Club Notes: Obsidian JANUARY 2021

Greetings Quilters!

So glad to see the year 2020 in the rearview mirror! The Covid -19 Pandemic changed the way most of us operate on a day-to-day basis….we had to find other ways to shop, worship, fellowship, and run our businesses. And if we'd only known in time to buy stock in Zoom…..

Aside from drawing a lot of last minute Christmas stocking patterns in December, Kim also created the Norine set of patterns, which contain both modern and floral design elements, as well as a few patterns which belong in the category I call, "Odd Things People Ask Kim To Draw".

For the first time in many years, Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio closed the office(s) from Christmas Eve through New Years Day. Beginning back in November, Kim decided to learn how to use royal icing to make truly elaborate sugar cookies….with spectacular results! They weren't just pretty, either….they tasted great! Kim did some cleaning, too! She purged all of the fossilized pattern catalogs taking up shelf/closet space and organized all of the SDQS records boxes. I'd forgotten how big that storage room really is!

I spent my vacation sewing. Well, I began vacation by cleaning my quilt room...the floor under the Statlers were covered with dust rhinos. After I cleaned up my rooms, I began sewing. I signed up for the Homestead Hearth Reunion Quilt BOM which began in October 2019. By October of 2020, I only had through Month 6 completed. My vacation goal was to make the rest of the blocks in Months 7-11 (a total of 36 blocks). At 8:30pm yesterday, I finished the last block and then took a look at Month 12, which included the fabric for binding, setting triangles, and inner border, plus the instructions to set the blocks together.

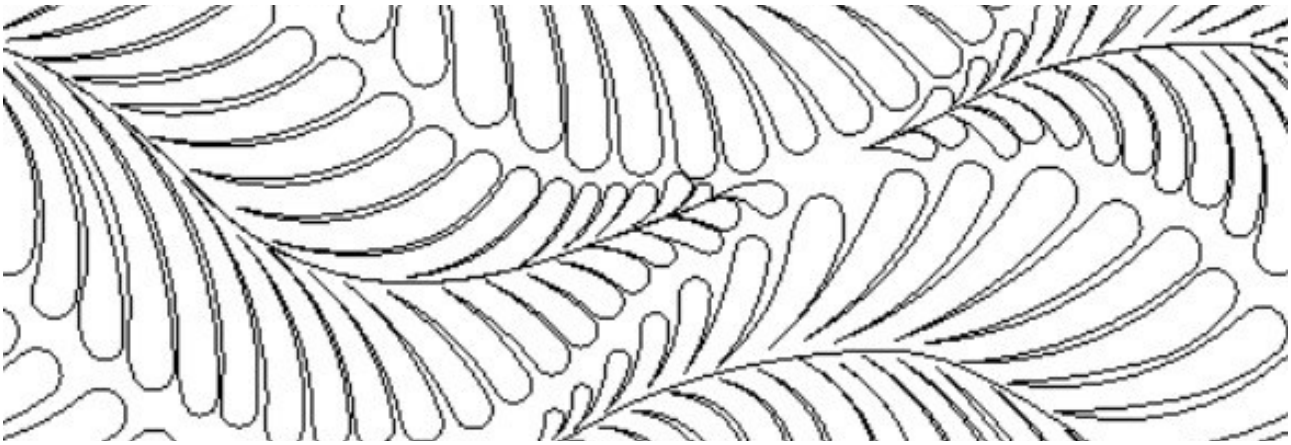
Of course, now I need to find a new BOM for 2021. Haven't seen anything promising so far... I may just need to work on my unfinished projects (or start one of the kits taking up shelf space in my fabric closet). If any of you have any 2021 BOM projects you are excited to begin, send me an email with the details….always up for a new project!

Stay healthy! Be kind to yourself and all others! Enjoy the patterns!

Janet & Kim

The Obsidian Jan 2021 Archive contains 117 patterns, including 49 panos, a retail value of $1415.00.

Extended Width Panos

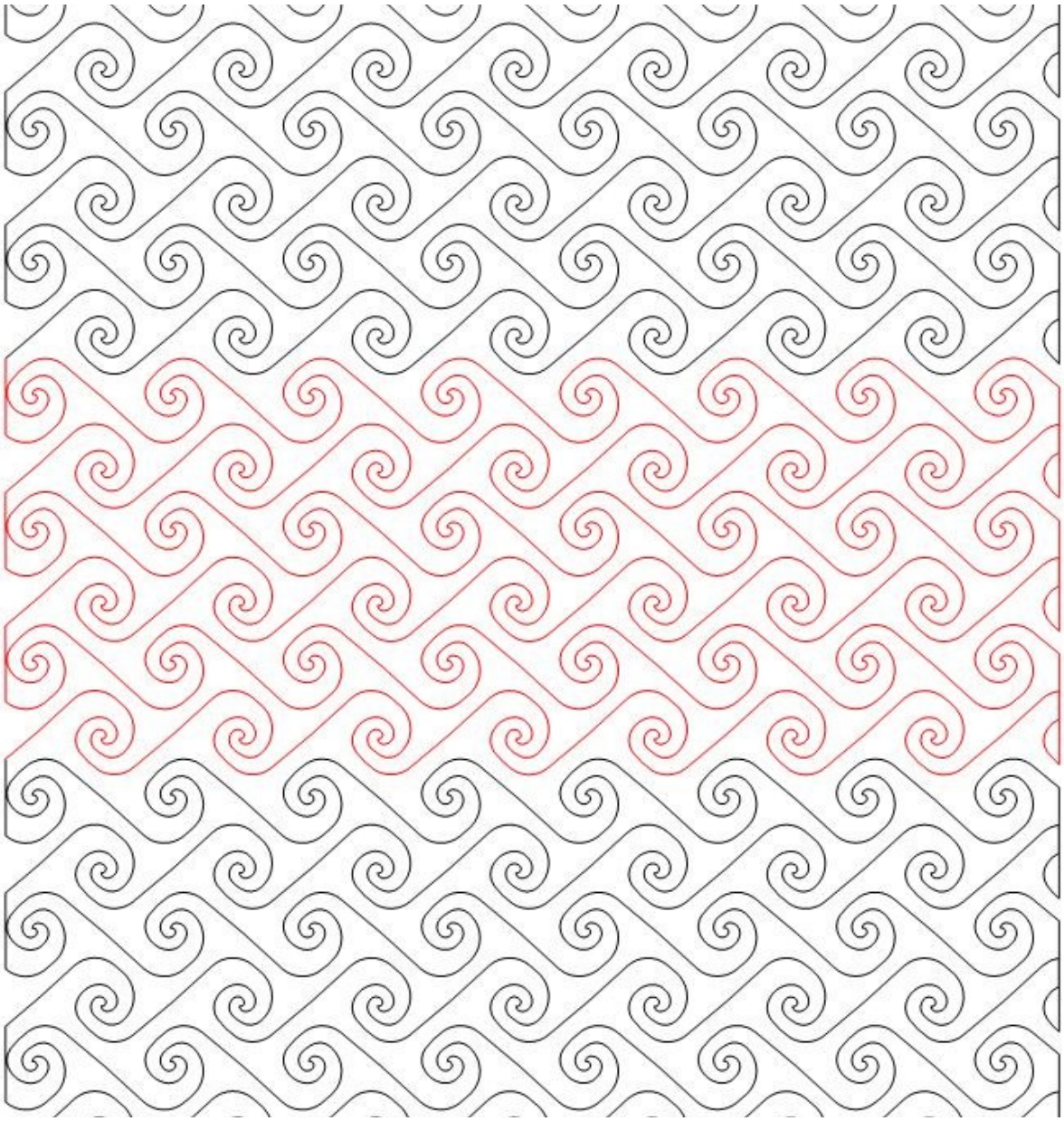


Feather Wave Pano

Benefits to using Extended Width E2E Patterns:

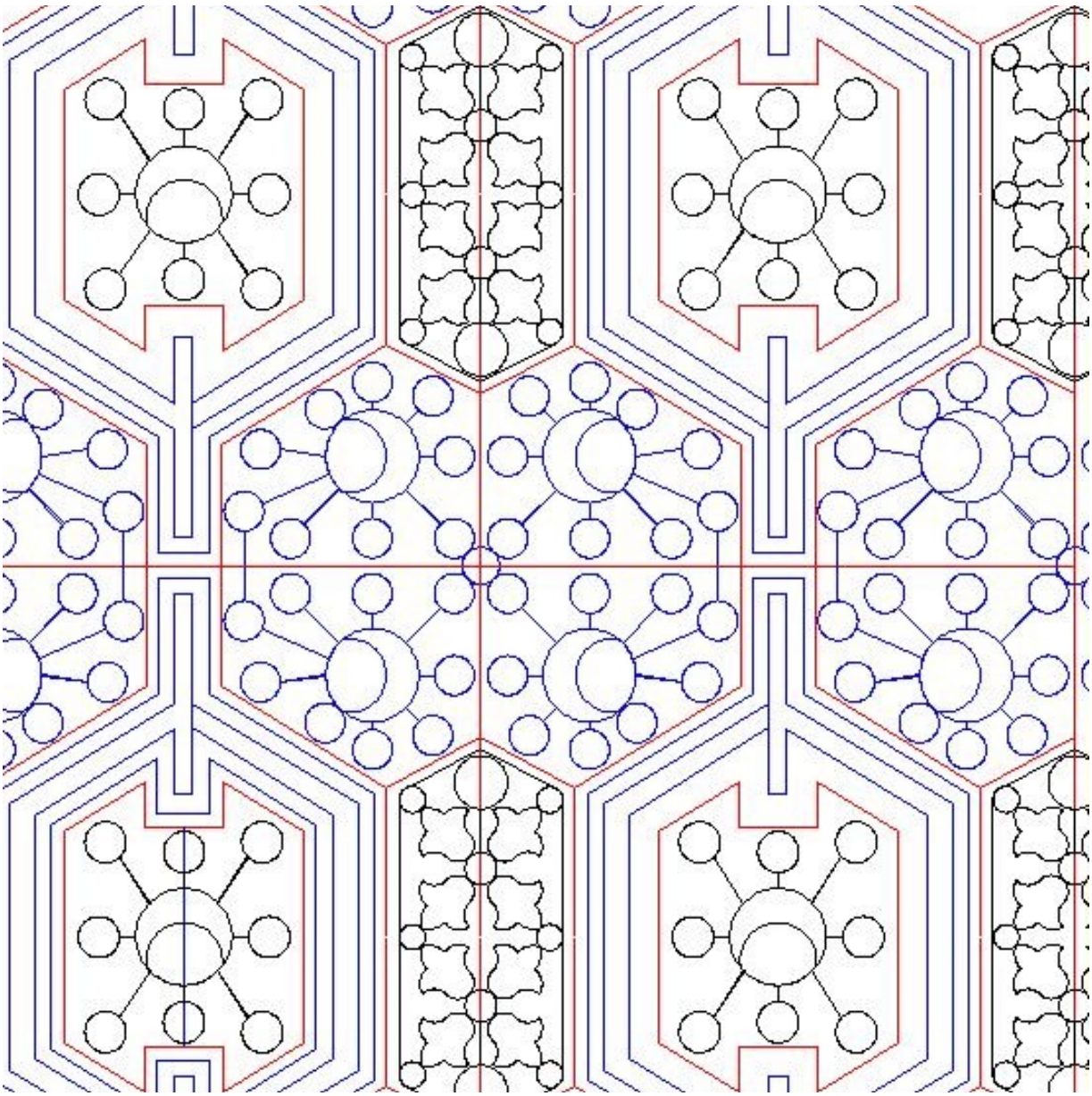
- For simple patterns with small height, an extended width version will quilt several rows without you having to reset to the beginning of each row, freeing you up to tend to other things.
- For alternating patterns, that function is already taken care of, including having the deep interlock eliminated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

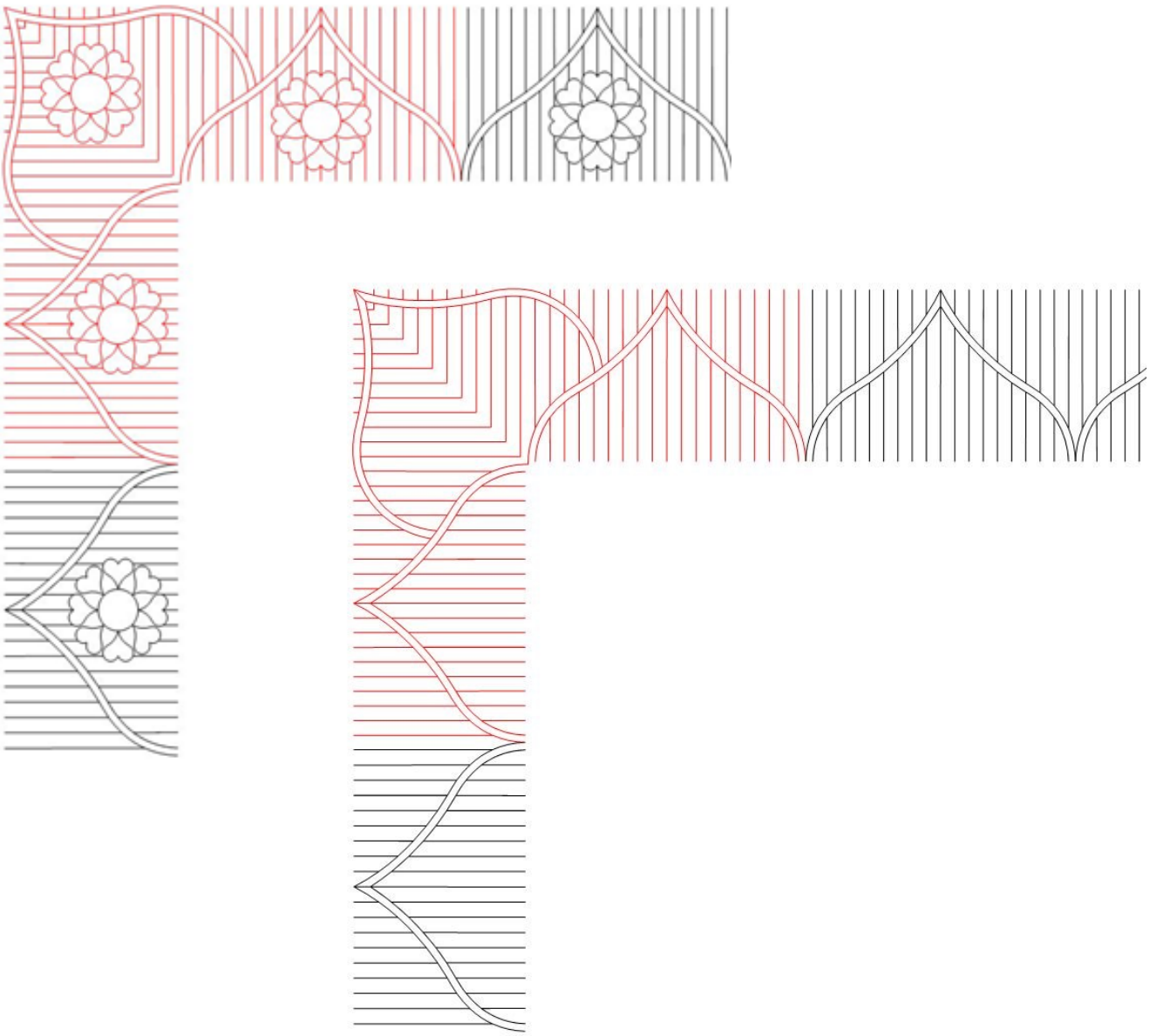


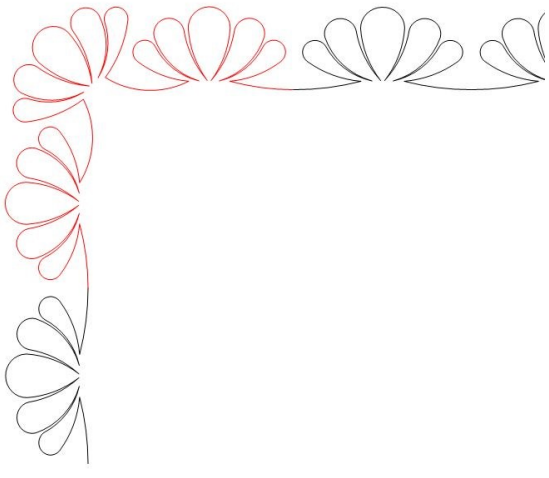
Swirl Hook Pano 001

Connection Patterns



Border and Corner Patterns





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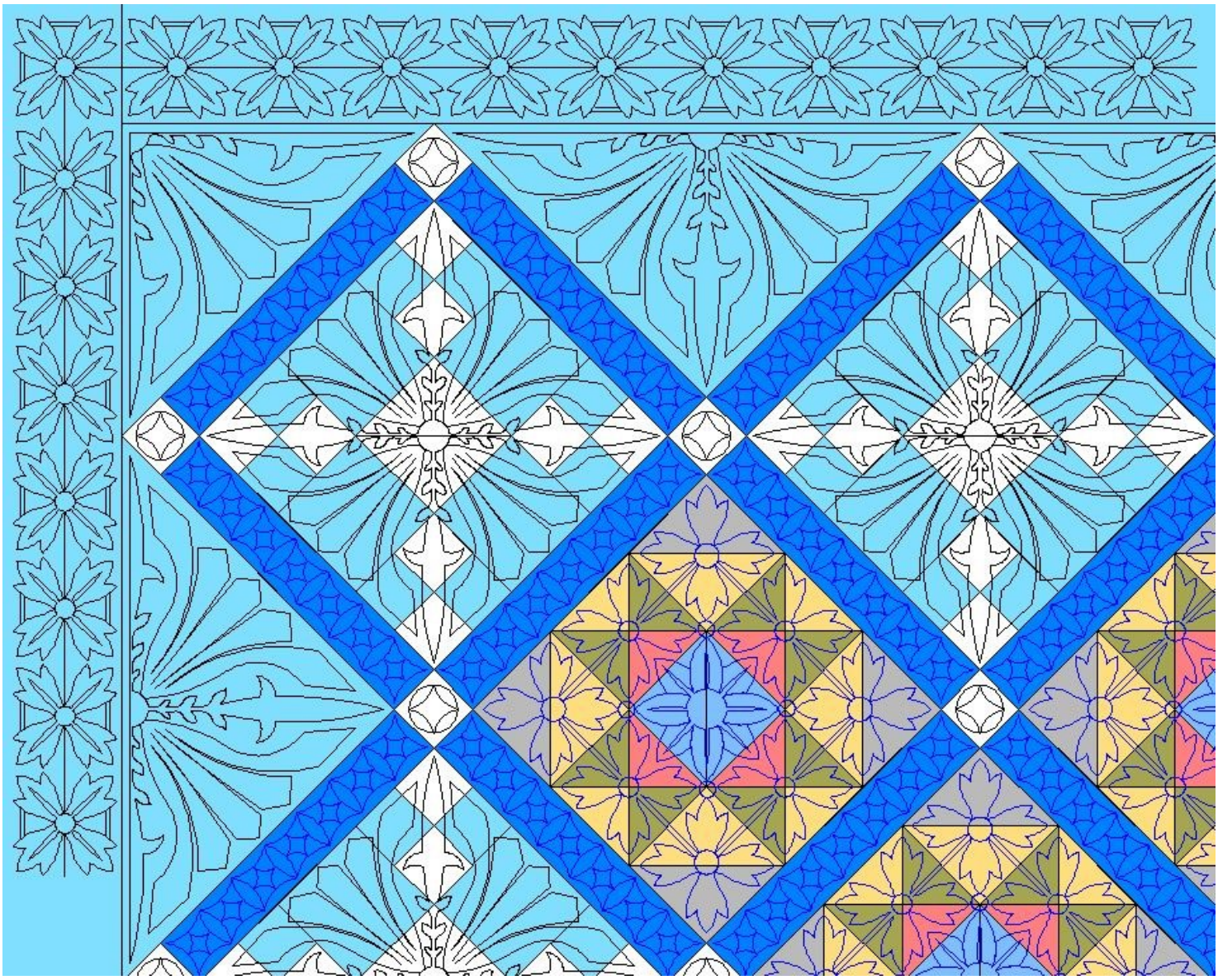

Individual patterns shown on next page.

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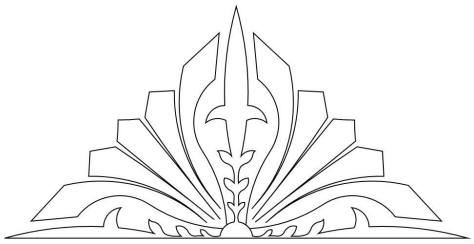
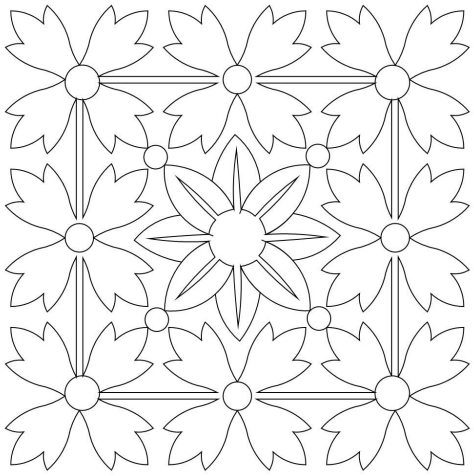
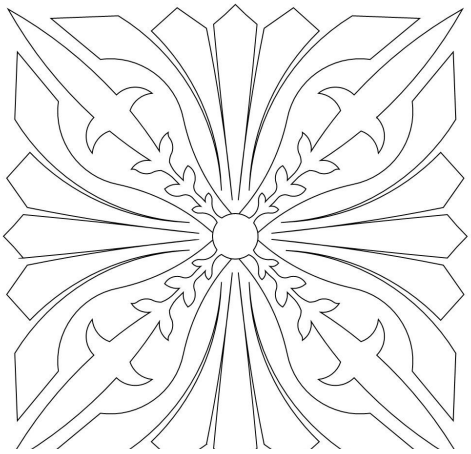
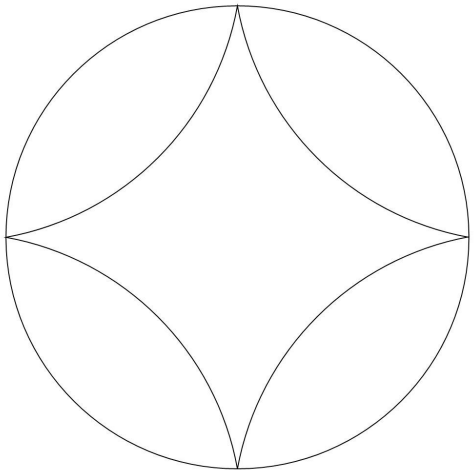
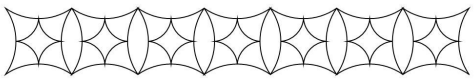
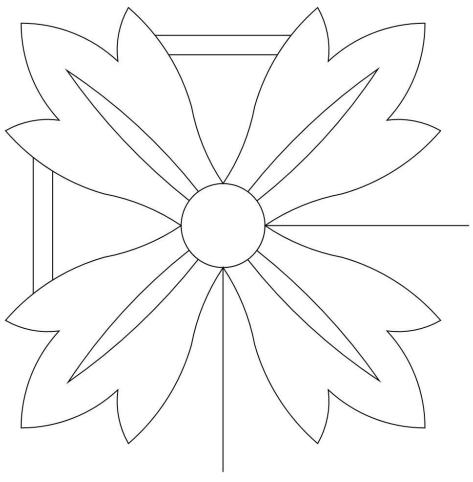


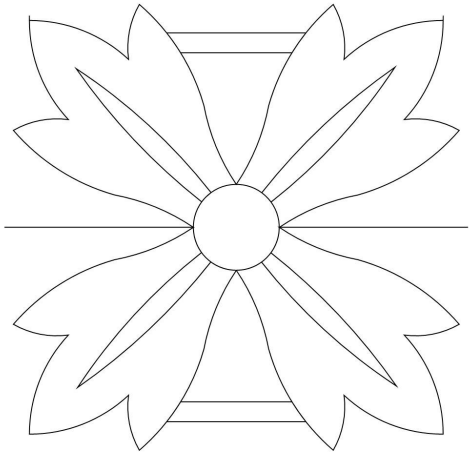


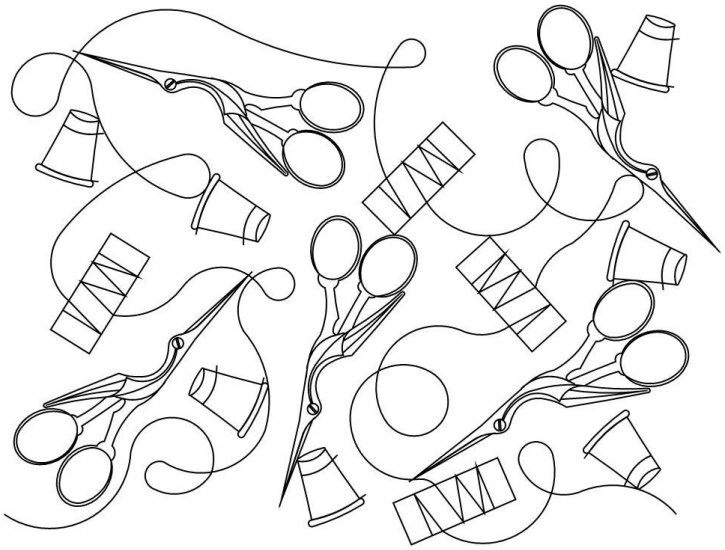




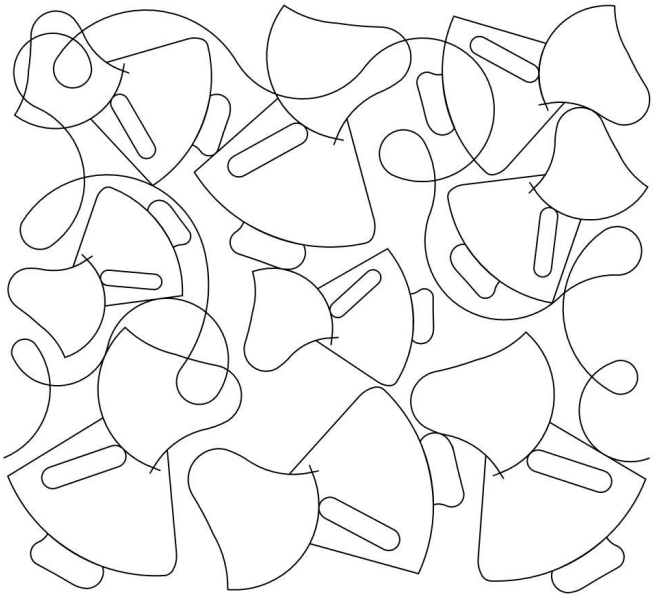








Quilters Pano 001



Sunbonnet Sue Pano
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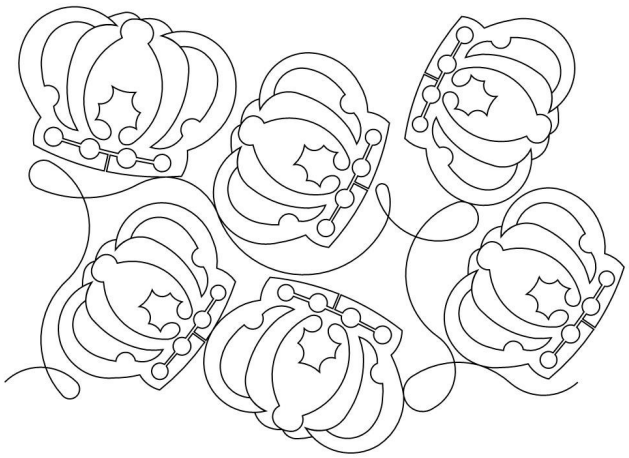
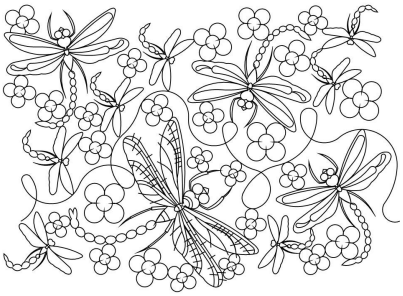
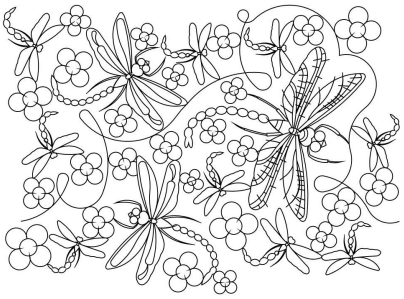
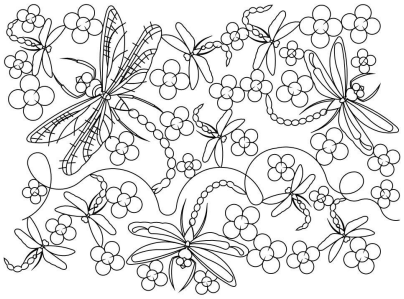


Crown Pano 003
(another option for those never-ending Crown Royal Bag quilts)

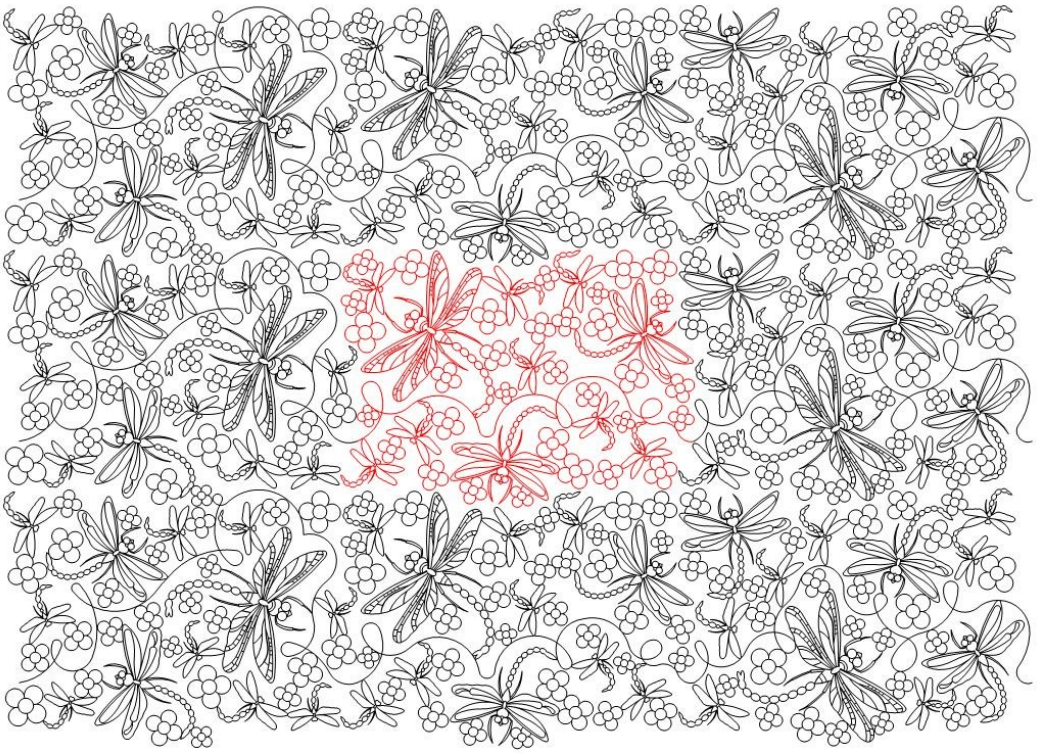
Dragonfly Series Panos



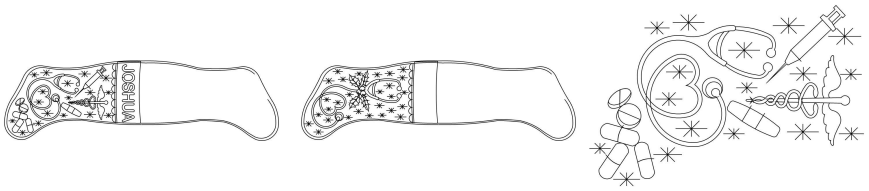


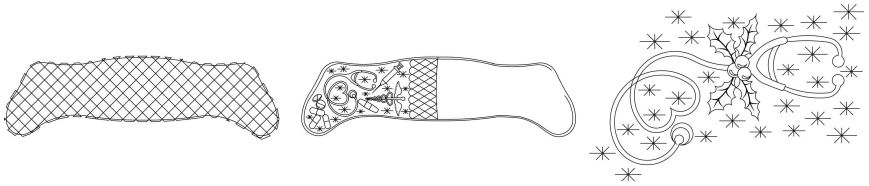


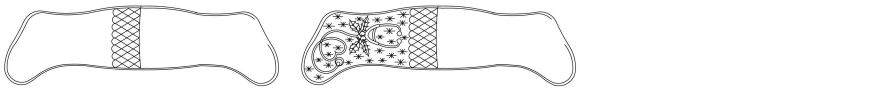
Run these e2e patterns separately or concatenate all three to less repetition.

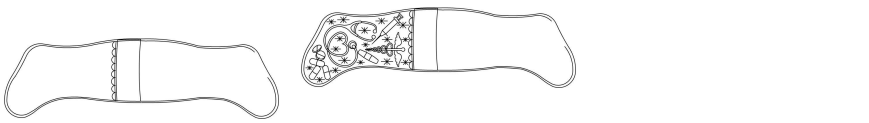


Christmas Stocking Patterns









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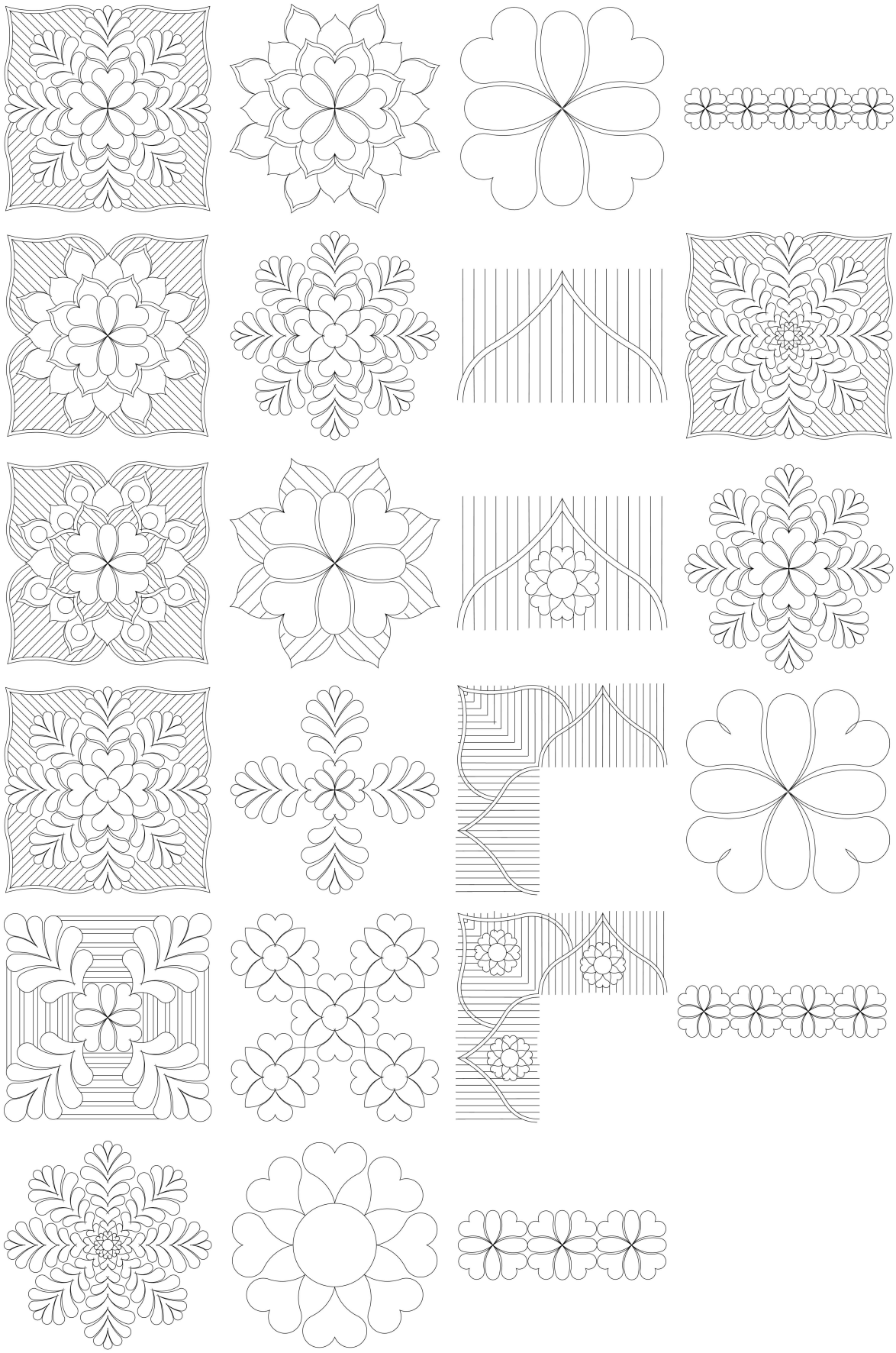

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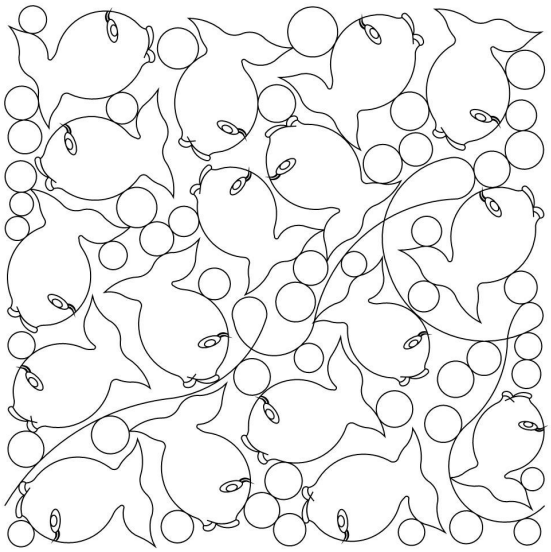
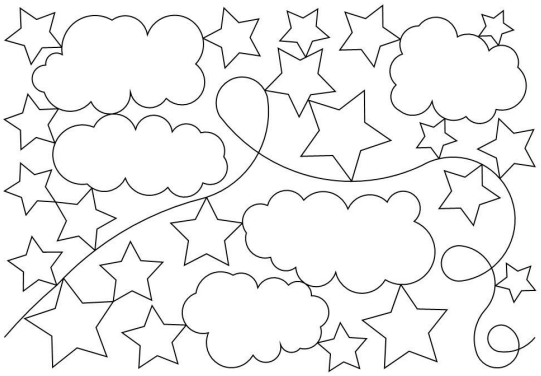
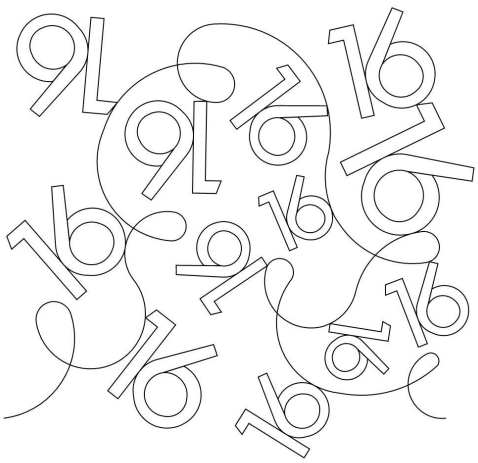
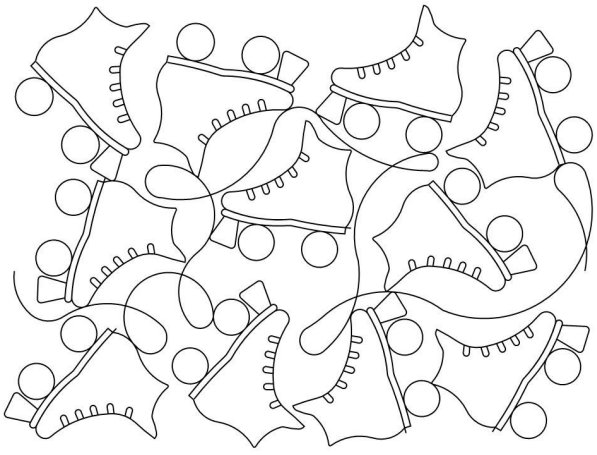
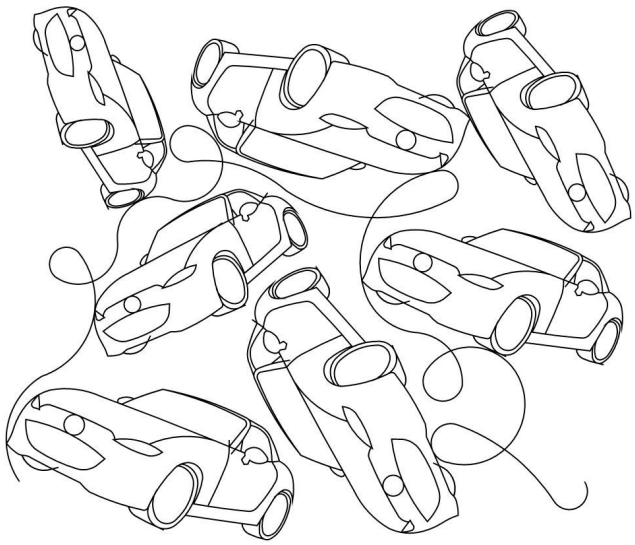


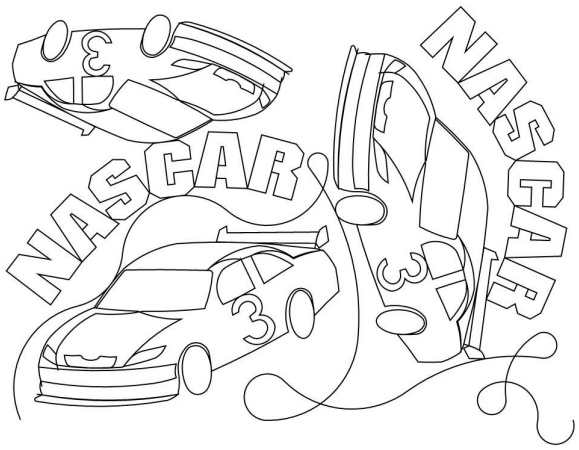


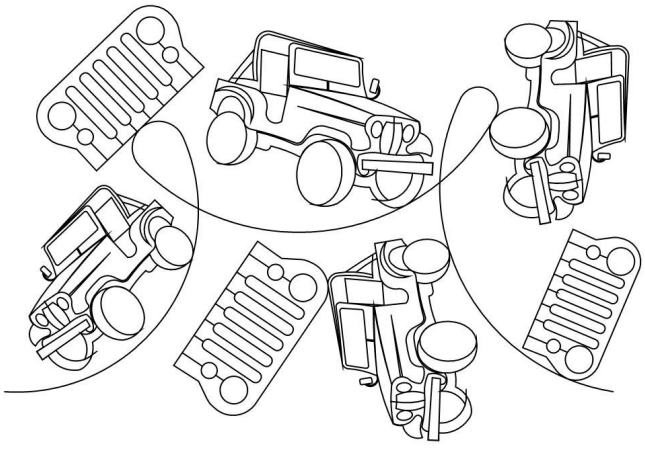




Cars and/or Racing







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.

—Almost every single name pano started out life as a "normal" pattern, to which we were requested to add a name. The original "normal" pattern is probably NOT included in the current archive, as it was created at some time in the past. That's one reason why CJC members get a 20% discount on all online pattern purchases.

—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 arcoption. 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.hive so you don't have to cull them out. Very few people (much to my surprise) voted for that

Statler Owners Upgrading to Creative Studio 7.2 *(please read)*

After you have downloaded and installed your Creative Studio 7.2 software, please do the following as a workaround to a CS software bug:

-Make sure you have actually extracted your patterns from the zip file before attempting to import them.
-When you import the patterns, make sure you type in or select from the drop down box the encryption code which matches the code shown at the end of your pattern names.
-For some unknown reason, it may appear that not all of your patterns successfully imported. Shut down CS 7.2 and try again.
--If some of your patterns show as GOLD instead of light yellow, reboot CS 7.2 and check them again.
--Before importing your PVM into CS 7.2, double check that the patterns IN PVM have the same controller number or red key number as your machine currently displays. IF NOT, don't import them and contact Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio.

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

ProStitcher Owners *(please read)*

DO NOT use the ProStitcher Beta software! Make sure you are running the vs ending 5706. Life will be much easier for you if you're running the current software.

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!!**

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