



Club Notes:



Obsidian

JUNE
2021

Greetings Quilters!

It seems like the month of May just flew by so quickly. It's Graduation and Wedding Quilt Season, and so my personal longarm quilt roster was jam packed with both of those types of quilts....and copious numbers of baby quilts. Apparently, this was the same situation with many of our Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio customers. There are a lot of baby/kid quilt patterns, and unfortunately, a lot of those pesky name patterns. If you don't want the name patterns, just delete them.

To those who are new to the Crown Jewels Club: members get everything Kim drew in the previous month, even the name patterns. To those who would rather have those patterns without the names, the name patterns are almost exclusively the result of a customer asking Kim to add "Suzy's" name to an existing pattern. Unless Kim was asked to make a pattern with new design elements AND someone's name, you won't find the original pattern in the club patterns, but you can purchase it using your CJC 20% discount. If she made a brand new name pattern, she will often make a version without the names, and in that case, you will find that version in your club patterns.

Kim has been drawing patterns since 1998 and as you might expect, her technical skills in creating patterns in auto cad software have also increased greatly. I asked her to go back and overhaul several of those older patterns, and as she has the time in her drawing schedule, she is re-working them, and so you are getting the revised versions in your Club patterns. For those of you who have been buying Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio patterns since 2007, you may well recognize some of these motifs.

For Statler users there is good news! If you are having your older Statler systems retrofitted so you can run the most current version of Statler software (Creative Studio 7.3) you will likely get a new controller galil which will change your encryption code. Already have all of those patterns tagged and keyworded in PVM? They can import your PVM database into CS 7.3 so you don't lose all of that work. This week, the Statler Cloud Team came up with a way to make your patterns encrypted to your old machine work on your new machine without having to re-import newly encrypted patterns into the software. You no longer have to delete everything and start over! If this is something you're interested in, give me a call (573-446-0421 or 573-445-3133) or send me an email (janet@sweetdreamsquiltstudio.com) and I'll tell you more.

I will be on vacation this year from June 5th through June 13th. My husband and I will be RV camping in the Versailles, MO area where at the campsite, we barely get one bar of signal on our cell phones. We just purchased a new RV signal antenna & booster system (cost over \$500.00). It has good reviews, so we'll see what happens. If it works, Kim will just forward the SDQS phone to me and I'll be able to still provide good customer service. If it doesn't work, Kim will be fielding phone calls and probably emailing the details to me and then I'll have to find a McDonalds to sit and work from in-town signal. Be nice to Kim while I'm gone. She can probably handle all Statler and IQ issues, but doesn't know much about the other machine types.

**The Obsidian June 2021 Archive contains 135 patterns,
including 65 panos, a retail value of \$1685.00.**

Way back in 2008, Kim talked me into quitting my job and coming on board with Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio. She could no longer provide good customer service AND keep drawing the patterns. So, Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio has two staff members instead of just one. We do the best we can to cover all aspects of customer service. Neither of us took a vacation last year, but we are getting away (or at least working part-time from a different location) this year. Kim will be going to Montana from June 25 - 28th. She will NOT be drawing patterns during the time. So, look at your quilt roster and figure out if you're going to need patterns drawn. Get those detailed design requests emailed to me (janet@sweetdreamsquiltstudio.com) as soon as you can. Don't use the Contact Us form for design requests (you can't attach photos).

Now - Some information on the most efficient way for you to get something drawn:

For every custom pattern design request, Kim is going to need this information.

- Size of blocks, sashes, borders
- Overall size of whole quilt (length and width). Kim will need to draft out your quilt before creating patterns, so the sum of the blocks, sashes, and borders needs to equal your overall quilt measurements.
- We really need you to spell out your measurements, rather than sending photos with a measuring tape or ruler in the photo.
- Size of your quiltable area (how much you can quilt in one belly bar full—area between the take up roller and the belly bar)
- What style of motif do you want? (Traditional, Modern, Geometric, Botanical, etc) It helps Kim understand YOUR definition of those motif styles if you can also give us the name(s) of SDQS patterns on our website that you like the style of for your quilt.
- What density do you want? And keep in mind that modern style generally equals dense quilting. Also, keep in mind that if you are planning to use double batting or high loft batting, dense quilting will cause you to have a lot of shrinkage to manage.
- Please include the name of the quilt and that quilt designer's name.
- Good photos of YOUR quilt and blocks (taken straight on at the quilt/blocks so the perspective isn't an issue for drafting)
- Do you plan to quilt using different thread colors?
- Are jump stitches okay? (a jump stitch is where the pattern stops at one point, ties off, moves to another place, ties back on and quilts another area).
- If you want words/names in blocks or borders, you need to select the font from the font list included in this newsletter. A mix of upper and lower case in borders creates uneven quilting, so all uppercase is strongly suggested in those situations.

For every edge-to-edge design request, Kim is going to need this information:

- If you want her to modify an existing SDQS pattern, provide us with the exact pattern name (in the body of the email NOT in the subject line).
- If you want a name added to a specific pattern, include the exact pattern name, the name you want added (and verify the spelling of the name prior to making the design request), select the font you want used from the font list included in this newsletter. Tell us if you want only the first letter of each name/word capitalized or the entire name/word. Keep in mind that some fonts (script fonts, mostly) don't look good in all uppercase letter. *Also, remind your customers that words are backwards on the backside of the quilt.*
- Tell us what pattern height you prefer to quilt the design, your minimum and maximum sizes for the design elements to be included. (example: if you only want 4 frogs in your 10" design, tell us that at the beginning).
- Do you want the design to be directional or non-directional?
- Do you want the pattern to be an interlocking design or a squared (B2B) design?
- If you want Kim to create an e2e based on specific design elements in fabric, attach photo(s) of that fabric. These photos will need to be good enough resolution that she can see all of the detail. I small thumbnail size photo won't work.
- Patterns which contain cute animal faces (front view) will have face elements modified or let out entirely....she has to attach them somehow in order for the pattern to stitch continuously.

Consider the answers to all of these questions before actually submitting a design request. It is incredibly

hard to keep track of the information when it is strung out over multiple emails....just put it all in one email. When we have the answers to all of the questions for you request, it will be added to Kim's drawing list. She works on design requests on a first in, first out basis.

Memorial Day Weekend for me will be spent mostly quilting (as much as the thunderstorms will allow) and getting the RV ready for our trip. Plan on taking one of my Featherweight machines and a couple of quilting projects, plus some wool handwork. Think we also plan to hit some quilt shops and flea markets. We recently removed the love seat from our RV. We no longer need it as an extra bed, and it has never been comfortable to just sit on and read, etc. We bought used glider rocker chairs, modified the bases, and put them in the love seat spot. Very comfortable! Alan made the comment that he used to be cool....and now the highlight of his weekend was installing ROCKING CHAIRS! He used to restore muscle cars and now he restores Featherweights, builds batting racks and quilt design walls! It's really great to have a handy spouse!

Kim is working on having her three bathrooms overhauled. I think she has finally decided what she wants for the first one, but the tile probably won't be shipped until some time in September. She's also looking into options for keeping her downstairs office warmer in the winter. She has an open stairwell, so the heat just goes to the upstairs level in the Fall and Winter and in the Spring and Summer the basement is Cold, because all of the A/C drops to the lower level.

As always, we love to see photos of the quilts you quilted and also your personal quilt projects in progress. Don't let the stress of being a longarm quilter for hire rob you of the joy you find by making quilts!

Enjoy the patterns!
Janet & Kim

Patriotic Patterns

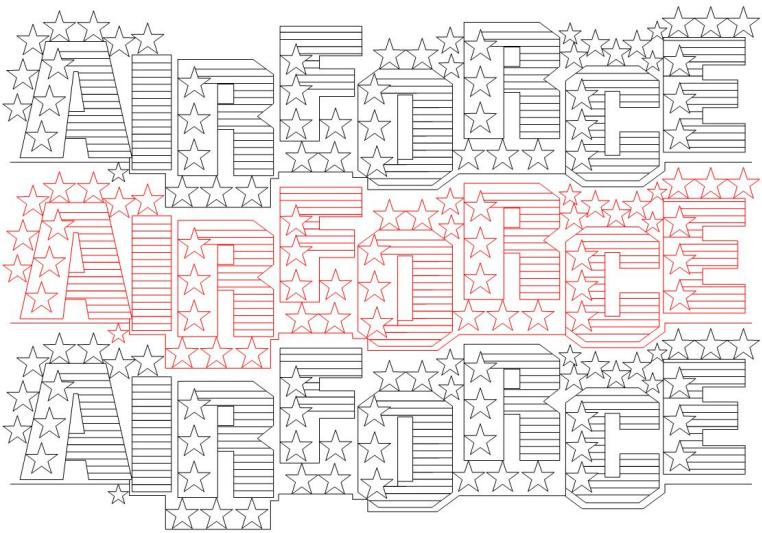
Suitable for QOV Quilts

These patterns were designed to quilt Kari Nichols' Honor Quilt. She used an existing pattern (Wavy Pano 005 SA) to quilt the interior and then used the Missy patterns for the borders. These patterns required her to turn the quilt to do the longer borders.

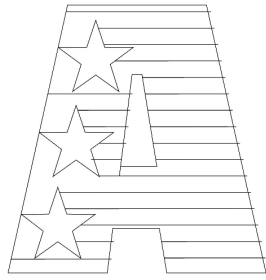


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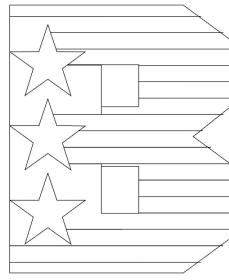
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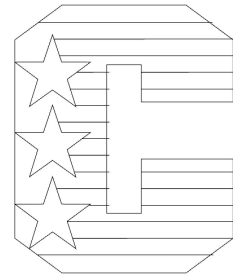
Check out the QOV Alphabet on the next couple of pages!



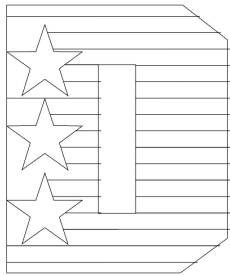
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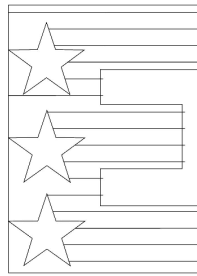
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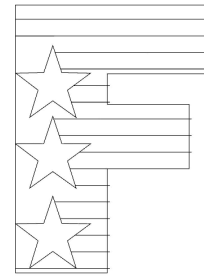
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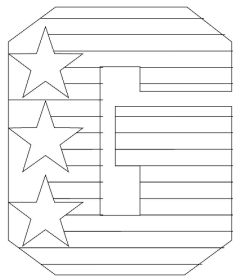
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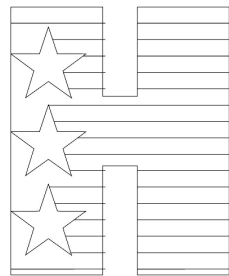
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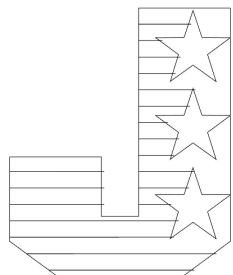
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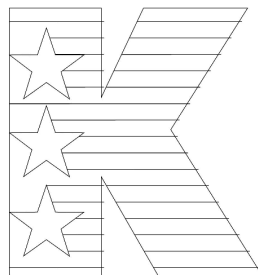
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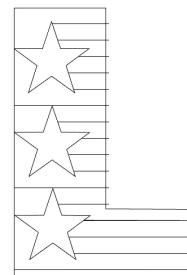
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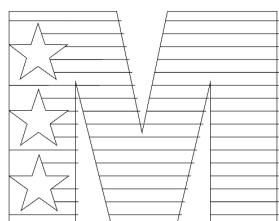
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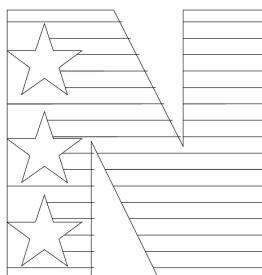
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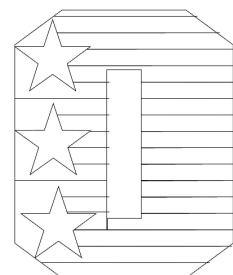
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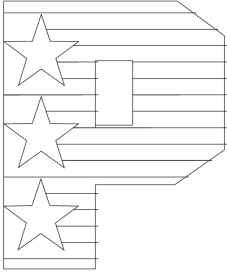
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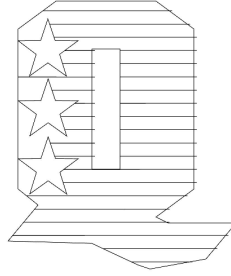
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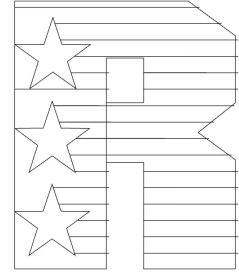
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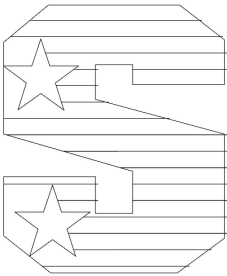
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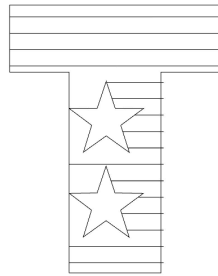
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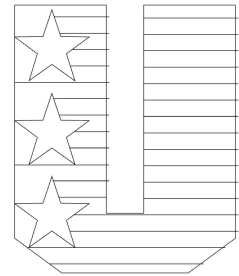
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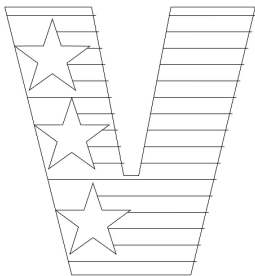
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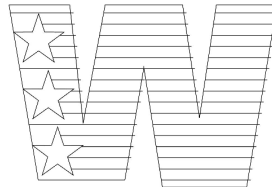
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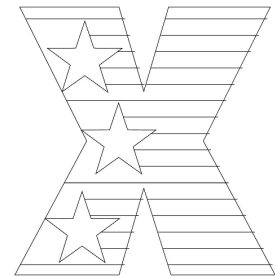
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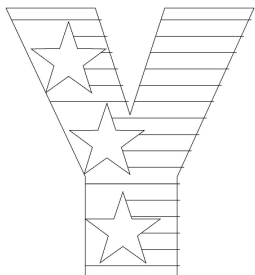
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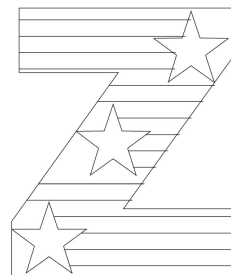
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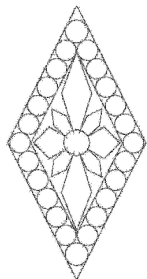
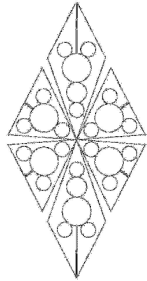
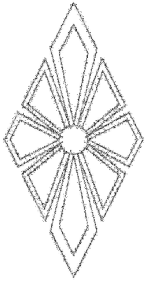
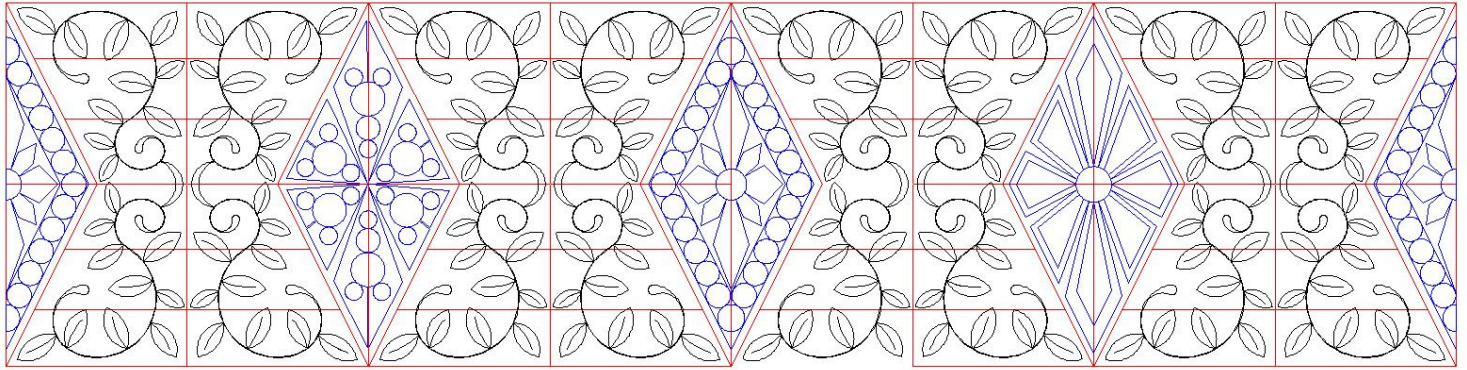


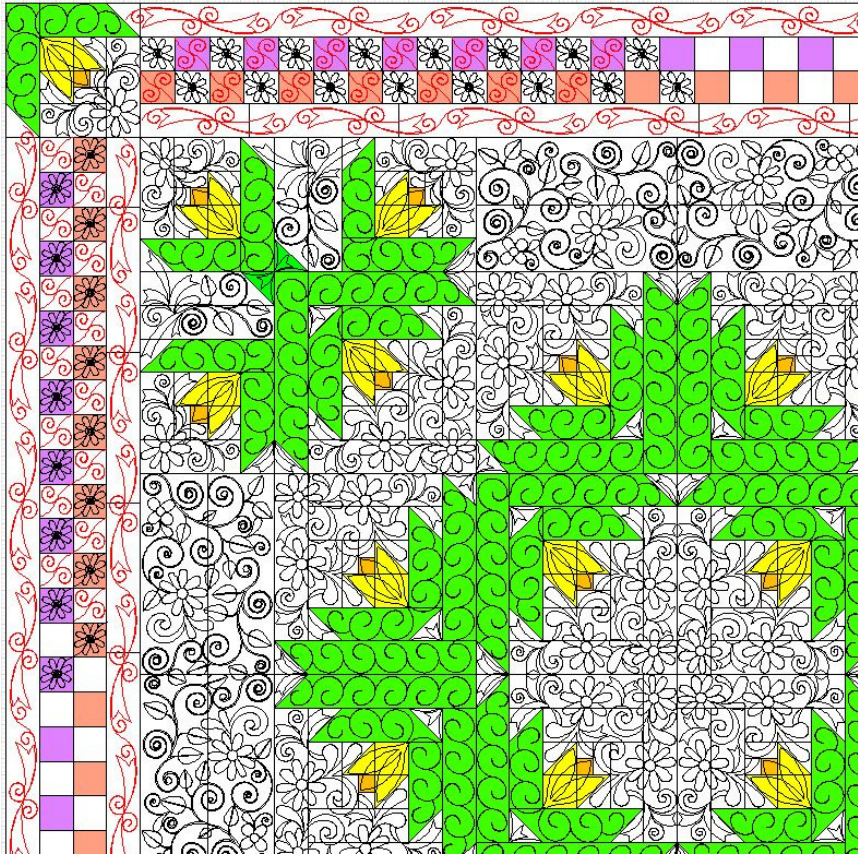
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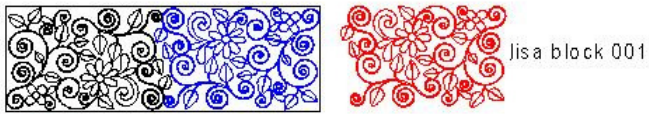
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Hugs & Kisses Quilt

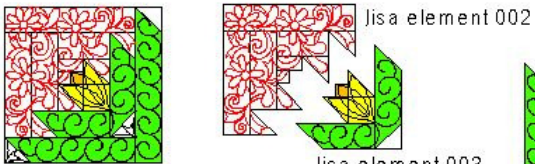
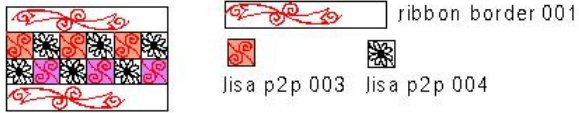




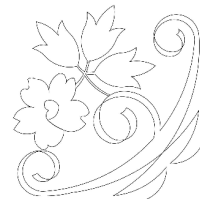
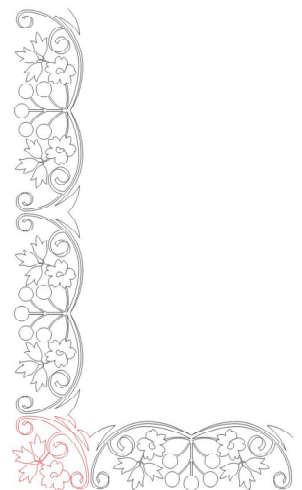
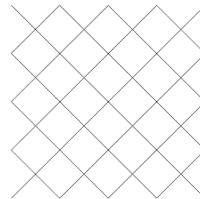
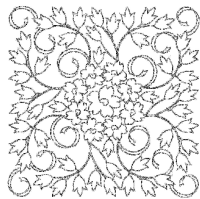
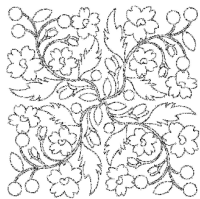
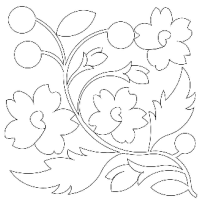
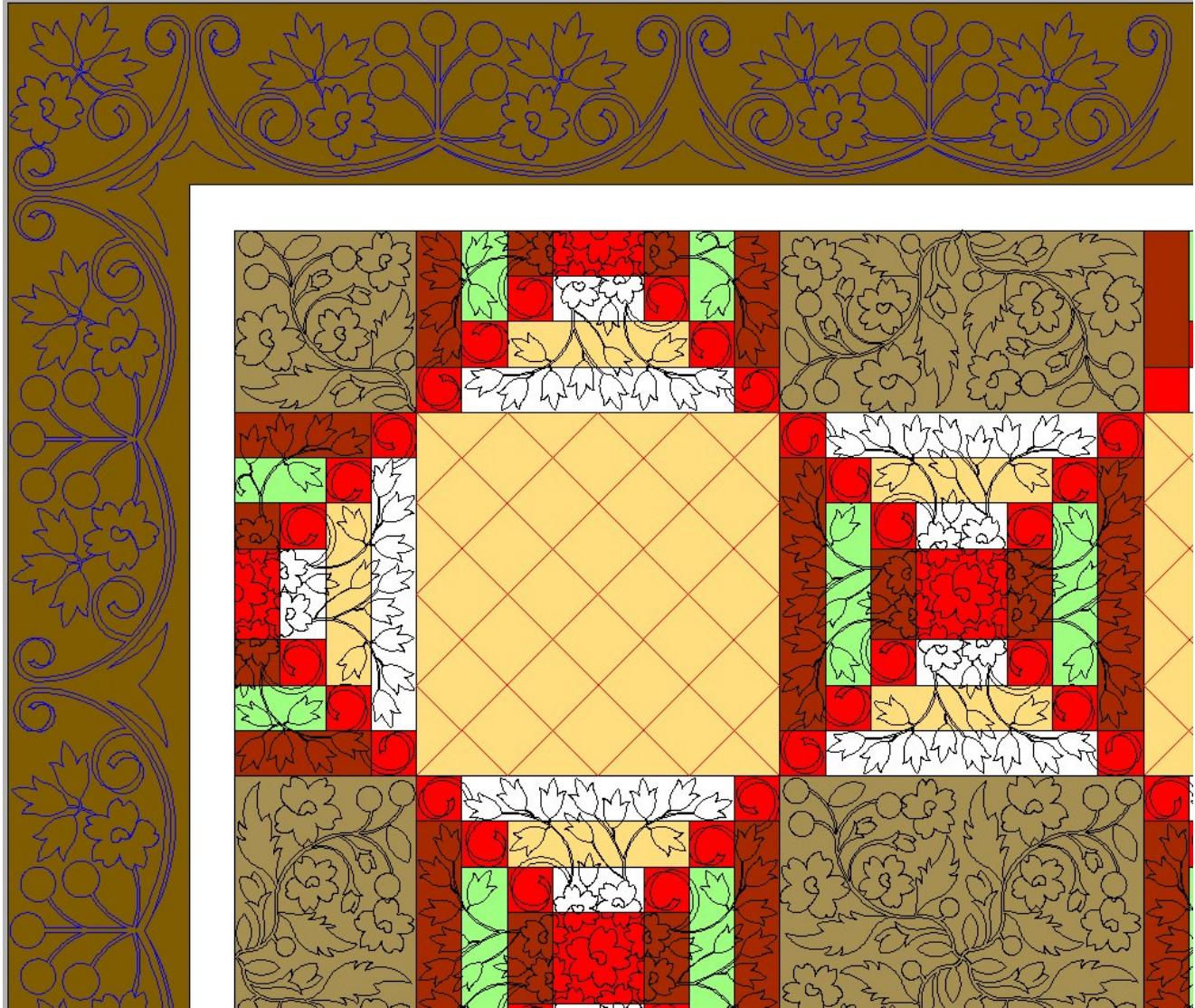
Lisa's Patterns



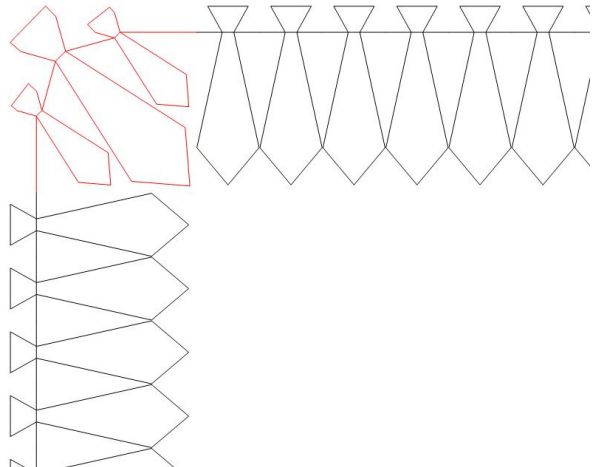
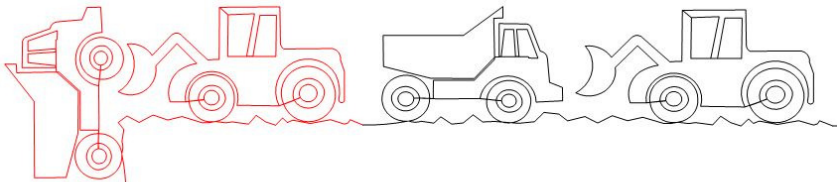
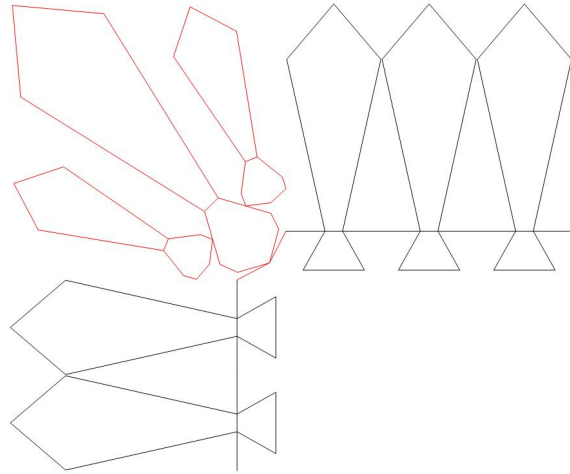
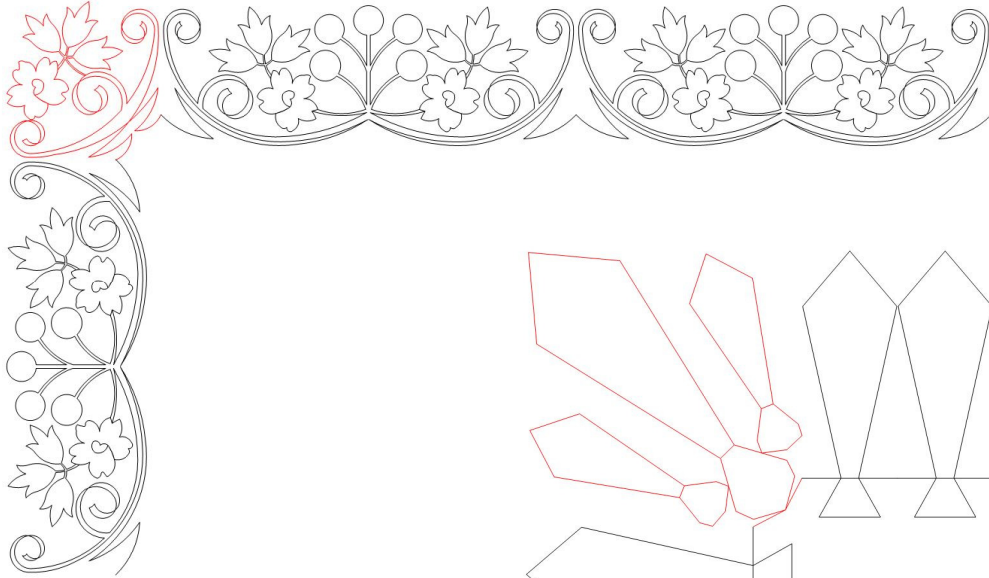
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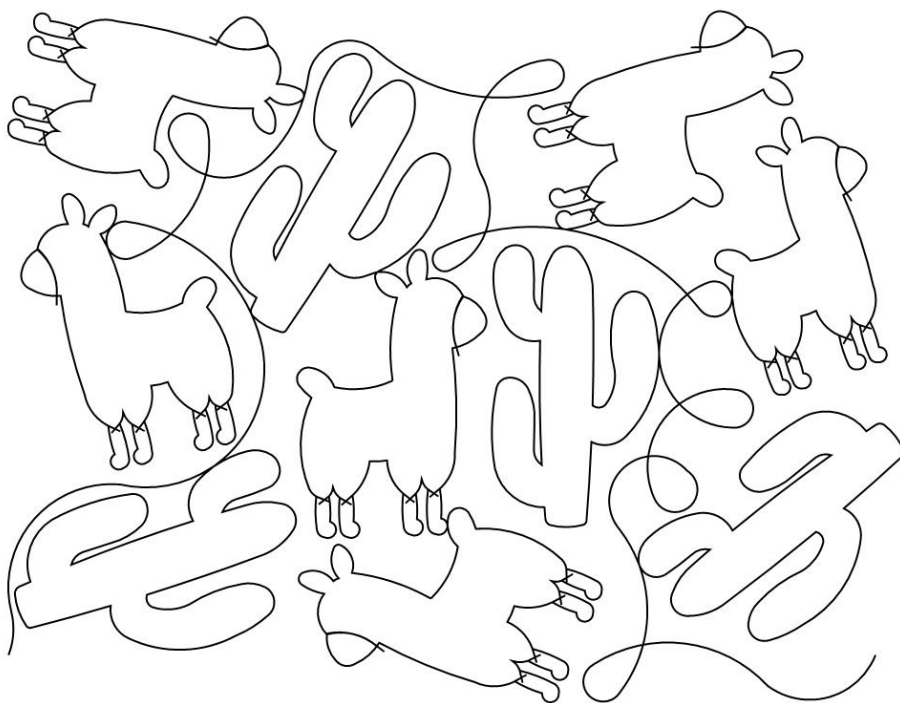
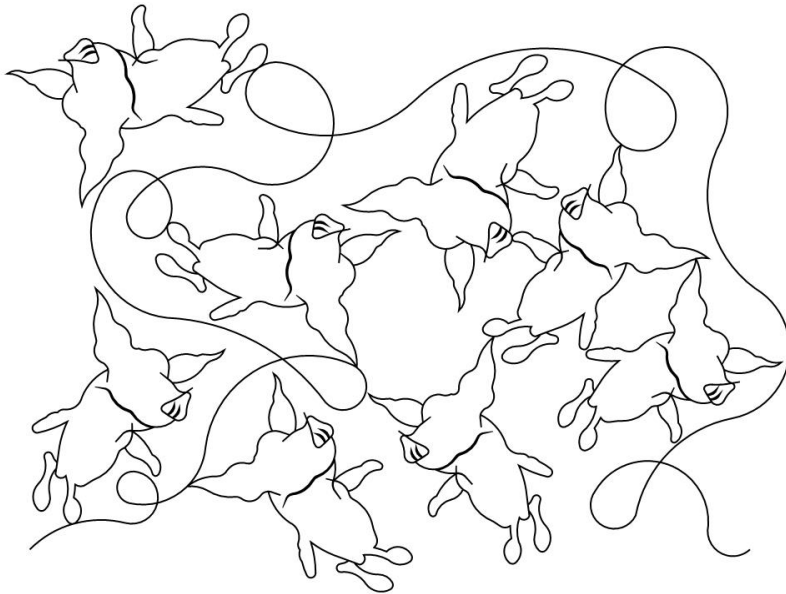
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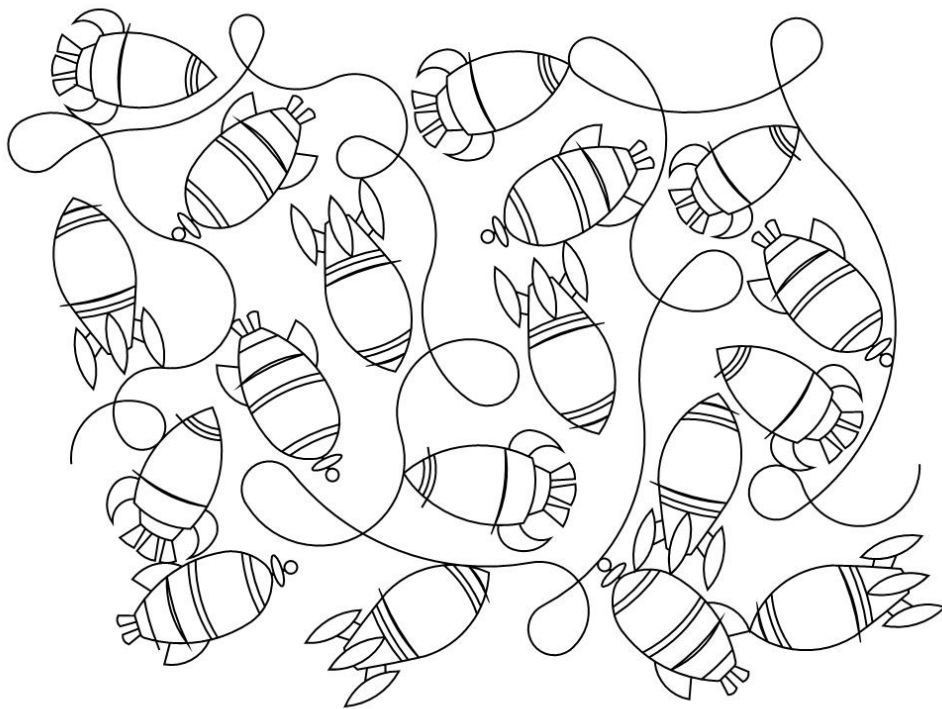
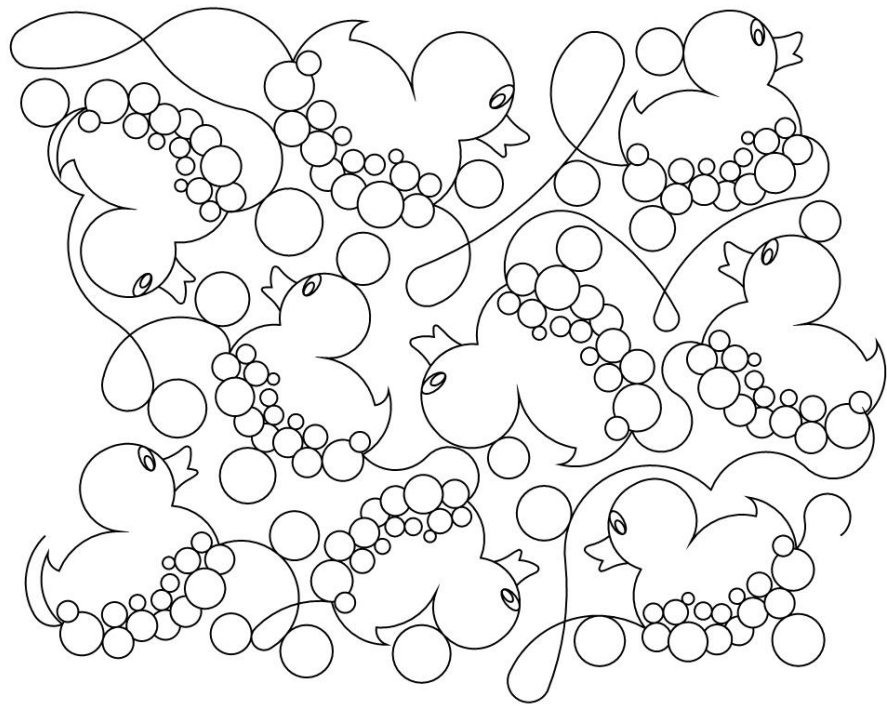


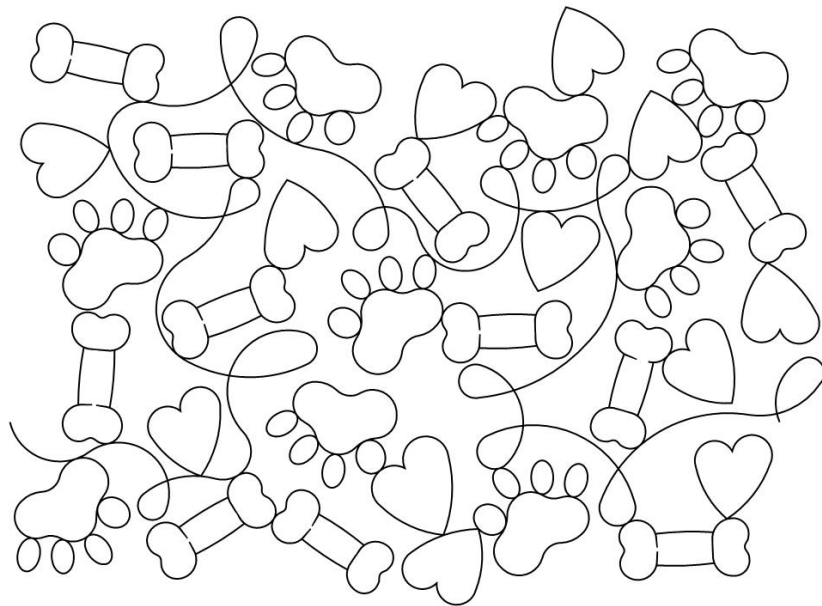
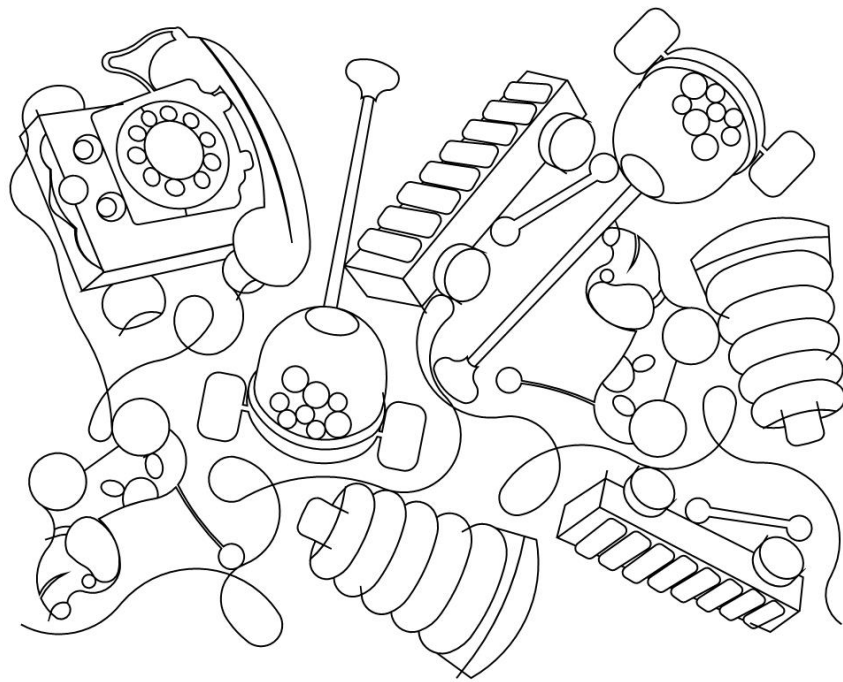
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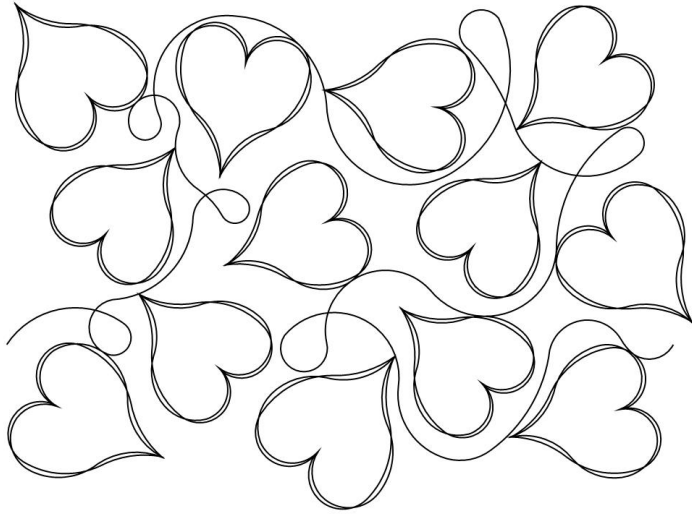
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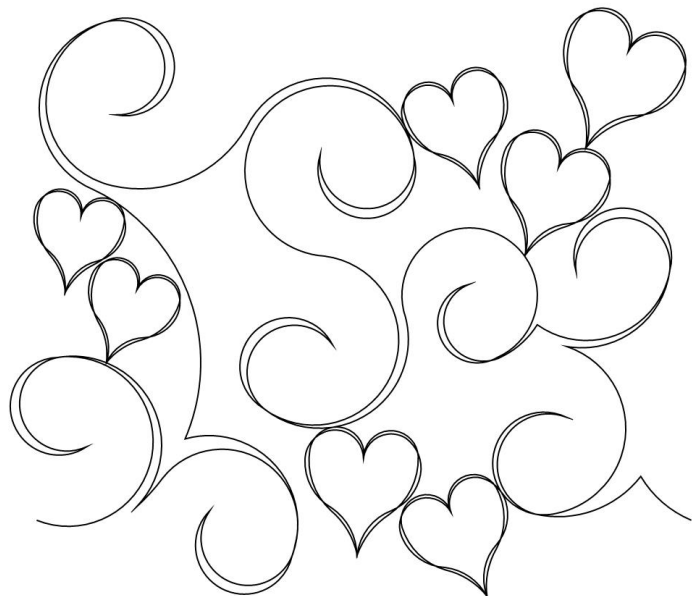


My Favorite E2E Patterns this Month

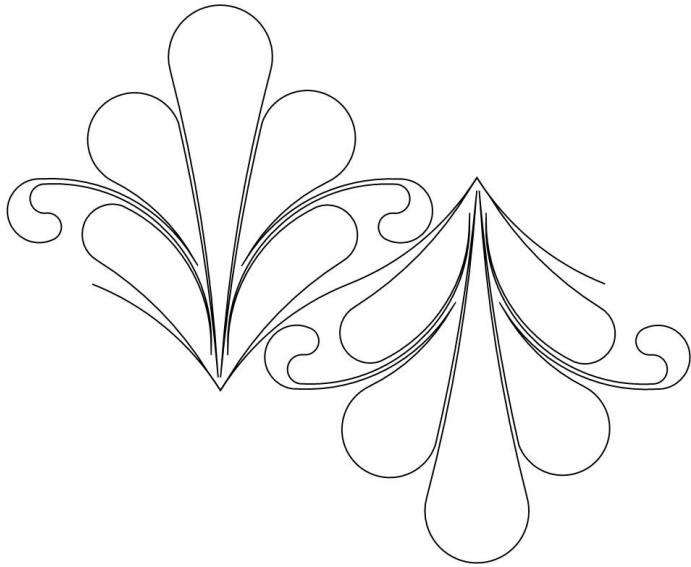


Double Hearts Pano 002

Swirling Hearts Pano 002

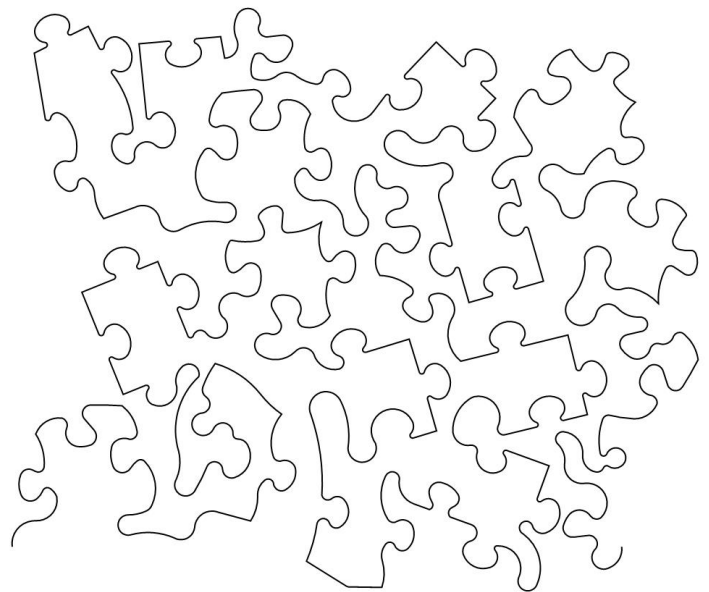


My Favorite E2E Patterns this Month



Feather Curl Pano 002

Puzzle Meander Pano 001



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 back-side 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 7.3 (please read)

Plan your software upgrade! If you have quilts to run and cannot afford any downtime, wait until your quilt load eases up before uploading.

Some people have had better luck downloading the software to a usb stick and upgrading their Statler and their Stand Alone Mode computers from the usb stick, rather than opening the Creative Studio software and then letting it upgrade from that point.

If you upgrade to Creative Studio 7.3 and your controller and/or red key numbers are no longer registered, you'll need to register them again. If the system won't let you register them, you'll need to reach out to Gammill/Statler Technical Support. As much as we'd love to help you, this is not something we can take care of for you. :(

Statler Technical Support

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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!!**

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.

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Annabel Font - script

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Caligraphy Font - non-script

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Commercial Font - script

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Yoiks Fonts - Capitals Only

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Script Font - Capital & lower case

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