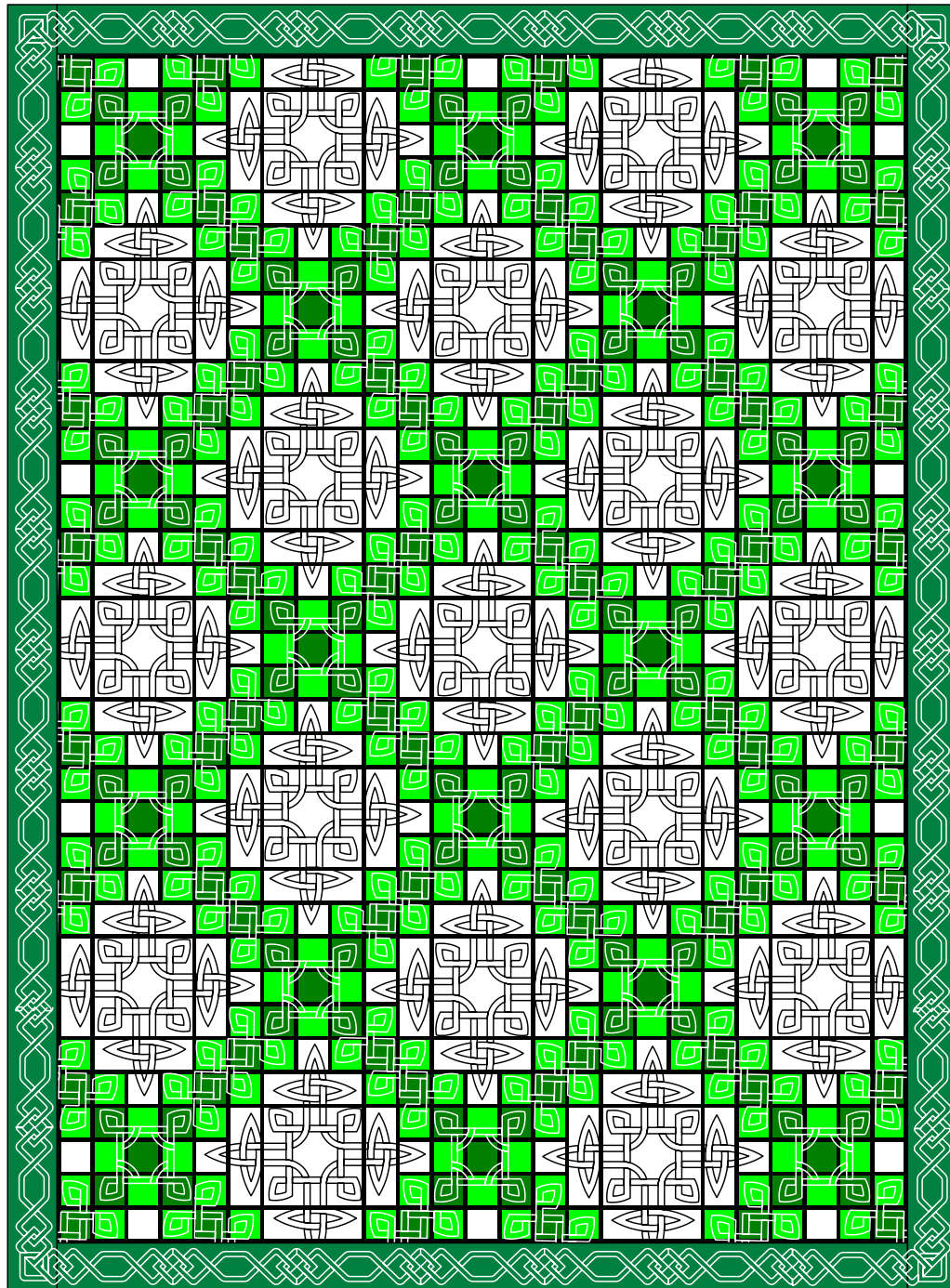
Virginia Longarm: I buy the dress bag and the 3-sided zipper totes to deliver my quilts to customer. They bring their next quilt to me in their bag. When I arrive at our guild meetings, laden with my purple bags, people say it looks like Christmas. Their quilts stay clean and it adds a little extra class and professionalism to my business.
<http://www.virginialongarm.com> or call toll free at 855-566-4276.



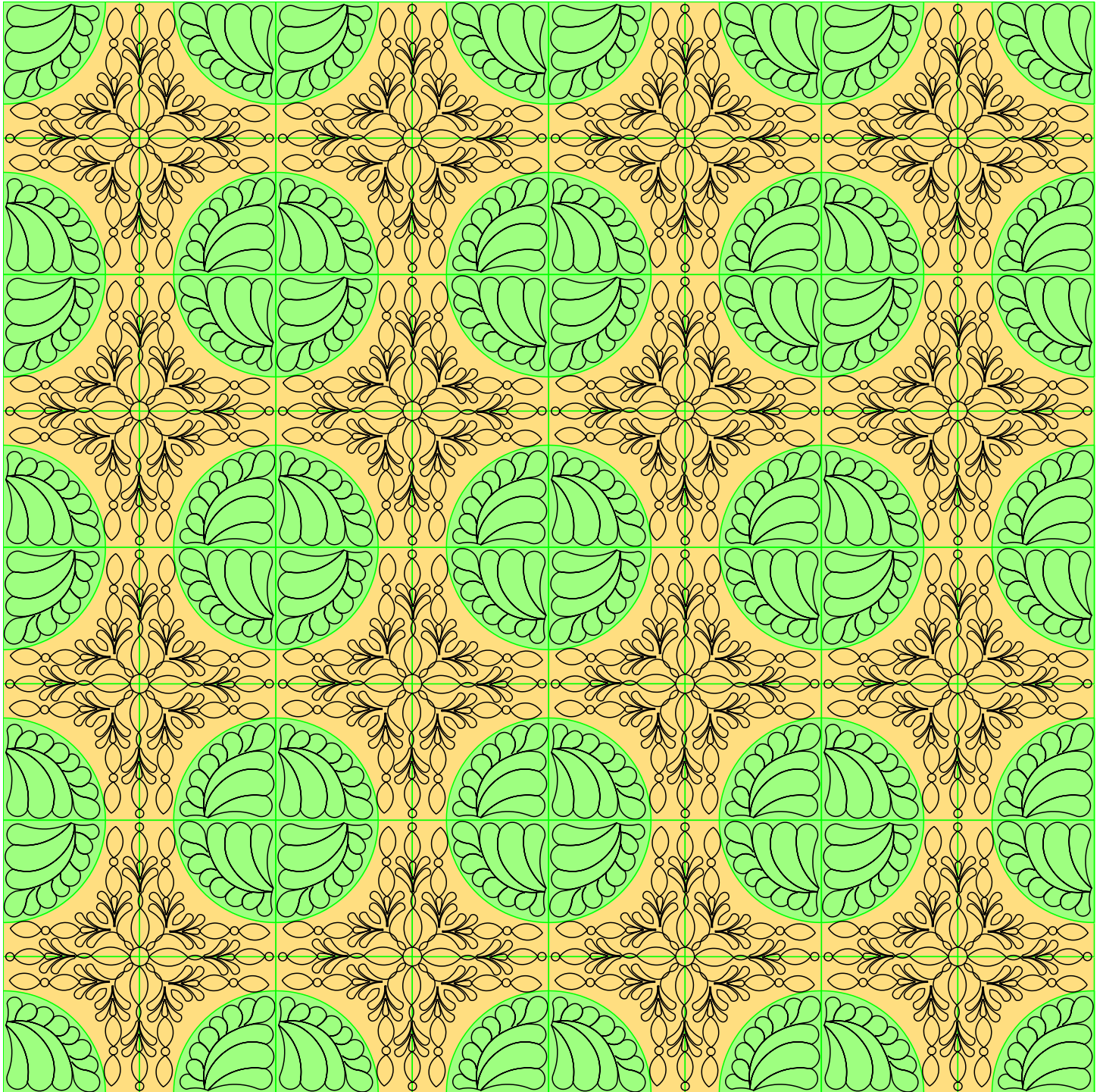
The Snake River Log Cabin Quilt

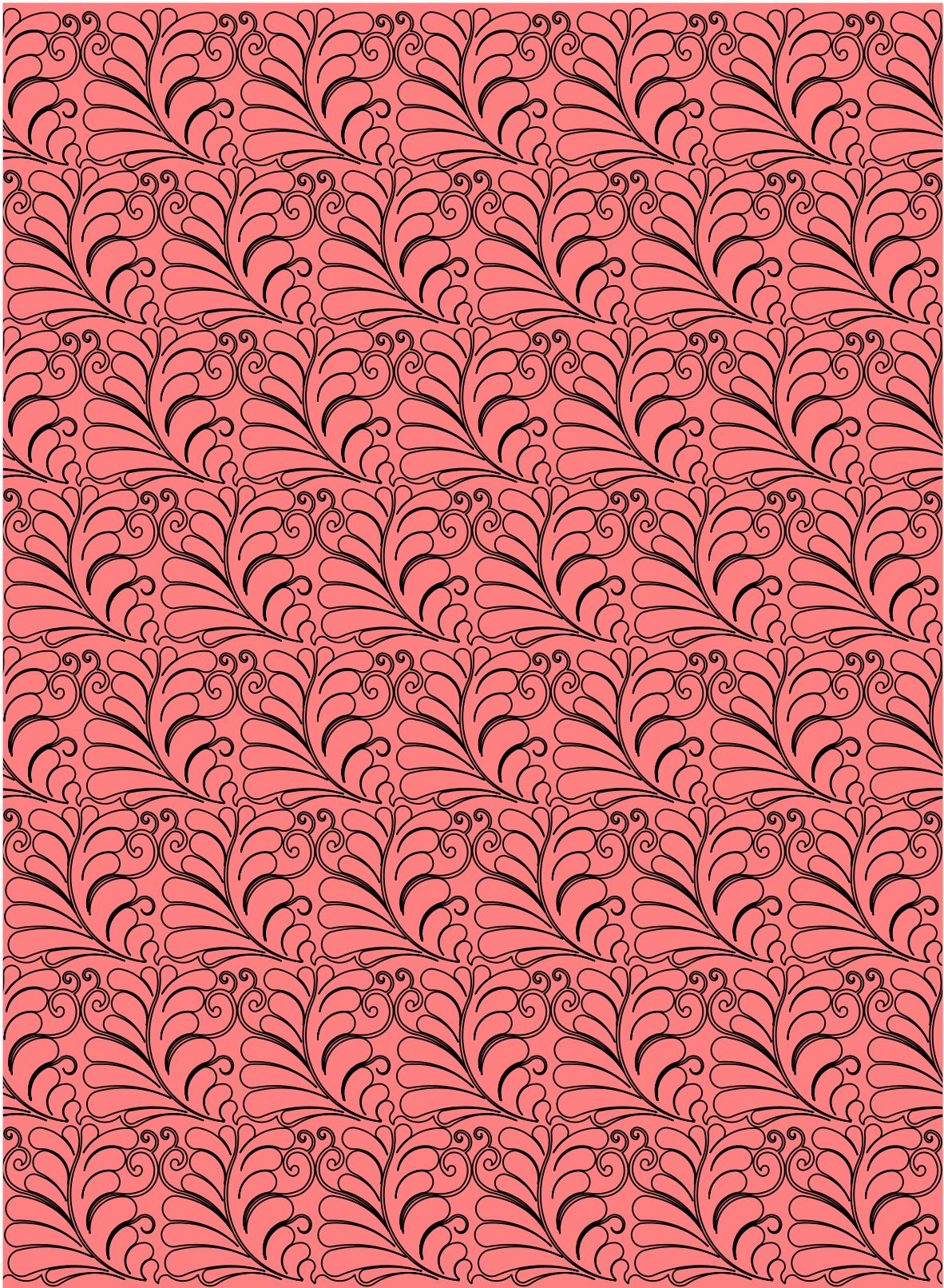
Celtic DIC

(Double Irish Chain), blocks, chains, border and border corner.



Drunken Feather
(another Drunkard's Path option)





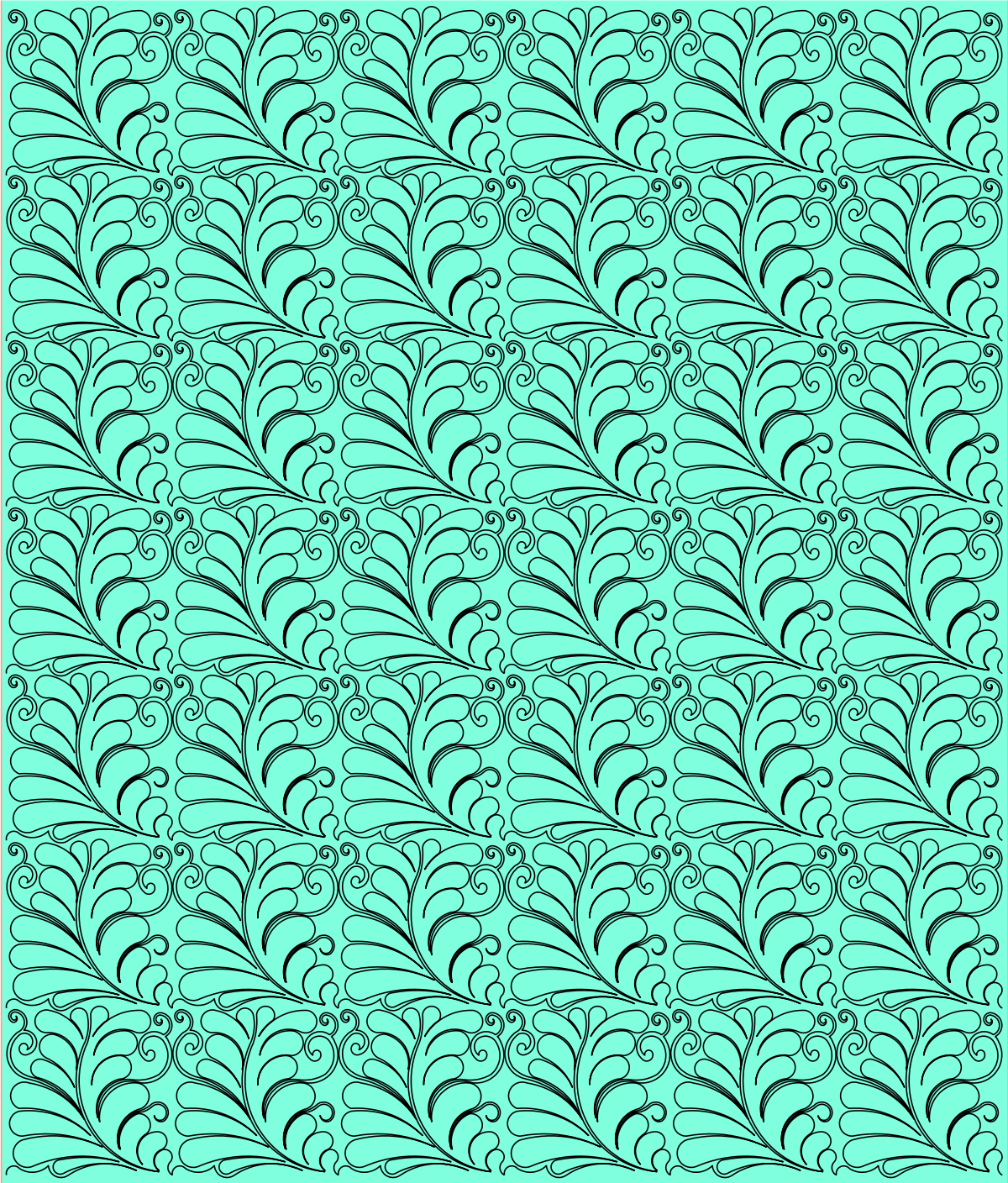
Feather Swirl Pano

This sample shows the pano in an alternating set up.



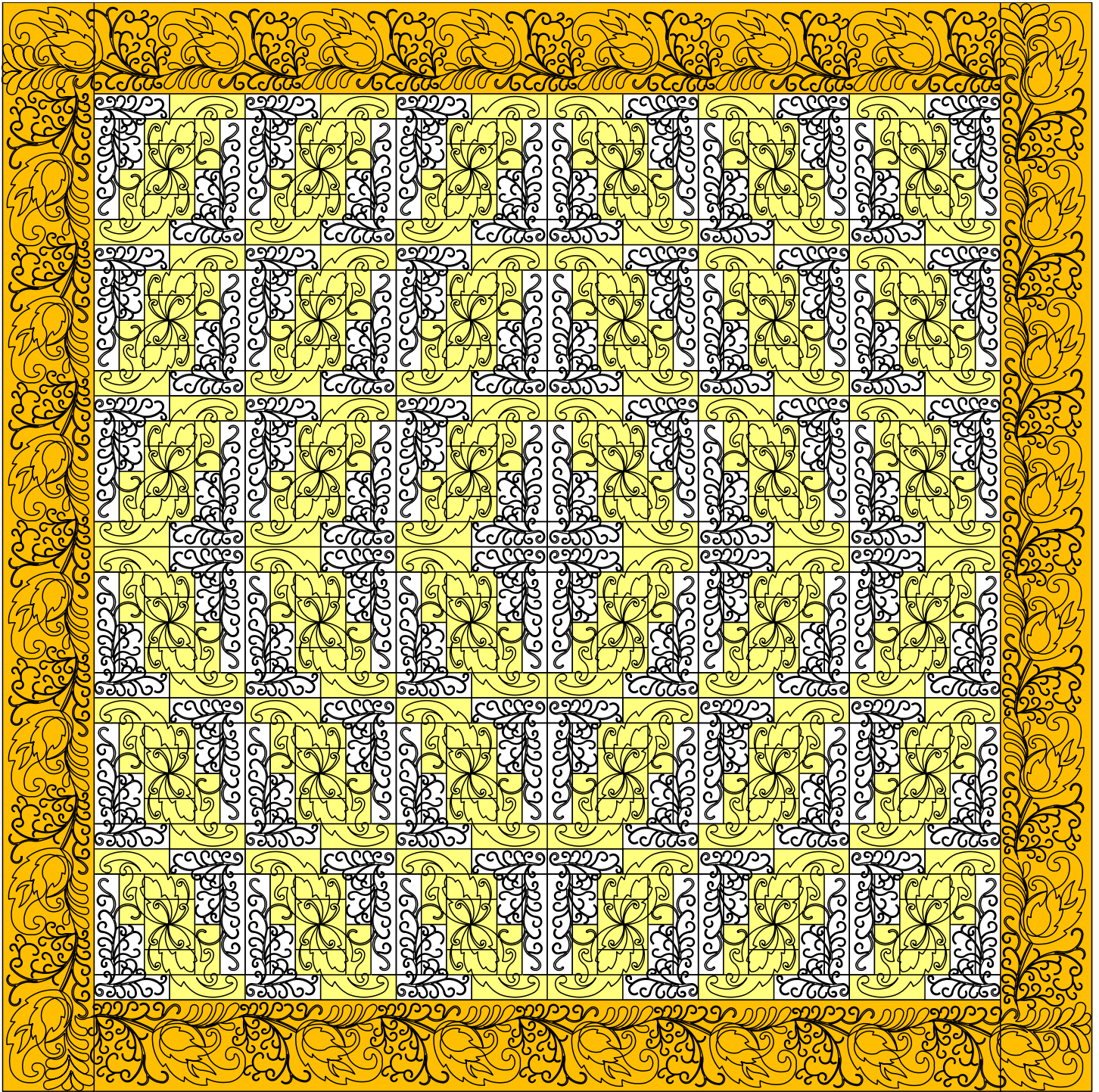
Feather Swirl Pano

This sample shows the pano with the odd rows reversed.



Feather Swirl Pano

This sample shows the pano in straight set.

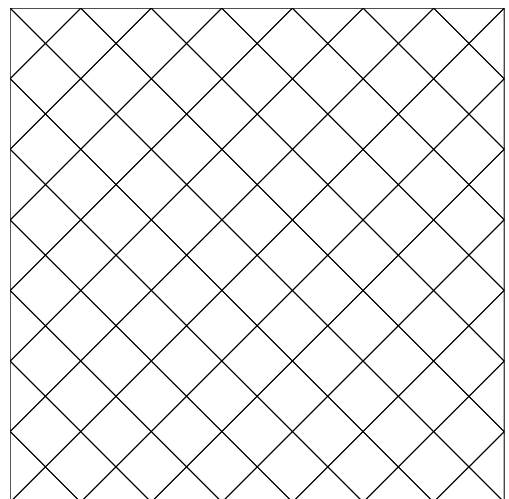
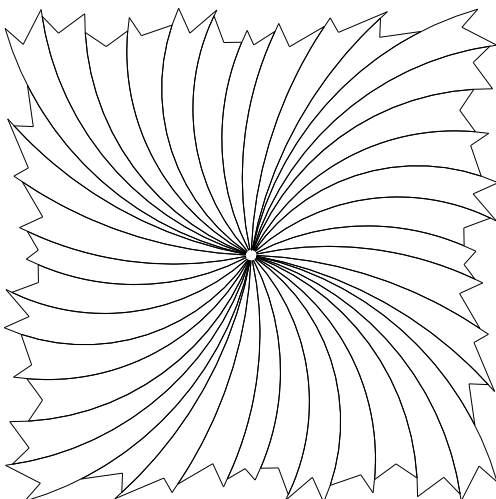
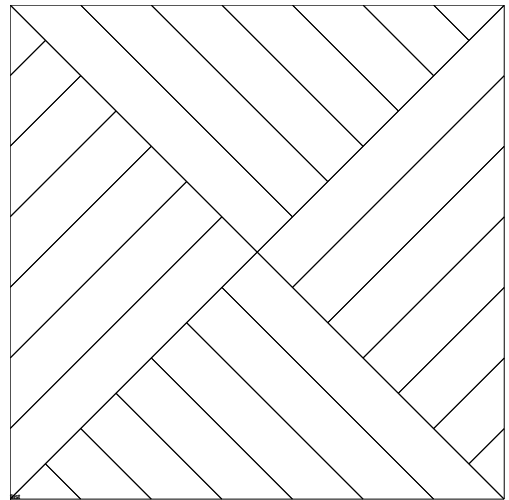
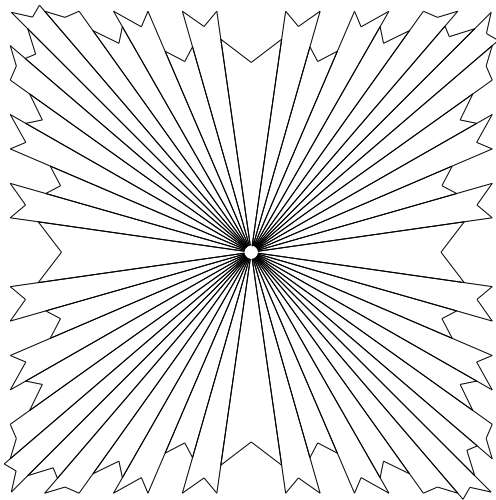


Lynn's Block, border, and border corner.

No Tie-Off Background Fill Patterns

These patterns will double stitch each line. One of the benefits of this style is that the stitching lines will be more emphasized. A bigger benefit, however, is that used behind appliqué, you can trim out the appliqué, and the pattern will sew to the trim line and then reverse....no tie offs. This is a feature you're going to love!

There is a small opening in the center of each pattern, so you're going to want to make sure that hole is behind your appliqué so it's hidden.





Hi Kim and Janet,

I've finally gotten some time to write to thank you for the special designs I requested. I'm sending along a copy of the finished quilt, so you can see how well the patterns worked for me. I really appreciate all of the extras you guys provide! It makes my job so much easier!!! Thanks so much.

— Linda McMillan



Things to include when requesting a special pattern:

One of the perks of being a Crown Jewels Club member is that whole *Having a Designer in your Pocket* concept. Before you send us an email, take a moment or two to think through what you need. Do you need an e2e pattern or a block pattern. If you need a block pattern, what size block is it for? We realize that with a computerized system, you can resize the pattern to fit your block, but if a pattern has a great deal of detail and was designed for an 18" block, you aren't going to be pleased with it stitched out in a 9" block.

If you want a block, do you also need a triangle, sash, border and border corner?

How dense do you want your e2e pattern to be? Do you want sophisticated or whimsical: for an adult or for a child? When do you *need* it? Try not to wait until you've loaded the quilt to request a new design. The more information you provide us when you make your request the better. If you can, send along photos of the quilt blocks, fabrics, each with a measuring tape in the photo so we can see the scale and proportions of the block piecing.

Statler Users: If you'd like us to help you select patterns for your quilt, it really helps us if you'll use Creative Studio and either use the boundary tools or draw sewable p2p line and draw out a block or two. Tell us the height of the borders, etc. We'll do our best to help you. You may already have some of the patterns we choose, or you might need to buy them....or Kim might need to design something. It's kind of like fixing dinner for your family. If somebody would just answer that "what do you want for dinner" question, the cook would be much happier. After all....she's got quilts waiting for her! And then, we also love it when you send us photos of the quilt when you're done! If you don't have a Statler, just give us as much information as possible, and we'll help you, too!



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<http://www.sugarconference.com>