



Club Notes:



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Greetings, Quilters!

The past month has been a busy one for me. I've been going through batting, needles, and thread faster than I can get it back in stock. I'm keeping the UPS and FedEx delivery guys pretty busy these days. Last week, my quilt studio looking like a tornado had passed through. I finally put away 32 cones of thread, put a new roll of batting on my batting rack (it had just been leaning against the wall since my husband brought it down from the front porch). I decided to adjust my pick up roller on the 14' Statler and found a fantastic video on YouTube to guide me through that process. My quilts roll much straighter, now.

A couple of weeks before that, I ripped off the canvas leader from the pick up roller on the 12' Statler. It had, over the years, pulled loose on one end. I'd patched it with packing tape, but it really wasn't doing a good job. Actually, when we moved it into my basement, the space was just big enough, but the orientation meant I had to have the handles on the left side of the table, so the leaders had to double back on themselves. I kind of snapped and decided that I was tired of fighting that crooked leader, and just tore the whole thing off. My sister arrived just it time to help me avoid having Elmers Glue spread all over the entire room. (Thanks, Mary).

The batting varieties I keep in stock were backordered from Checkers Distributors, and the quilts were coming in hand over fist...making me very nervous. And then...I discovered that I only had 2 pkgs of longarm needles left in house! Mary and Kim both responded to my panic and offered up some of their supply. The needles were out of stock at Checkers, Superior Thread, Brewer Sewing...but finally found them at Kingsman Longarm Supplies!!! Ordered 200, which should get me by for a couple of months.

Computer Technical Issues: In the past 10 days, I have spoken with 5 SDQS Statler customers who were frustrated by a change in their patterns just downloaded. They all appeared to be Adobe files. I'm not sure if there has been a Windows update which has changed something, but in each case, I needed to guide them through the process of changing the program/file extension association back to Statler Stitcher. **In a nutshell, right-click on one of these patterns, click open-with. Navigate to your c:/ drive, and click the Statler Stitcher folder. Click on Creative Studio folder. Click on creativestudio.exe. Then, click on the "always use this program to open this file type". Do this on your Statler computer AND on whatever PC you use to download your patterns.**

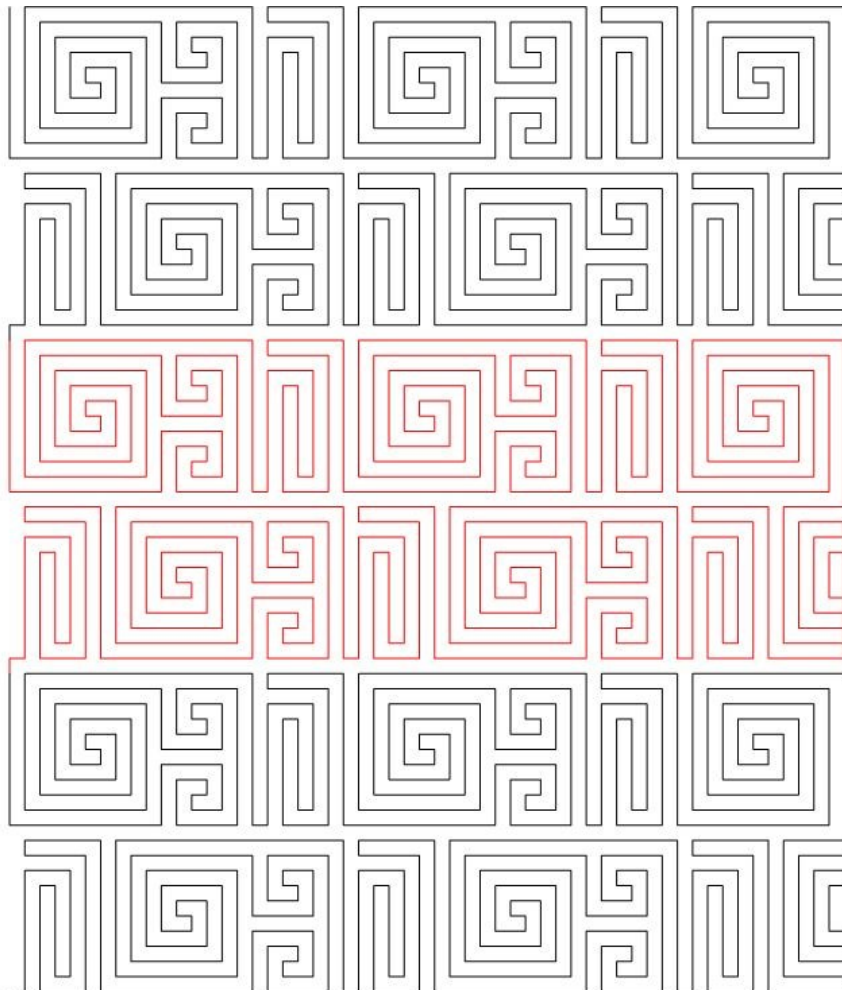
Our Sweet Dreams customers are asking for some interesting patterns (Posh Bunny and Posh Holly), keeping Kim busier than ever. I actually submitted a design request for my own project...I need a Christmas Stocking for my new granddaughter....it's never too early to be thinking of Christmas projects! Send us your design requests (not just Christmas) and we'll see what we can do for you!!

Kim and I hope that each of you are safe and healthy, being creative and productive!

Enjoy the patterns!
Janet & Kim

**The Obsidian Aug 2020 Archive contains 137 patterns,
including 64 panos, a retail value of \$1690.00.**

Extended Width Panos

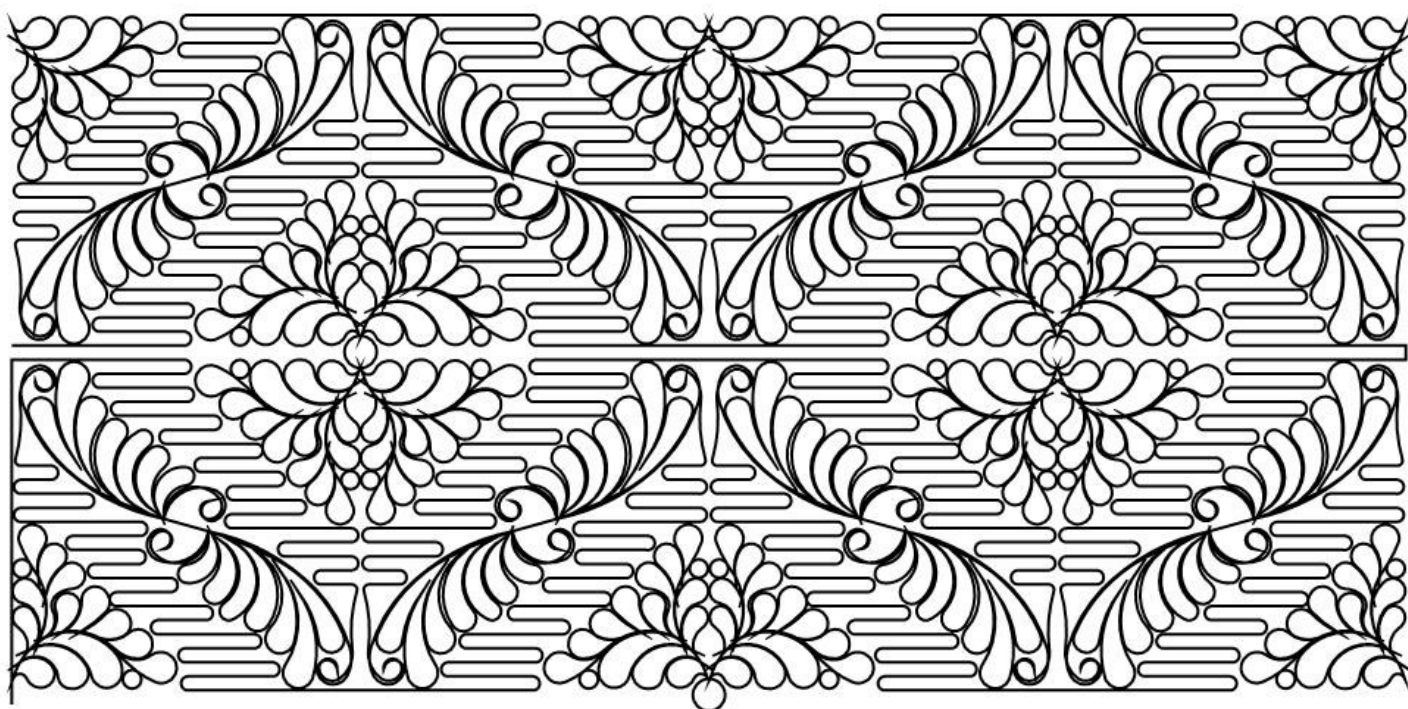


Maze Pano 007

Benefits to using Extended Width E2E Patterns:

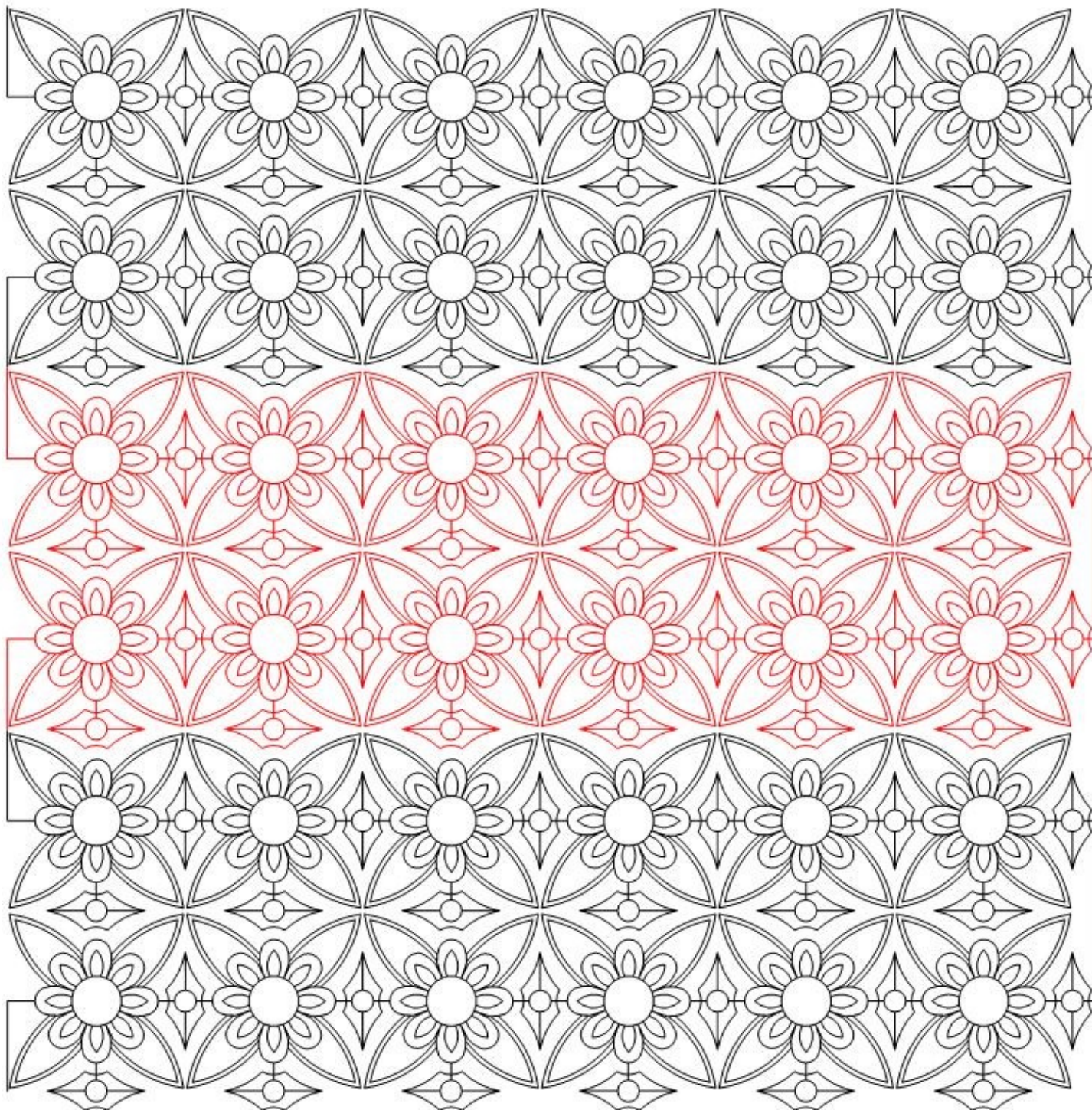
- ★ For simple patterns with small height, an extended width version will quilt several rows without you having to reset to the beginning of each row, freeing you up to tend to other things.
- ★ For alternating patterns, that function is already taken care of, including having the deep interlock eliminated 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.

Extended Width Panos



Feather Line Pano 002

Extended Width Panos

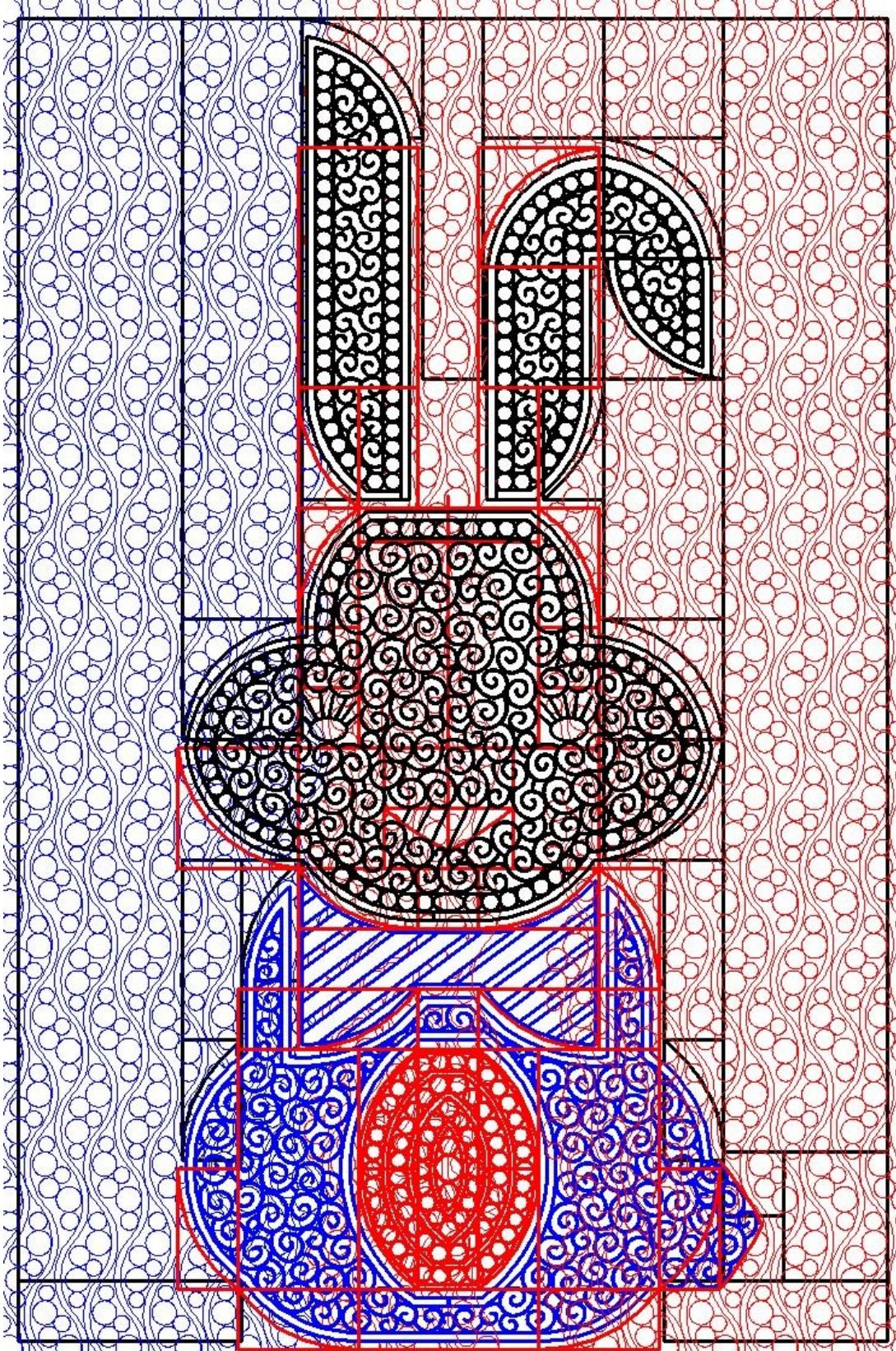


Cassidy Pano 002

(I think this one would look great as a whole cloth quilt)

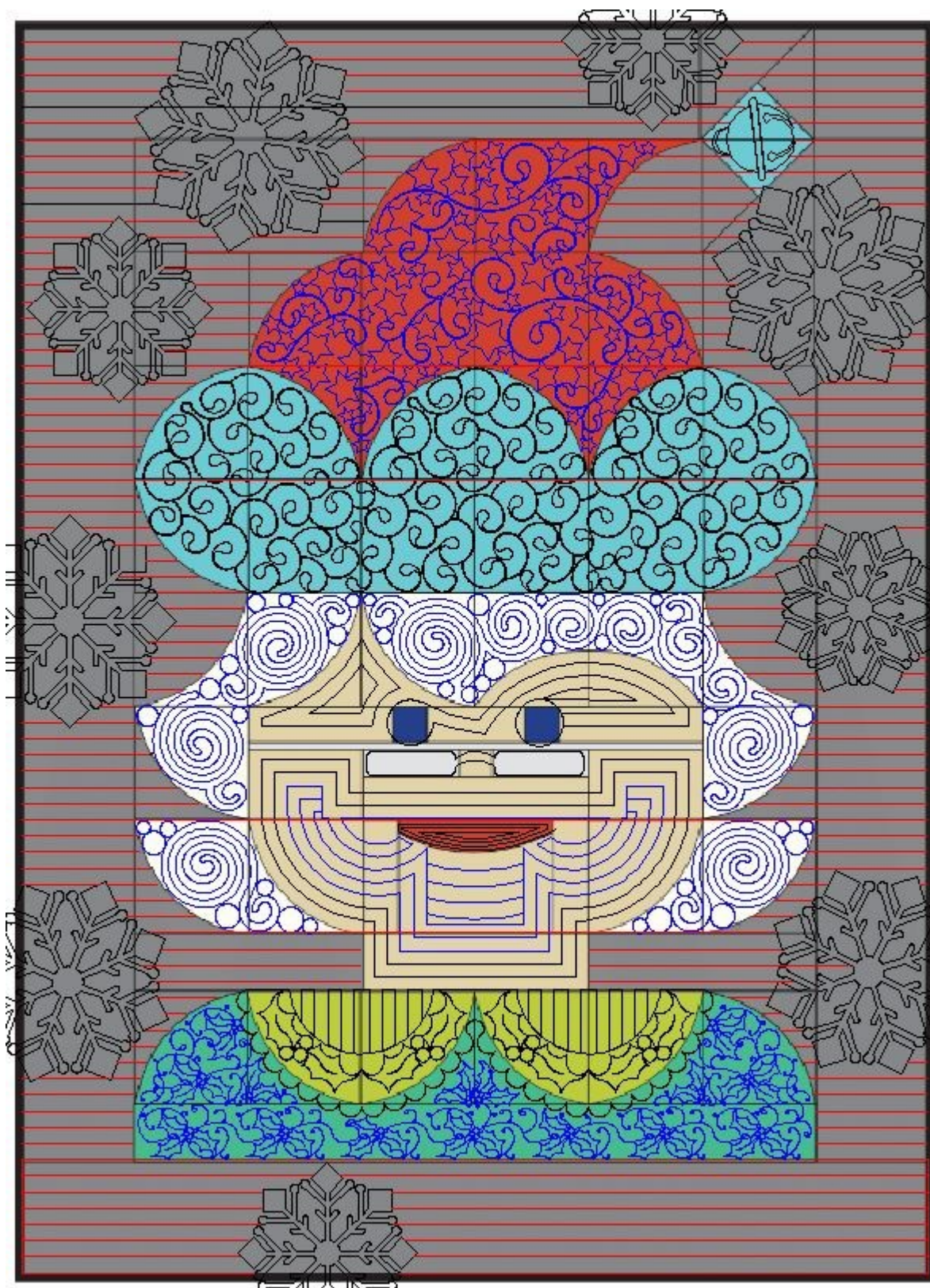
Posh Bunny

(Sew Kind of Wonderful)



Posh Holly (Mrs. Posh Santa)

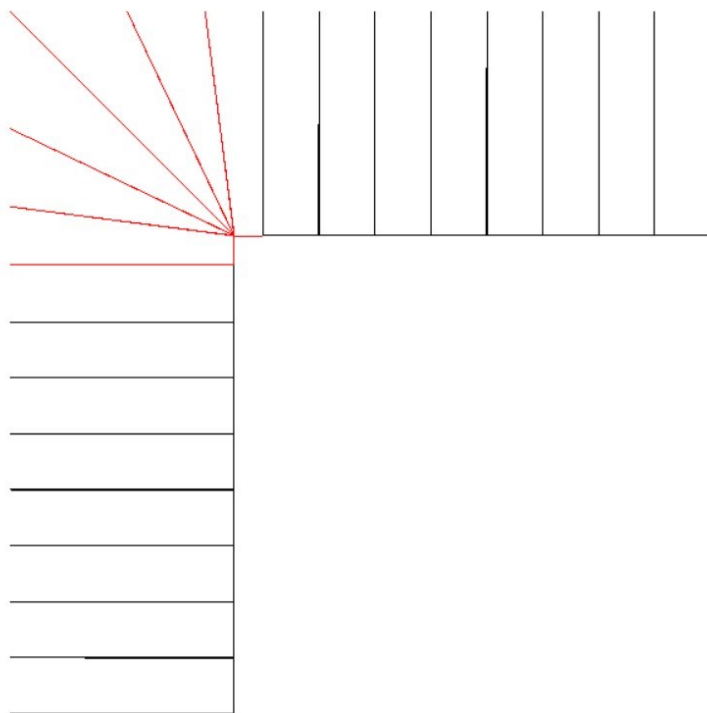
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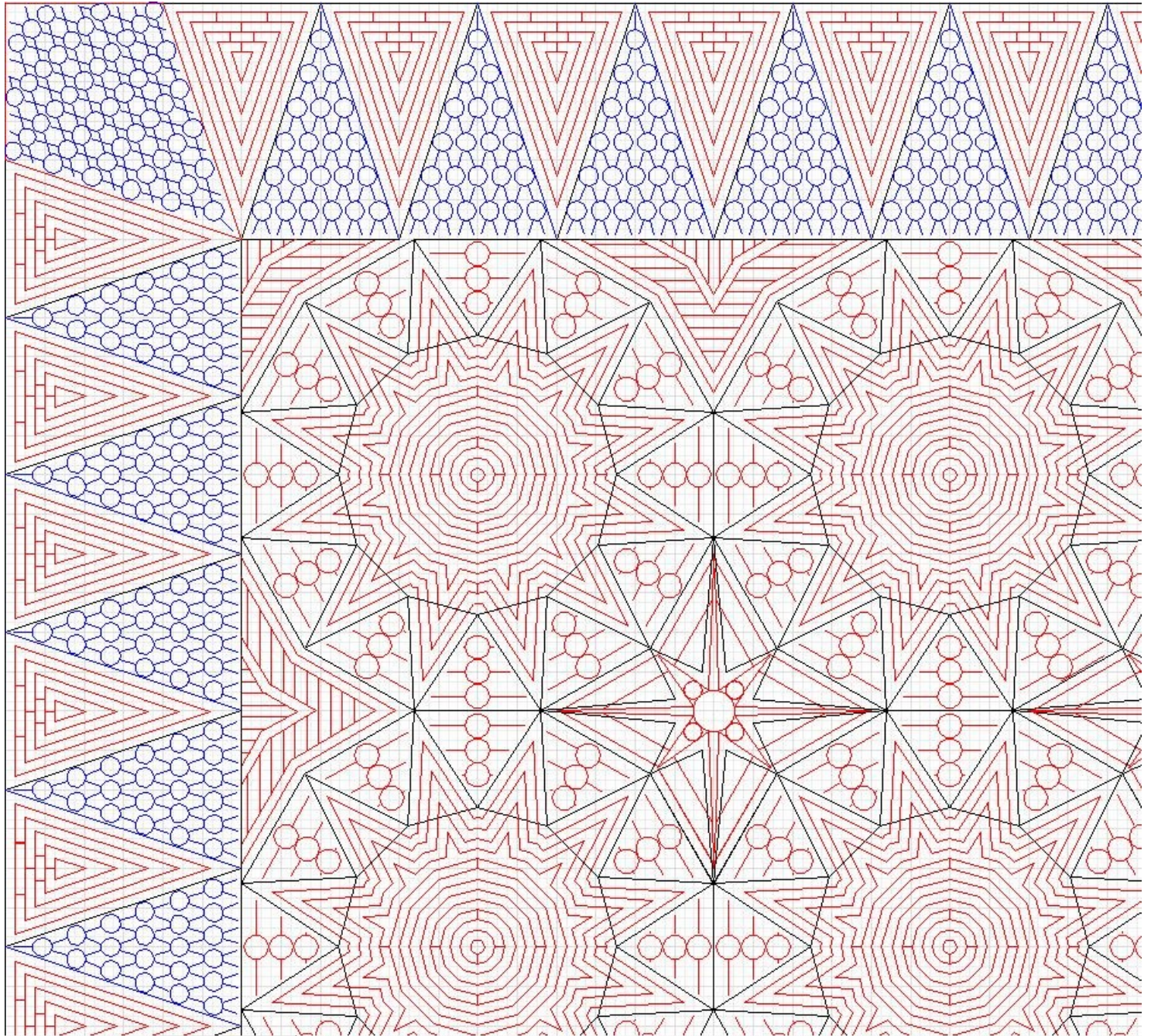
New Border and Corner Patterns



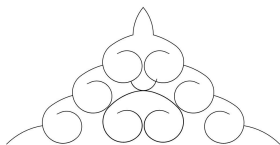
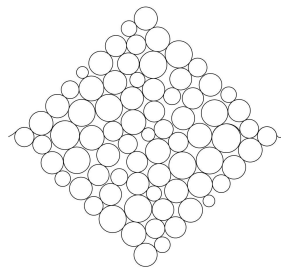
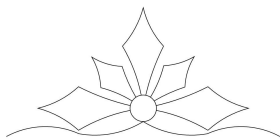
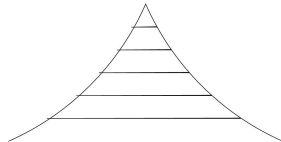
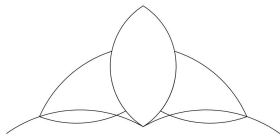
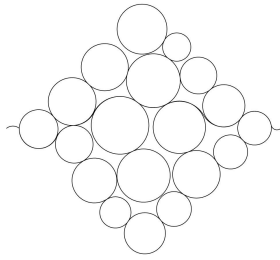
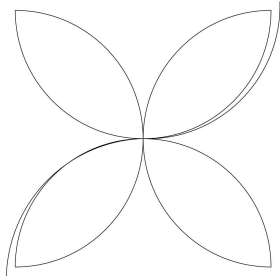
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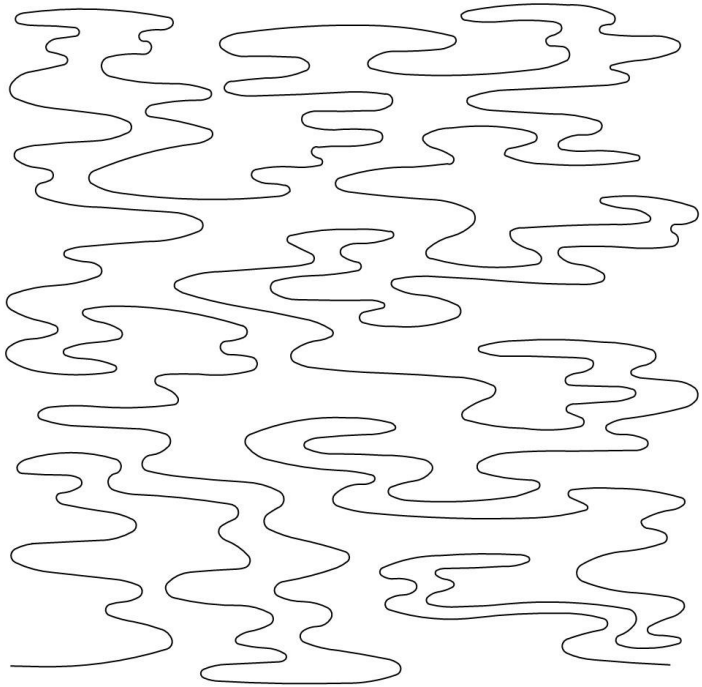
Sunrise Patterns



New P2P Patterns



My Favorite E2E's this Month



Calm water 002



Elizabeth floral pano 003 sq

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 and 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 an 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>

ProStitcher Owners (please read)

HandiQuilter has released their updated Beta Software, which has many of the bugs fixed which were in the previous BE-TA software. If you are running the previous version, upgrade to this most recent version. Life will be happier for you!



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!!**

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:

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 (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! <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>

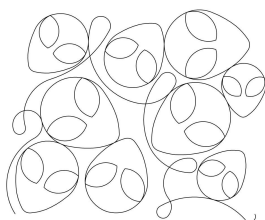
Virginia Longarm: I buy the dress bag and the 3-sided zipper totes to deliver my quilts to customer. They bring their next quilt to me in their bag. When I arrive at our guild meetings, laden with my purple bags, people say it looks like Christmas. Their quilts stay clean and it adds a little extra class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

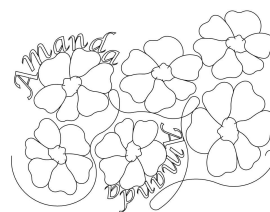
Winline Textiles: These people were at MQS in Wichita. Their batting also feels very nice, has great consistency. They sent me home with two sample batts (a crib size and a twin size). I have used both sample batts and was very, very pleased. Visit them at: <http://www.winlinetextiles.com> Wholesale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



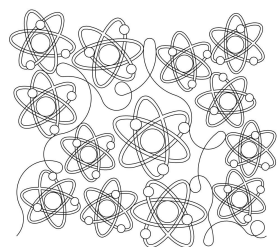
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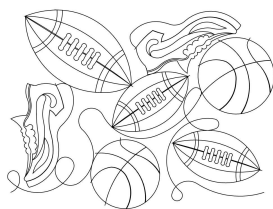
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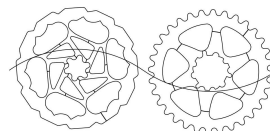
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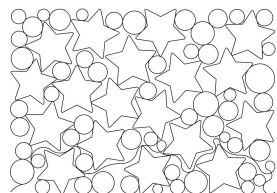
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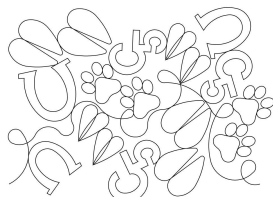
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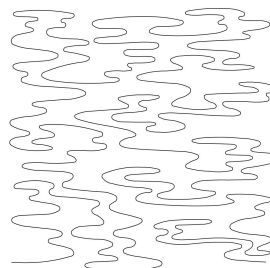
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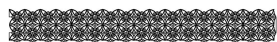
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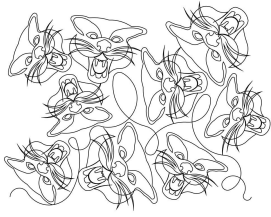
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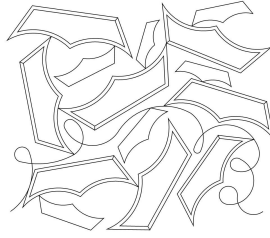
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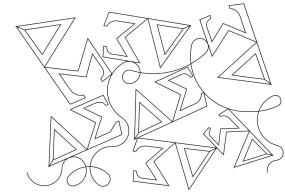
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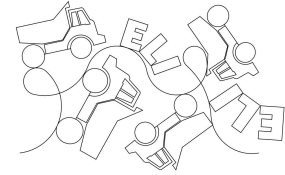
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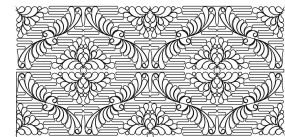
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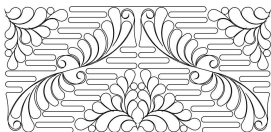
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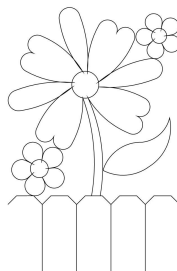
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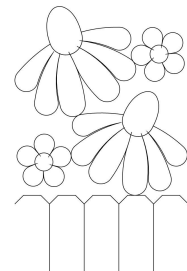
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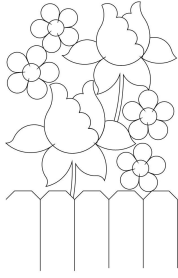
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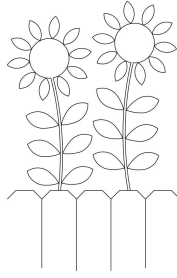
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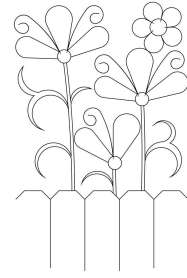
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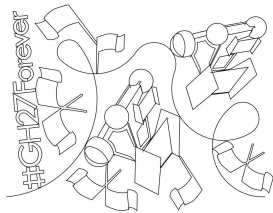
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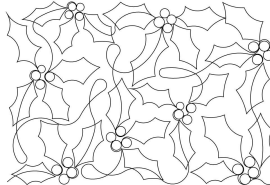
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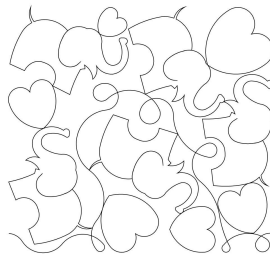
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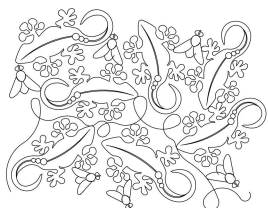
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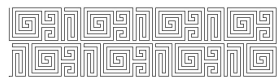
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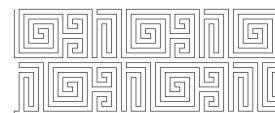
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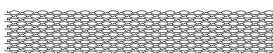
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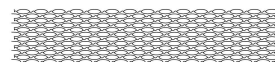
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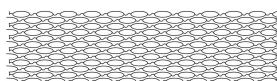
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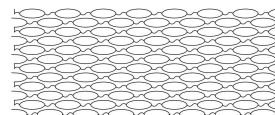
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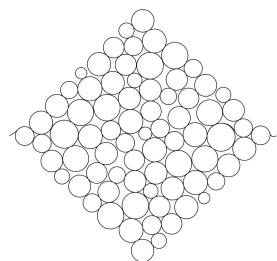
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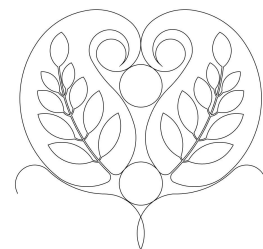
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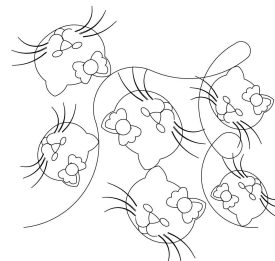
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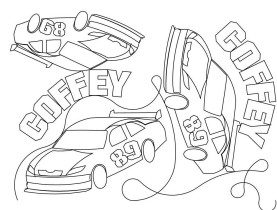
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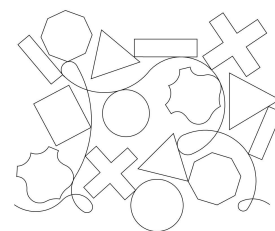
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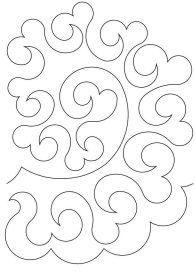
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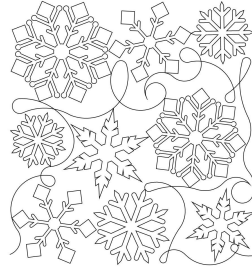
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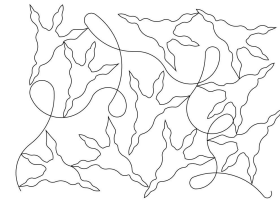
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Panos

Longarm Tip of the Month

Quilter's Tasks for Quilter's Sanity

- It doesn't take any less time to put away all your thread today than it will tomorrow...so put it away every day.
- Keep your table wiped clean of oil, lint, and pollen. You don't want to have to clean it off your customer's quilt.
- Pick up the pins from the floor (neither your feet, your pets' feet, nor the vacuum cleaner respond well to pins and needles).
- It doesn't matter how many pincushions, scissors, measuring tapes you have...they won't be where you want them. Make it a routine to put them back in place so they are at hand when you need them.
- Take the backlash spring out of your bobbin case and clean out any fuzz/dirt. Also, run a pin under the outside tension adjustment of your bobbin case and clean it out, too. Fuzz creates tension issues. If you don't have an extra new bobbin case in your parts inventory, get one....just in case.
- Make sure your pick up roller is level.
- If you always load your quilts in the center of your canvas leaders, occasionally spritz them with water and zip the pick up leader to the quilt backing leader and put some tension on them, and use your side clamps with plenty of side tension. Let them stay this way over night. Doing this regularly will help keep your leaders nice and straight...important for rolling your quilts straight.
- When you've been at it for a long time and you start making stupid mistakes...walk away from the quilt. It's time to go to bed...or at least for a nap. A 15 minute power nap can help you avoid hours of picking.