

Club Notes:



March 2011



Happy St Patrick's Day

The Emerald
Earl
contains 116
patterns,
including 24
panos,
a retail value of
\$1280.00

Kim and I were able to attend our guild's annual winter retreat. We were fifty-six women, hunched over our sewing machines. There were tons of snacks, lots of laughs, and we even managed to get some quilt blocks put together. Kim is working on a quilt for Lucee, thinking she's going to be upgraded to a "big girl" bed soon. I guess I was sort of doing the same thing....I'm making a queen size quilt for my oldest daughter, as in May of 2012 she'll be getting married and moving into her own "big girl" bed. Wonder what I'm going to do with all those twin sheet sets?

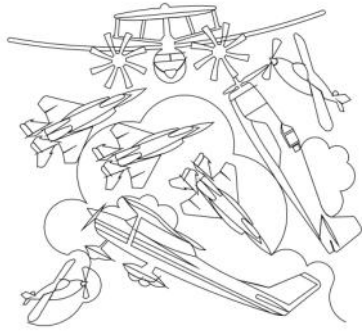
We had good weather for the retreat and we're back at work. Thank you to all our customers who granted us some grace in responding to your emails and phone calls while we were out of town. We don't get to "play" very often, so it was a refreshing weekend.

Kim came back with several new design ideas, so as time permits, you'll be seeing those designs appear in the upcoming club patterns.

I took a phone call this morning from one of our CJC members. She only wanted to let me know that her quilting business is growing each month. She mostly does e2e quilting, and she said that in her guild, she has acquired the reputation of being the one who always has fresh and new quilting designs to use and she does good work. This longarm quilter is one who often makes special design requests, and we're happy to see her business grow!

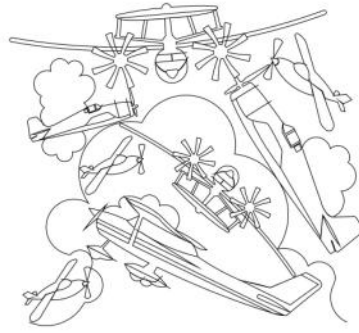
Happy St. Patrick's Day! Kim and Janet

Panos



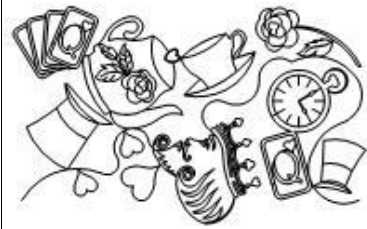
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Archive: Emerald Earl



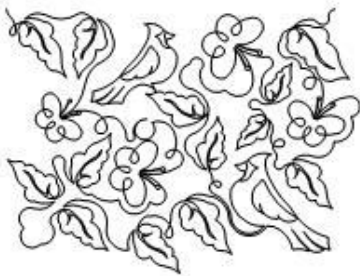
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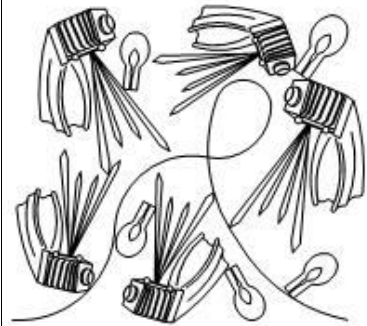
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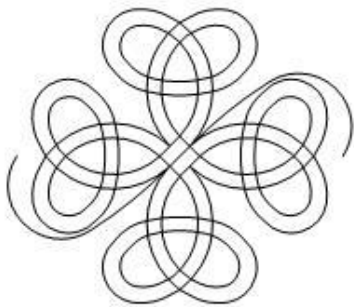
Pattern: calvin pano

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Pattern: camera pano 001

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Pattern: celtic knot 1 alt pano

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Pattern: chrysanthemum pano 001

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Pattern: cowboy pano 002

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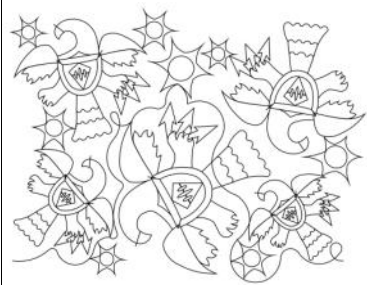
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Pattern: english garden pano 001

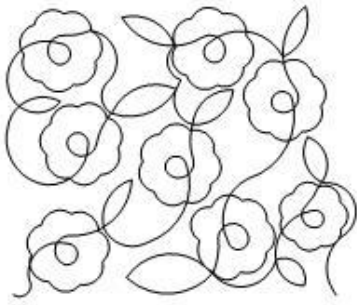
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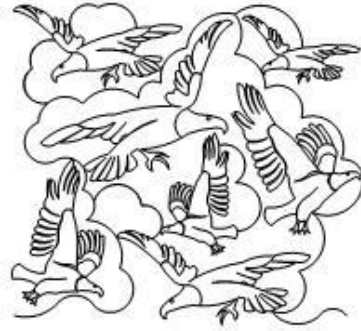
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Panos Cont.



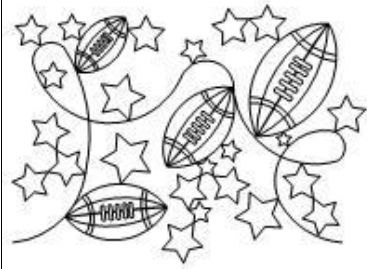
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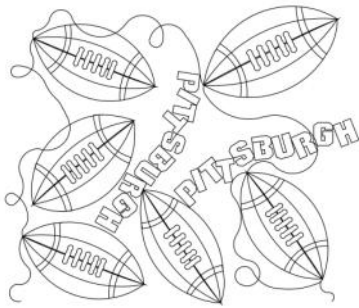
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Pattern: football fun 5

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Pattern: football pittsburgh

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Pattern: lakeside pano 001

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Pattern: loves me generic

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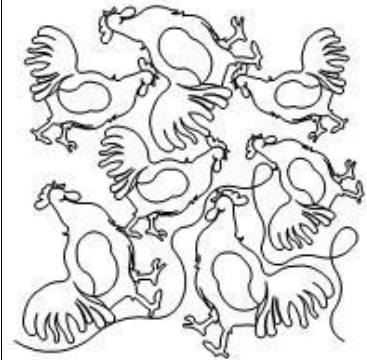
Pattern: monika pano

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Pattern: northern lights

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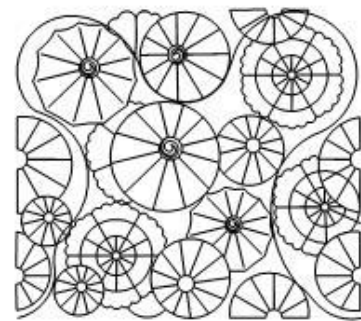
Pattern: rooster pano 001

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Pattern: sunflower pano 003

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Pattern: umbrella pano 003

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Pattern: western pano 002

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March Longarm Tip:

Tip #1: Load the backing fabric with the seams parallel to your take up roller....it will help keep the quilt rolling smoothly.

Tip #2: Lint can cause a lot of problems. Clear your bobbin case and hook assembly area each time you change out your bobbin. Check your tracks and wheels for lint and thread buildup.

Tip #3: Treat yourself to a fresh needle...it helps.

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>

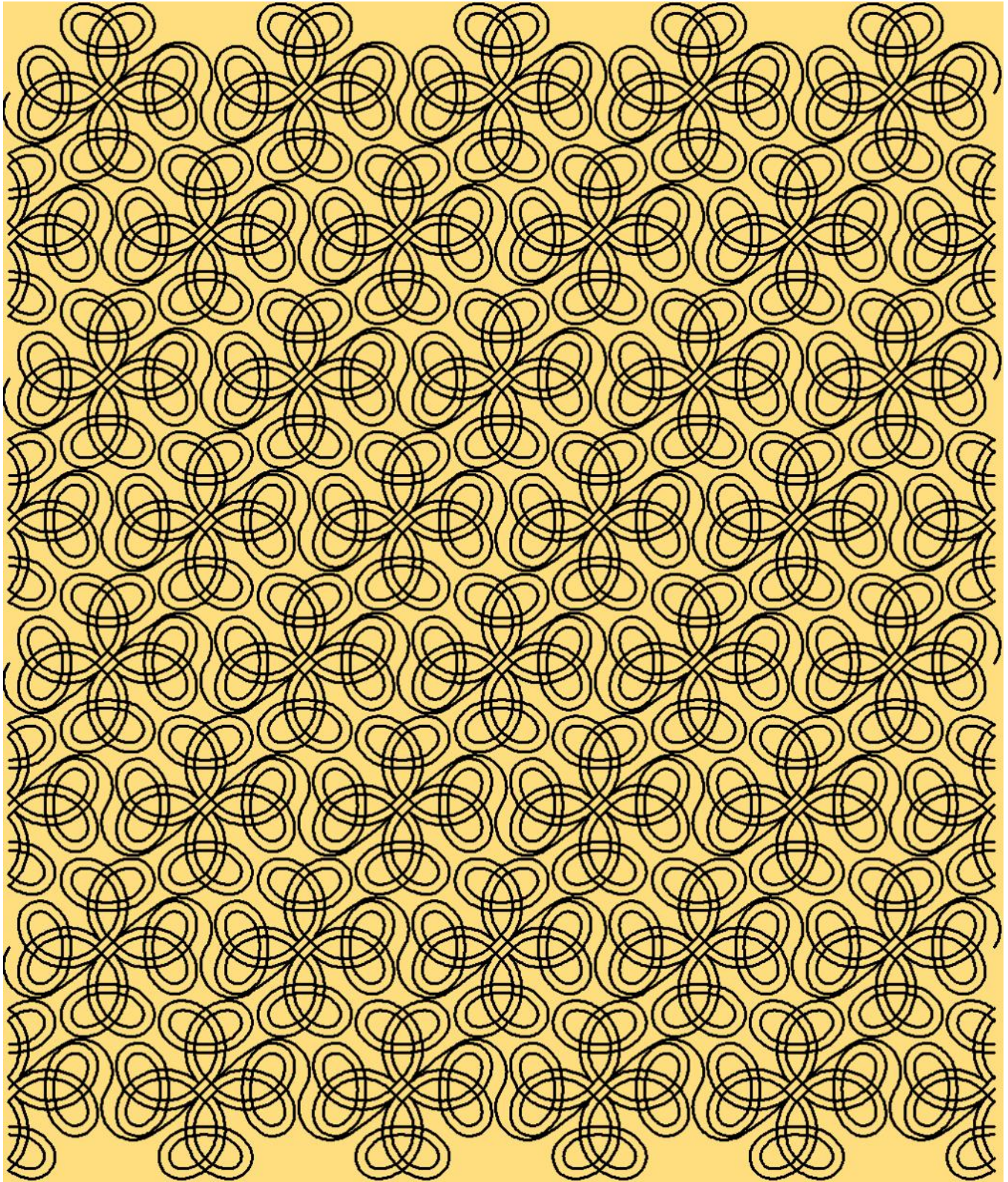
Checker Distributing: Wholesale Only.....I have rarely looked in vain for anything quilt related on their site. Shopping for supplies can be addicting! Shipping is charged on large items, but not on items such as pins, needles, thread, books, scissors, or most other notions. They do charge shipping on 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>

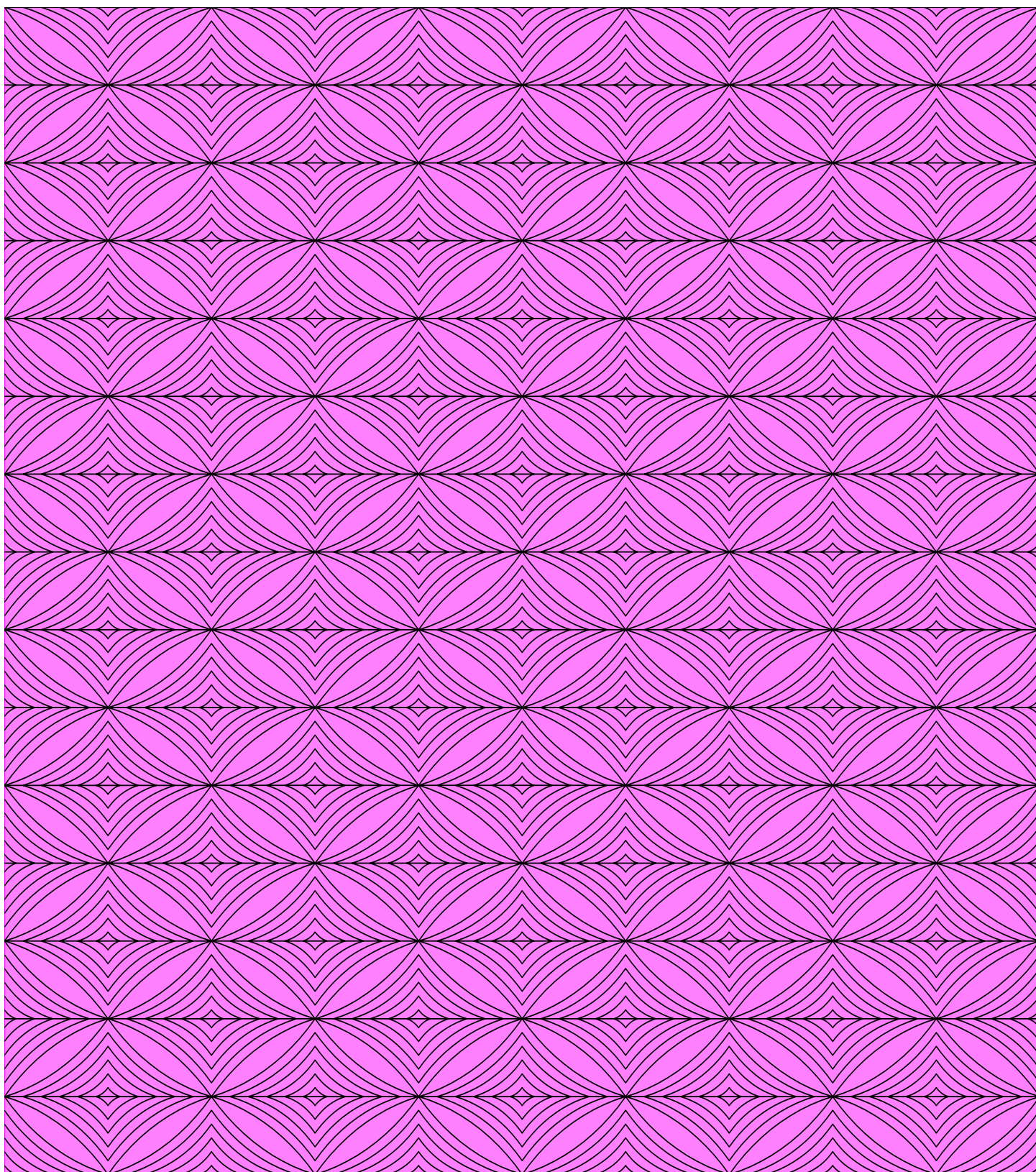
Quilted Memories: This Hobbs Batting distributor is only a quick phone call away. She ships UPS or Fed Ex. UPS costs a bit more, but since they'll put my packages inside my garage rather than leaving it out on my front porch, I don't mind that extra cost. This lady (Lyn Heilman) makes it happen! When 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.

Celtic Knot 1 alt Pano



Diamond alt pano 001



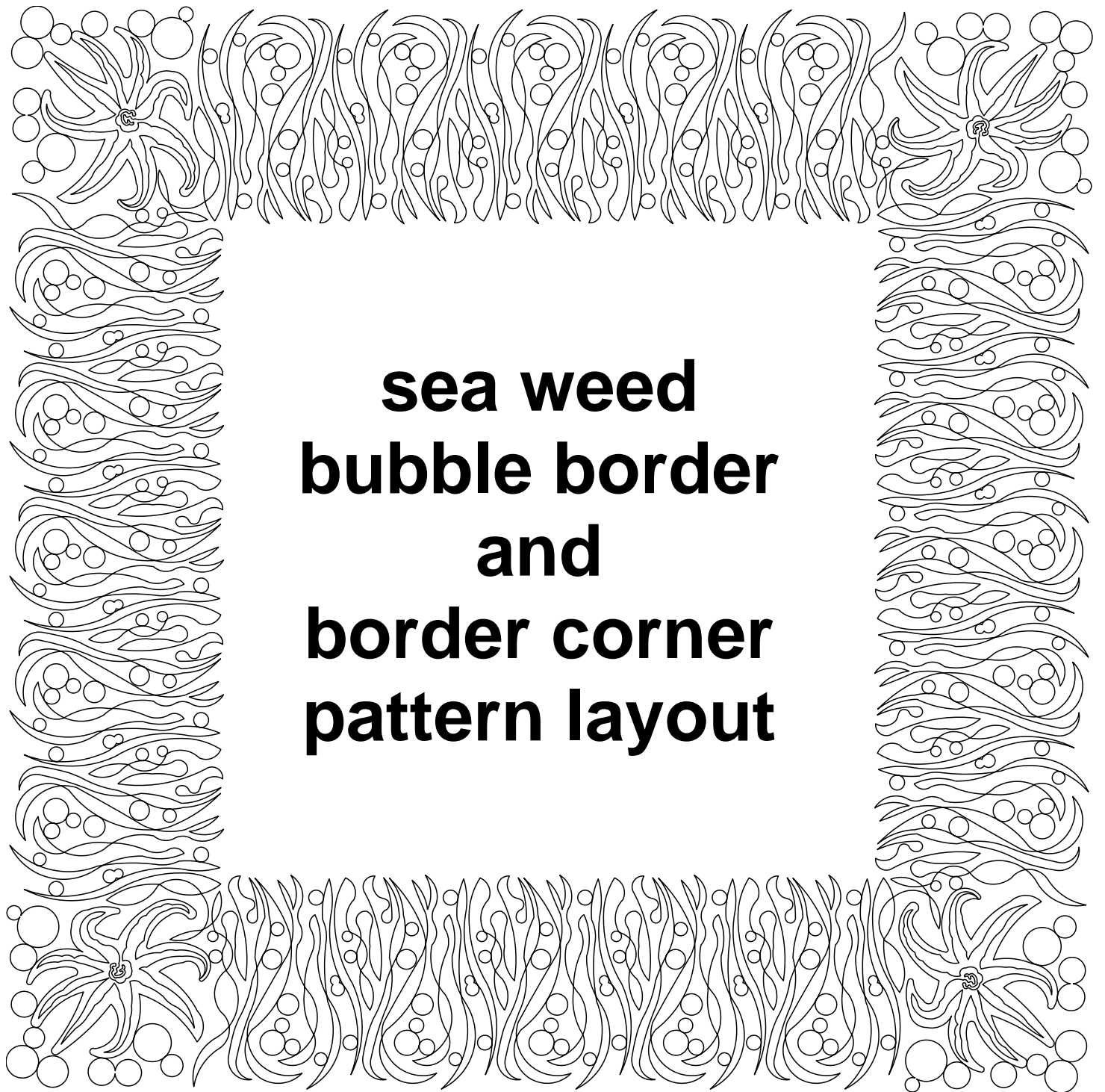
Fairy Flower Set



Single dragonflies in image above are for illustration purposes only and are not included in the set.



**Dandelion
Border
and
Border Corner
pattern layout**

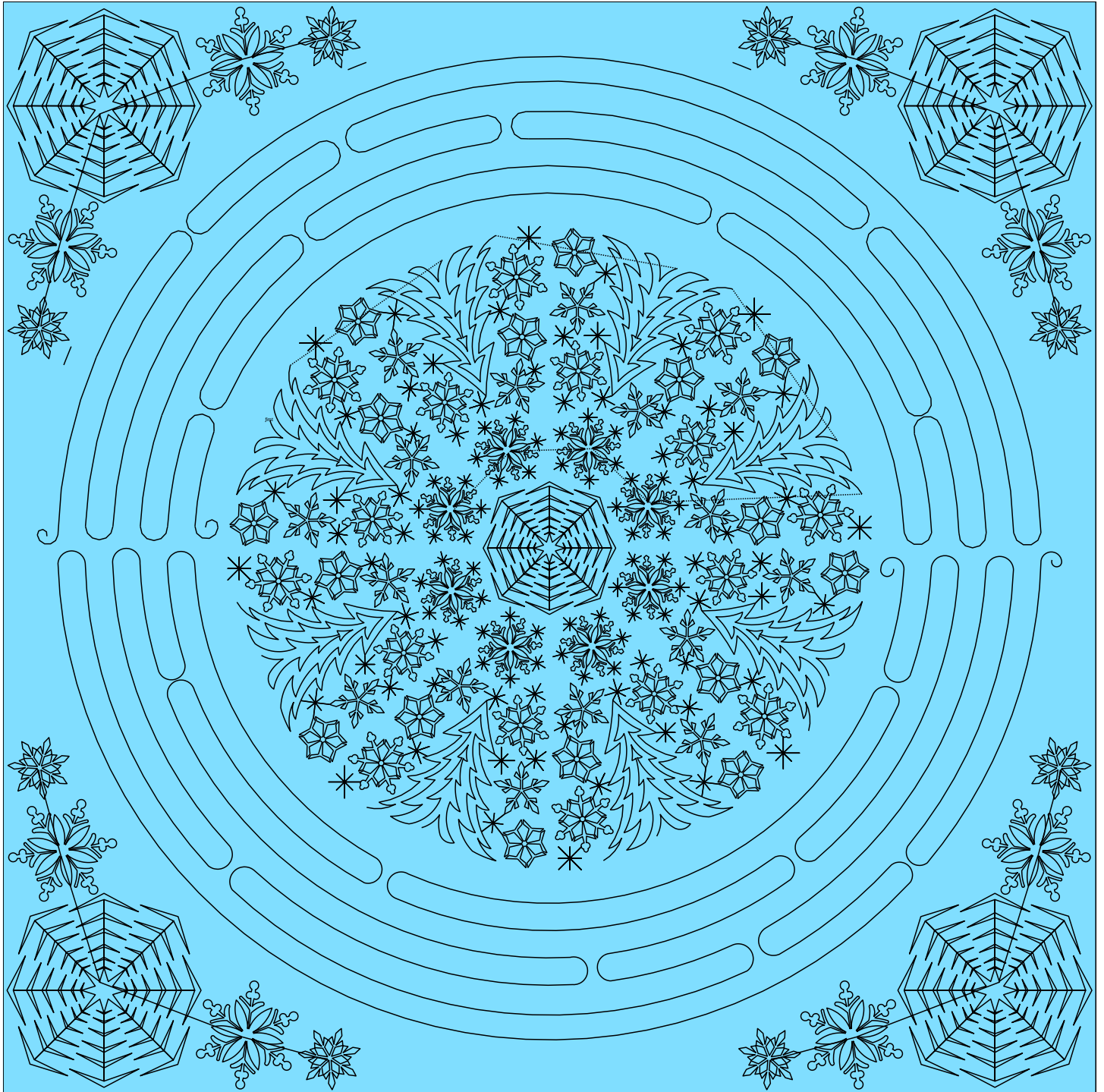


**sea weed
bubble border
and
border corner
pattern layout**

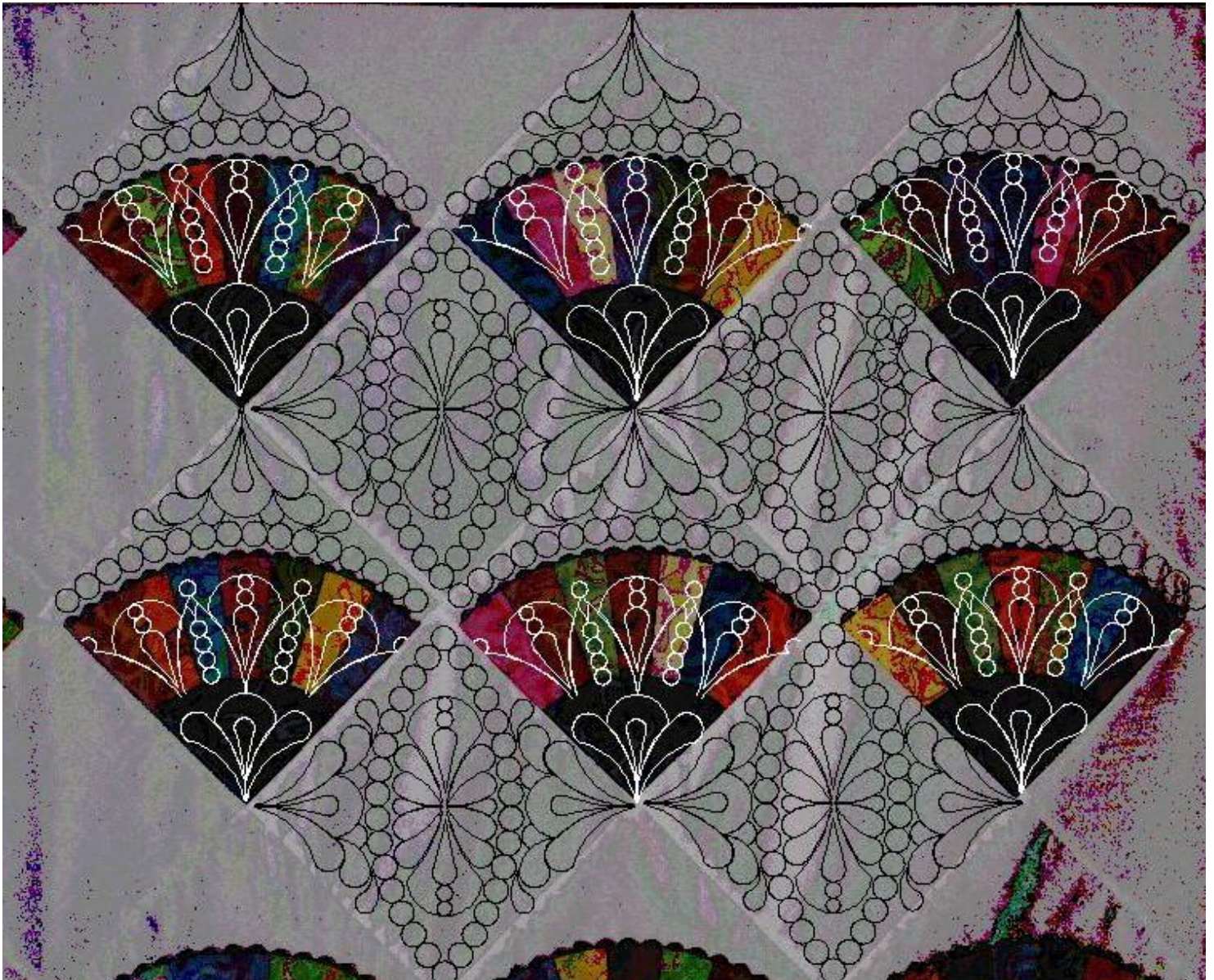


**sunflower leaf
border 001
&
sunflower
border 002
and corners**

Christmas Tablerunner 003 Layout



**Designed by request for
Georgia Stull. Her client
enjoys winning ribbons for
her quilts!**



These patterns will help
this quilt be a real show
stopper!





Things to include when requesting a special pattern:

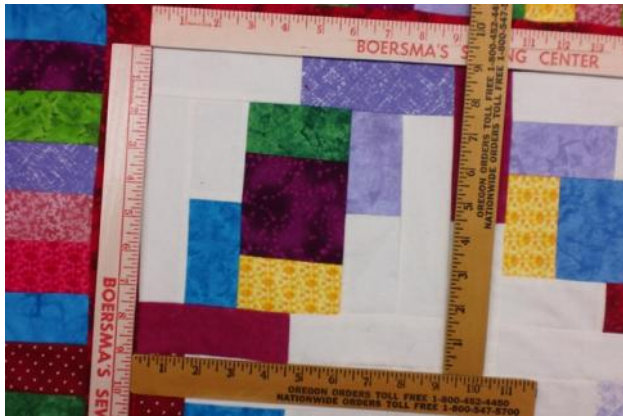
One of the perks of being a Crown Jewels Club member is that whole *Having a Designer in your Pocket* concept. Before you send us an email, take a moment or two to think through what you need. Do you need an e2e pattern or a block pattern. If you need a block pattern, what size block is it for? We realize 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!



Congratulations, Lynn Malone! This is a wonderful example of how to submit photos of quilt blocks with measurements. This type of detail really helps Kim when she's designing that special pattern! Thank you, Lynn!

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