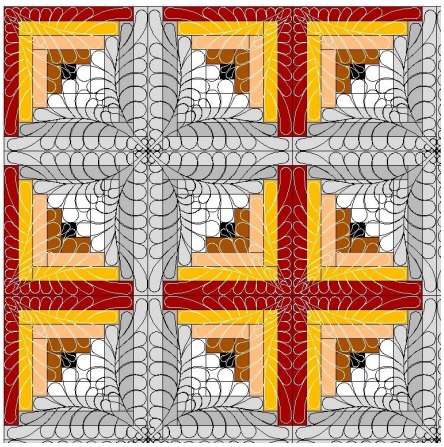
Club Notes: Obsidian May 2021

Greetings Quilters!

It's hard to believe that my youngest daughter, Jordan, is finishing up her 3rd year in Nursing School. This past Tuesday was her last clinical for the semester. She worked in the Hannibal, Missouri hospital in the ER department and actually performed CPR on a gentleman! On a real person...not a dummy in a simulation lab. She's already registered for classes for next year. We'll be moving her back home for the summer in another week. She was offered a 12-week, paid, internship in MU Hospital's O.R. and she is really excited about that. She'll be working 3 12-hour shifts each week. When she sees the "ekg pano 003 alt" pattern, she's going to want it quilted on something for her. Maybe I'll seam together a series of 12" strips of fabric and just use it as a whole cloth.

Kim and I have also been spending quite a bit of time with our grandchildren. Russell was born to Kim's youngest daughter 4 days for Emery was born to my oldest daughter...in early March 2020...and now they are both a year old and info everything!

Kim has been working on an elaborate set of patterns, and is stalled due to Big Red skipping stitches and generally behaving poorly. There must be something in the water, because Girl Friday has been on strike for 2 weeks….just in time for the influx of graduation and wedding quilts, too. I think I've replaced and/or adjusted everything on Girl Friday. Pretty frustrating! Have a brand new hook assembly coming...eventually...so maybe there's hope!

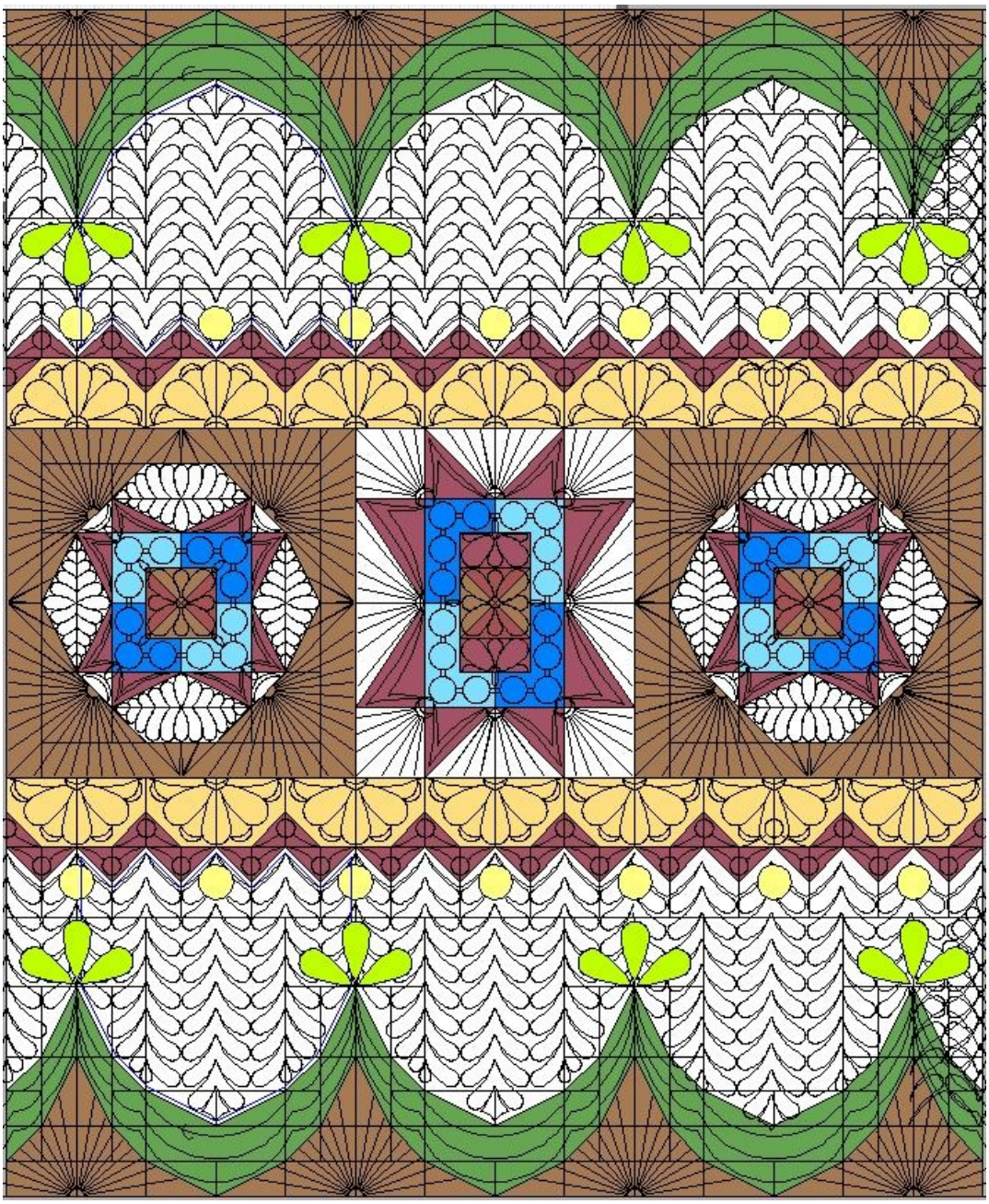


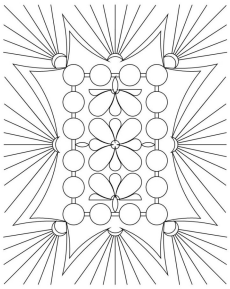
Kim created some pretty cool patterns this month, including some feather patterns. Once upon a time, she really struggles with drawing feathers….and almost refused to make them. Lately she has gotten over that mental block and has been making a lot of patterns featuring feathers. I'm really glad to see them, because my customers love feathers!

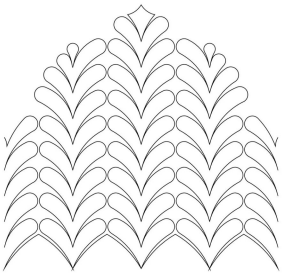
Enjoy the patterns!
Janet & Kim

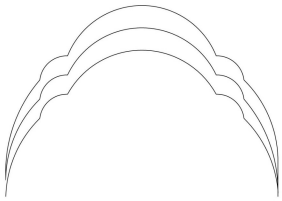
The Obsidian May 2021 Archive contains 129 patterns, including 56 panos, a retail value of $1570.00.

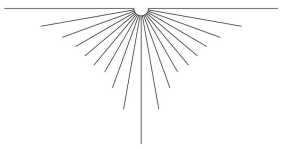
IL Duomo Patterns

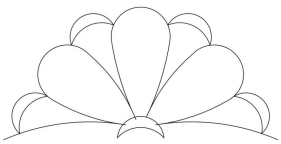


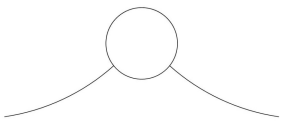


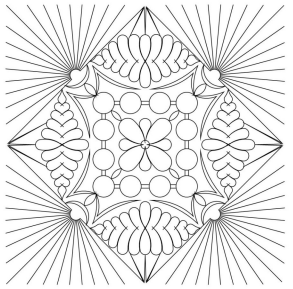












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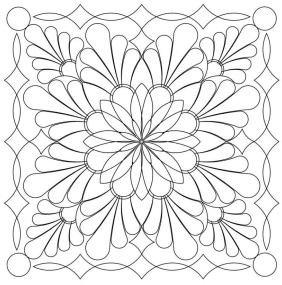
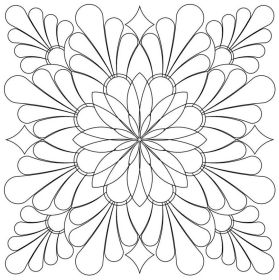
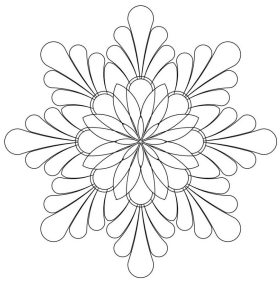
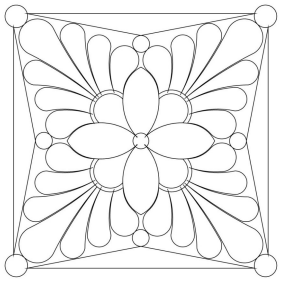
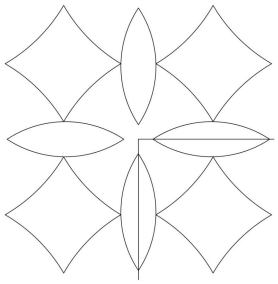
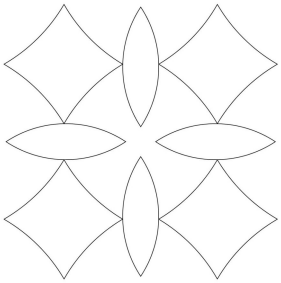
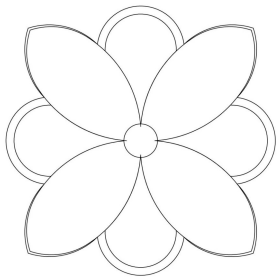
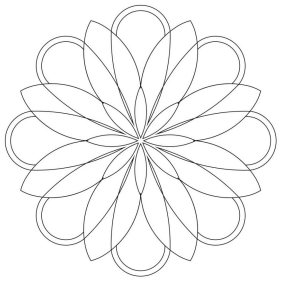
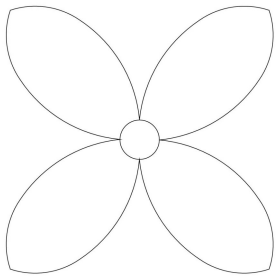
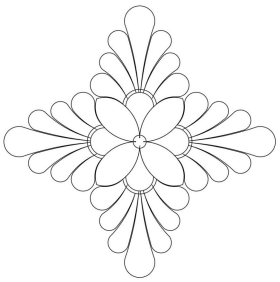
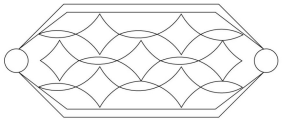
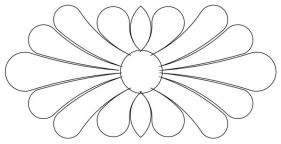
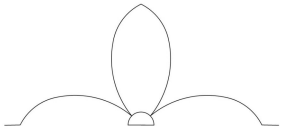
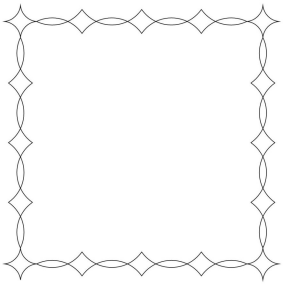
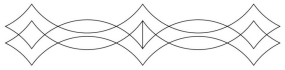
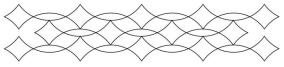
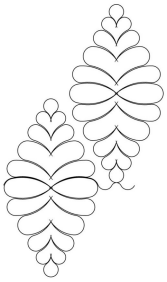
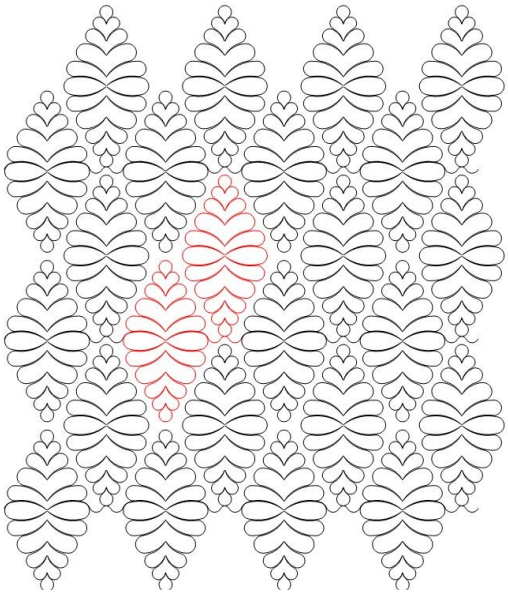

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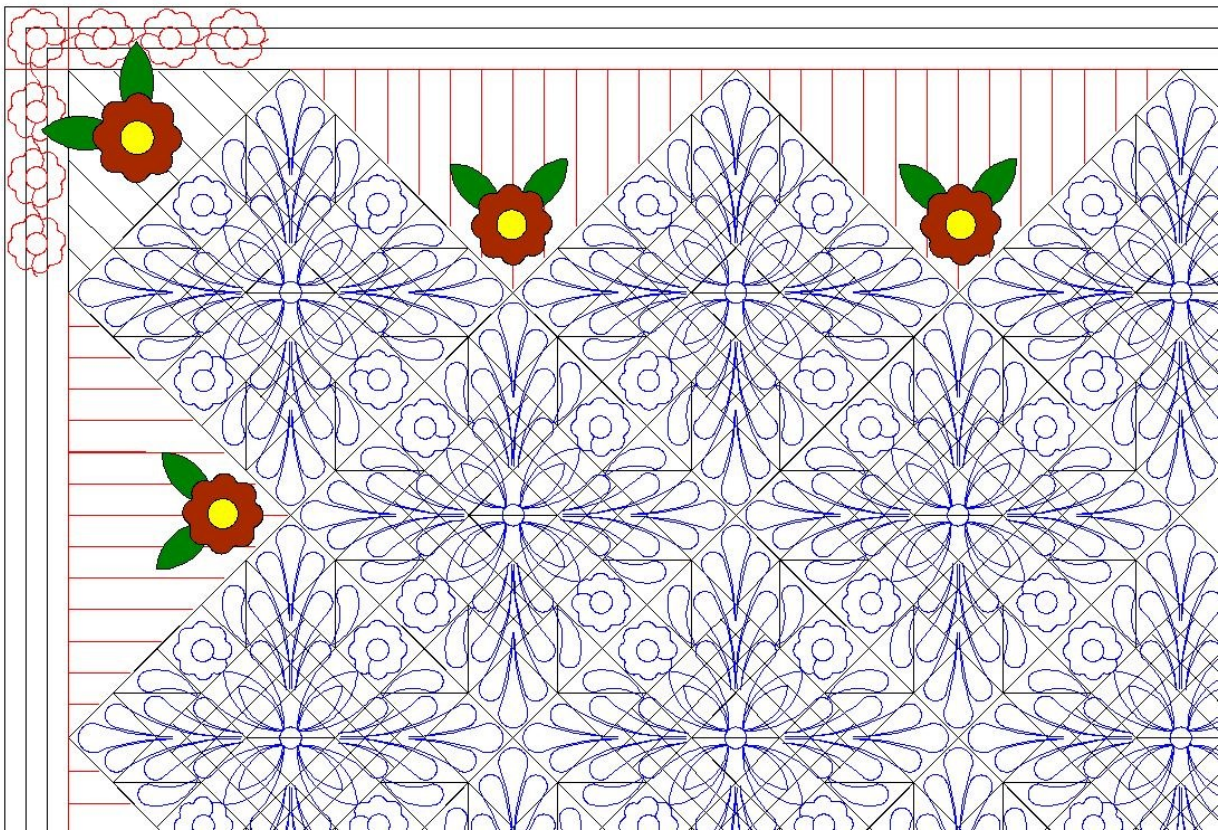

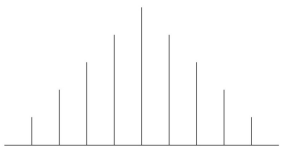

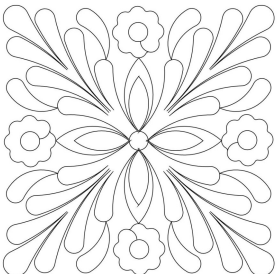

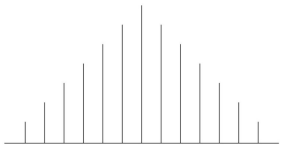

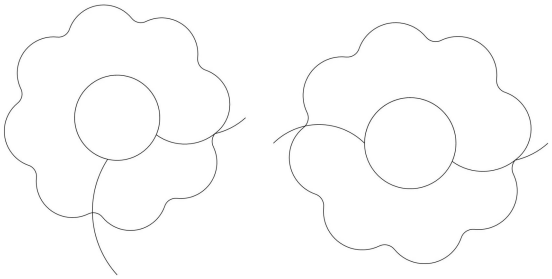

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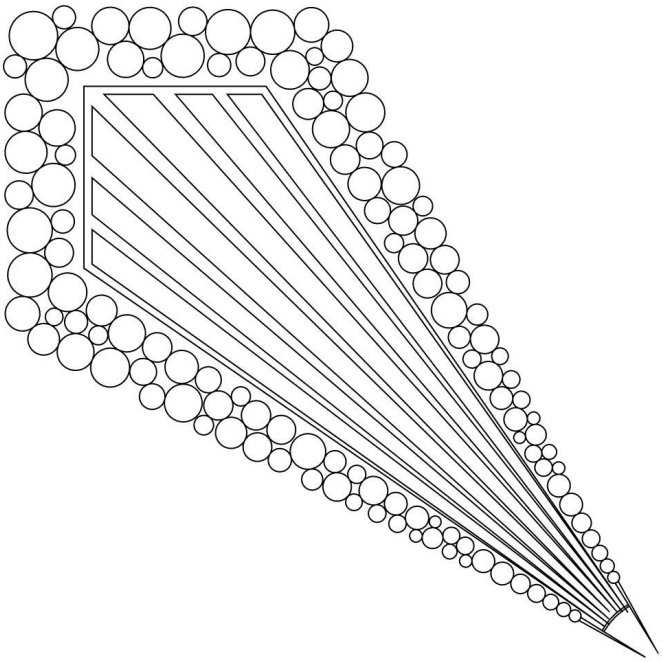

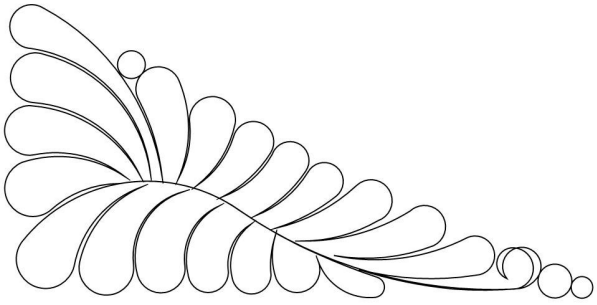

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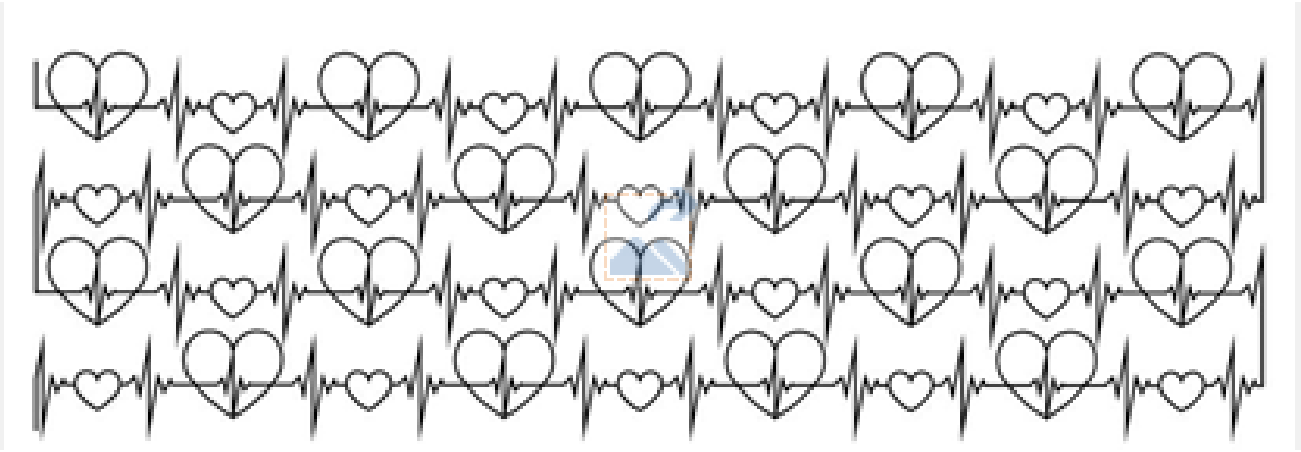

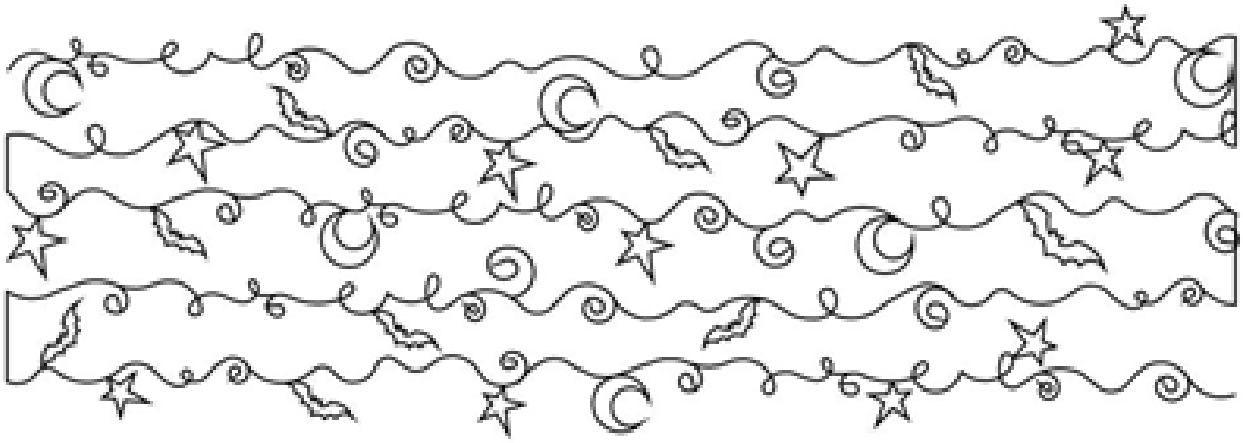

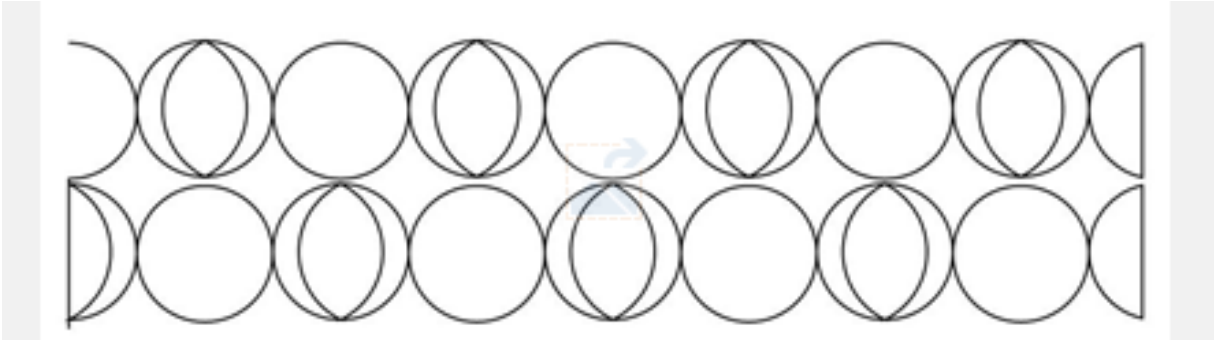

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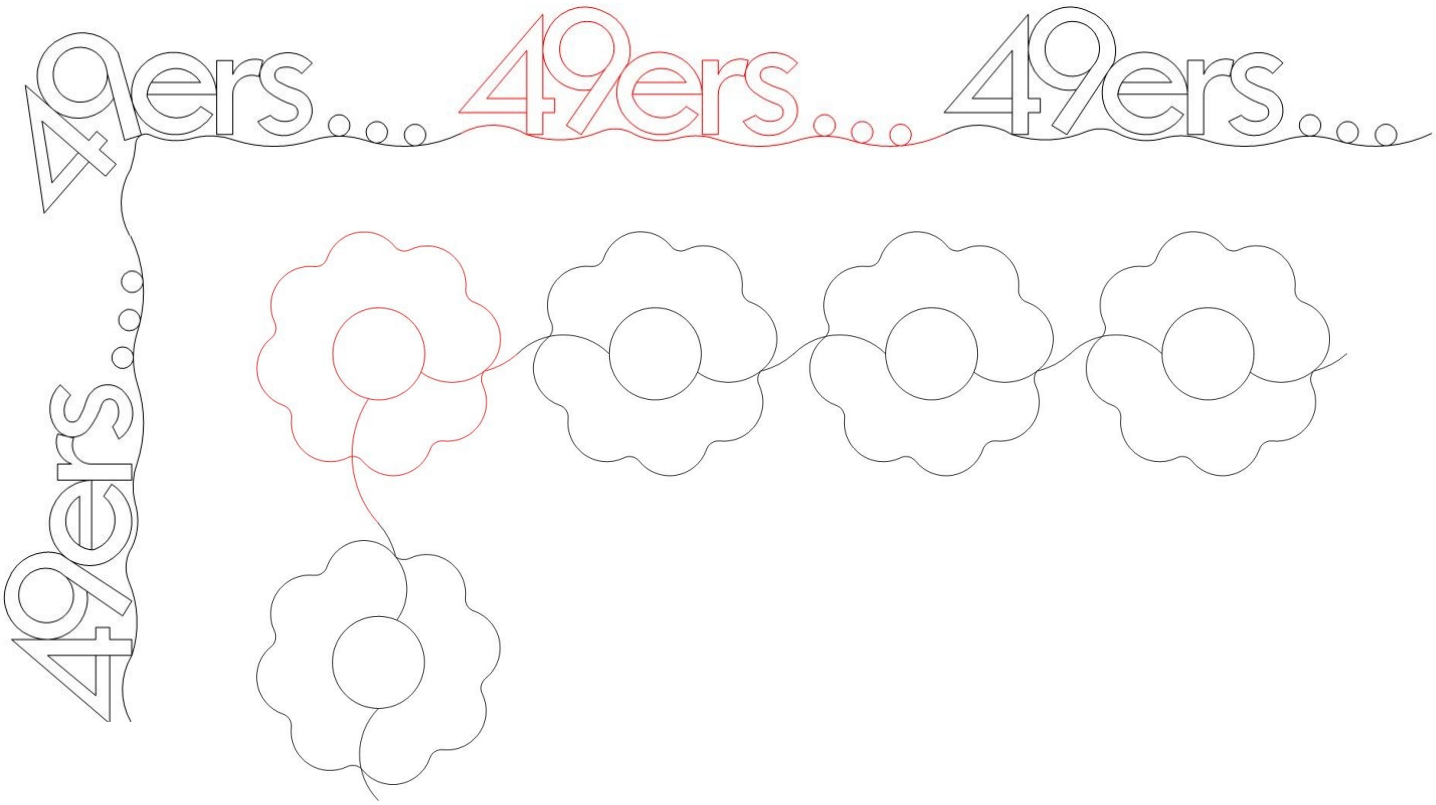

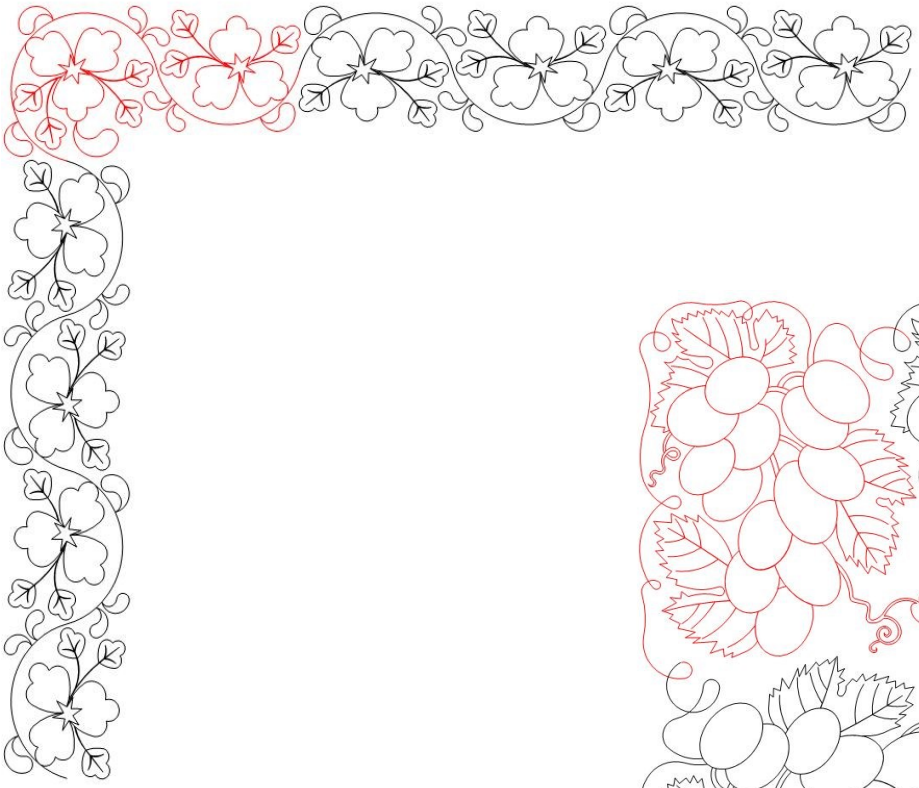

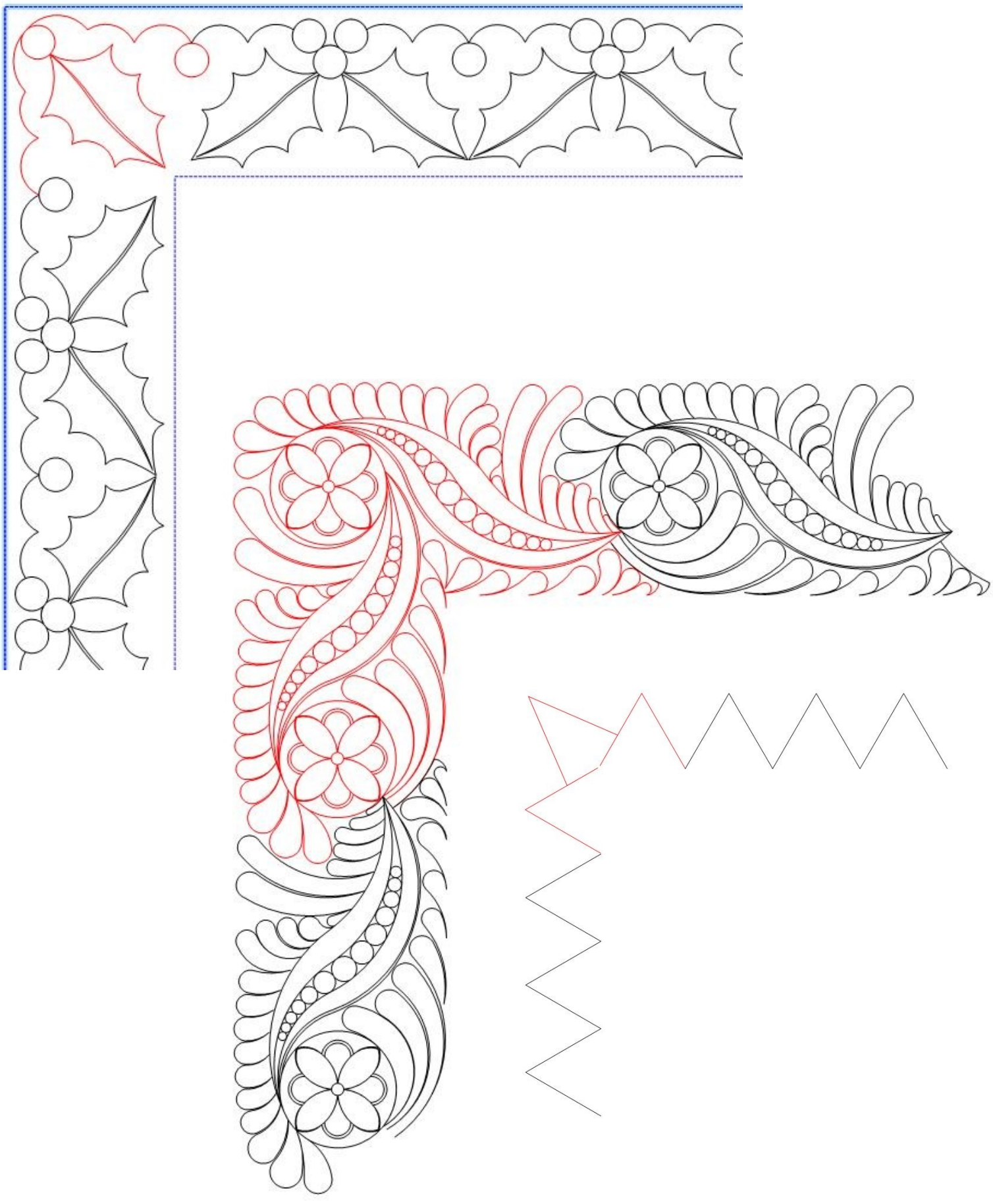

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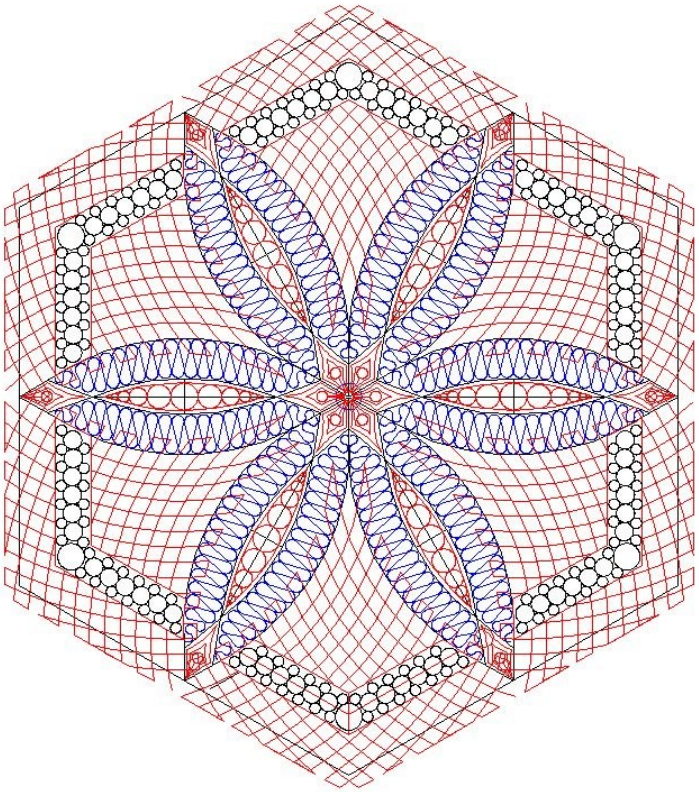

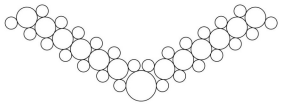

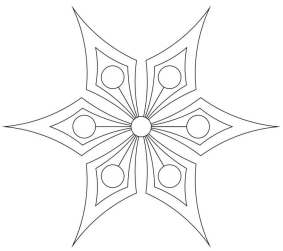

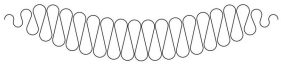

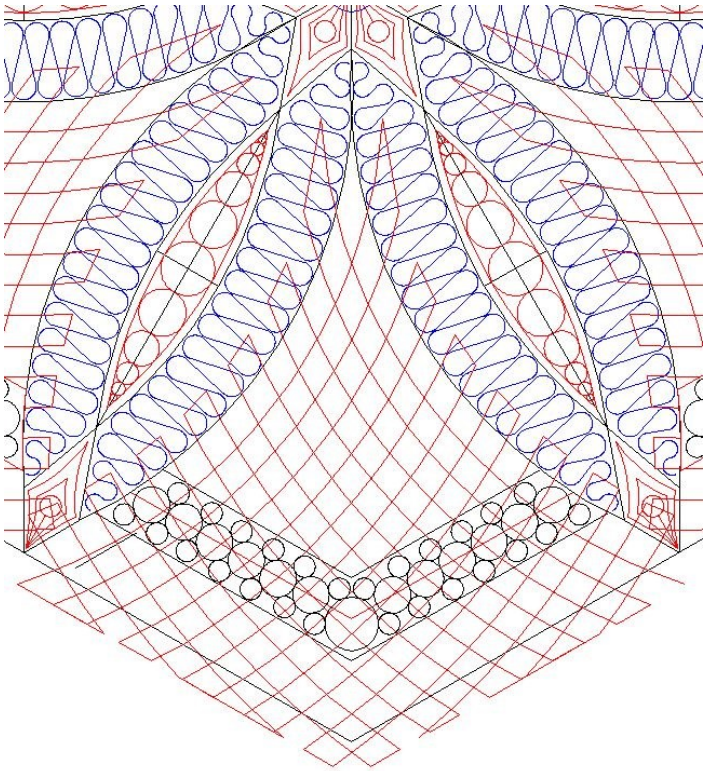

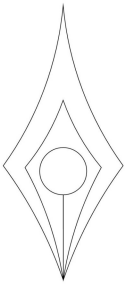

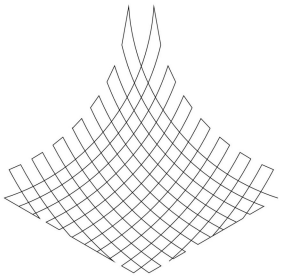

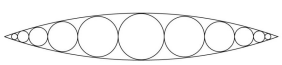

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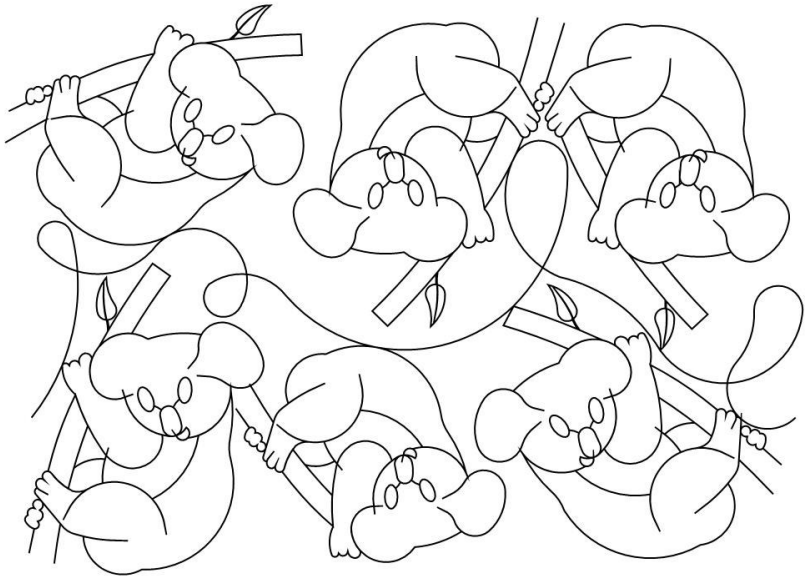

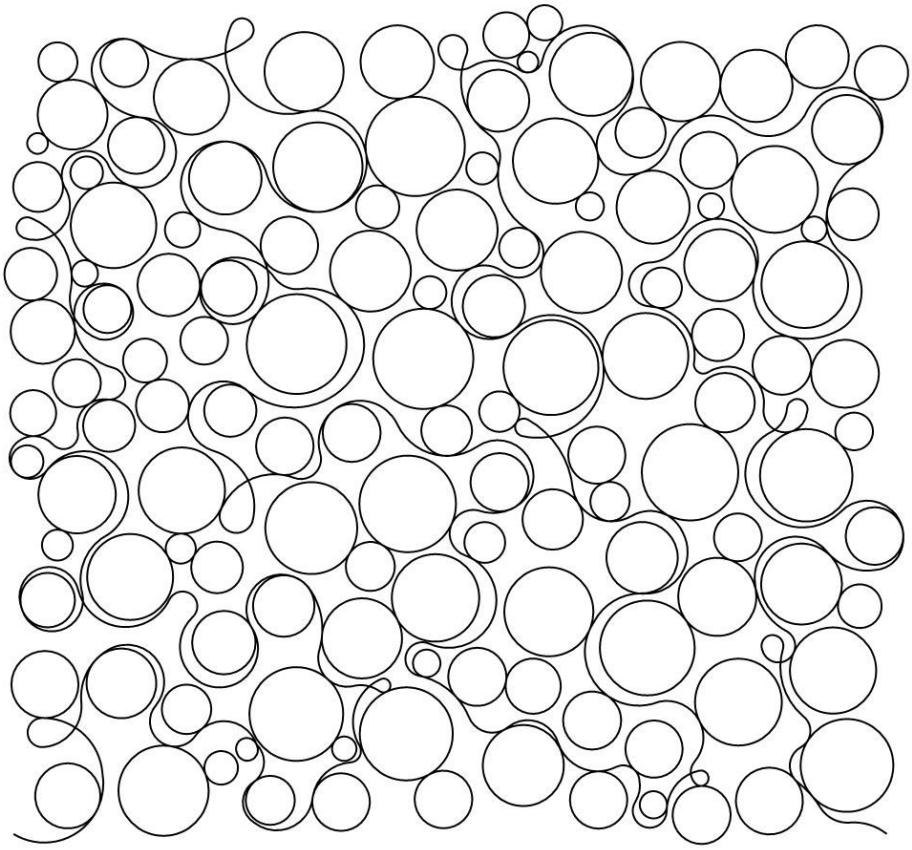

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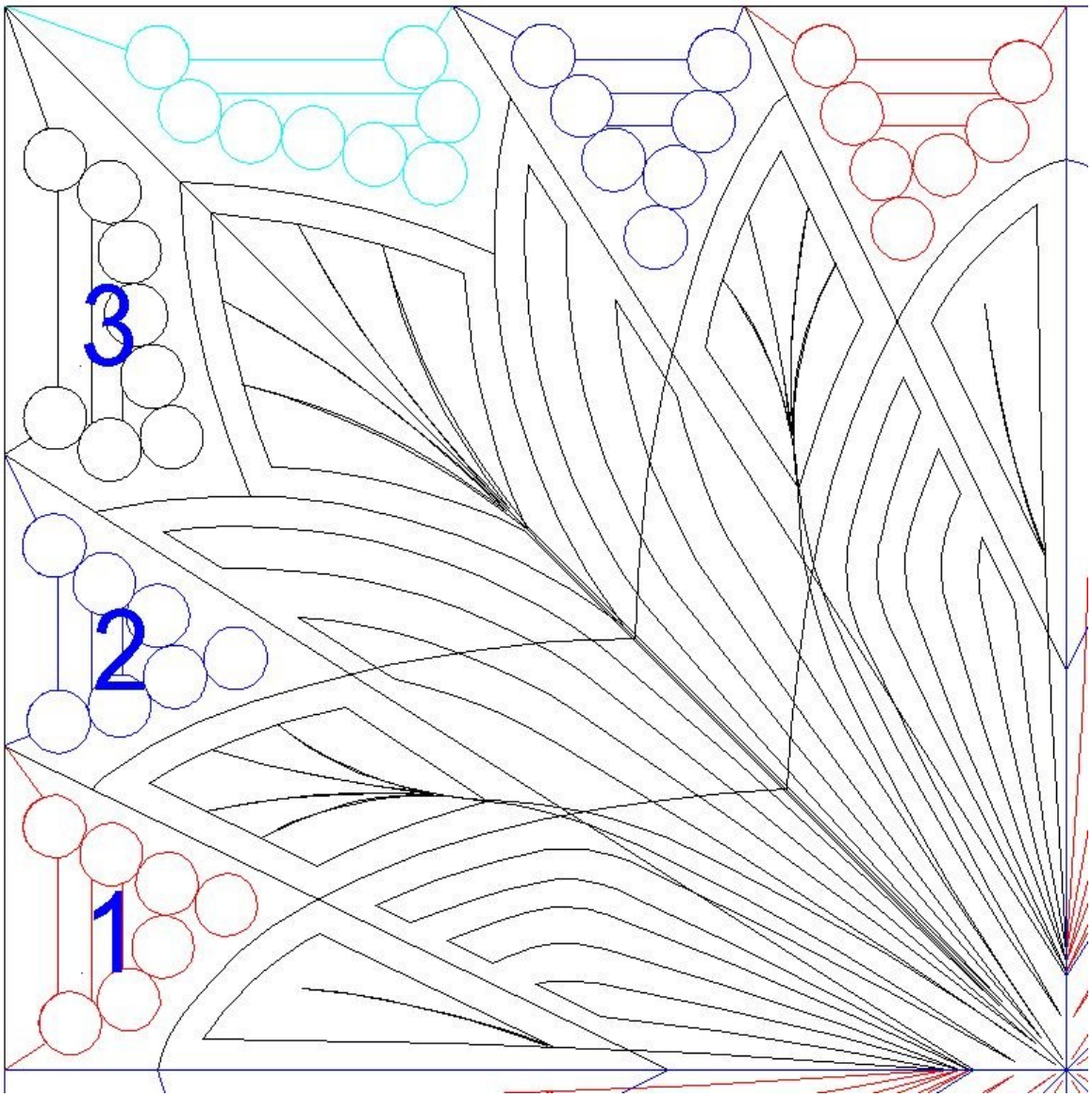
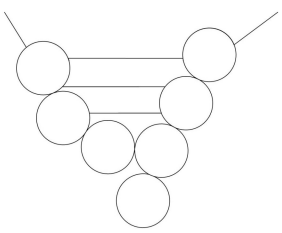
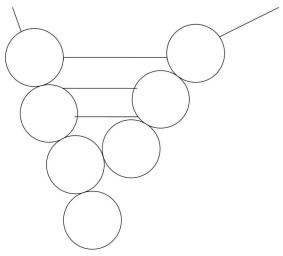
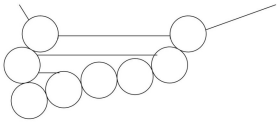
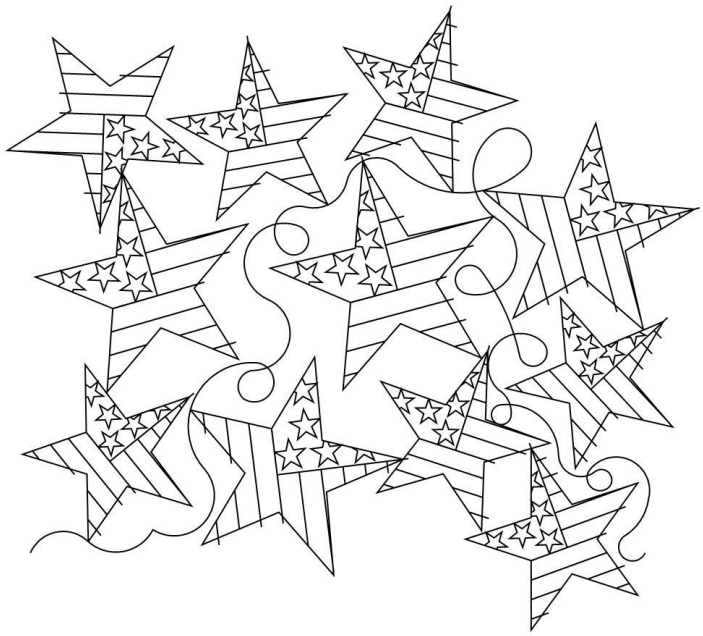






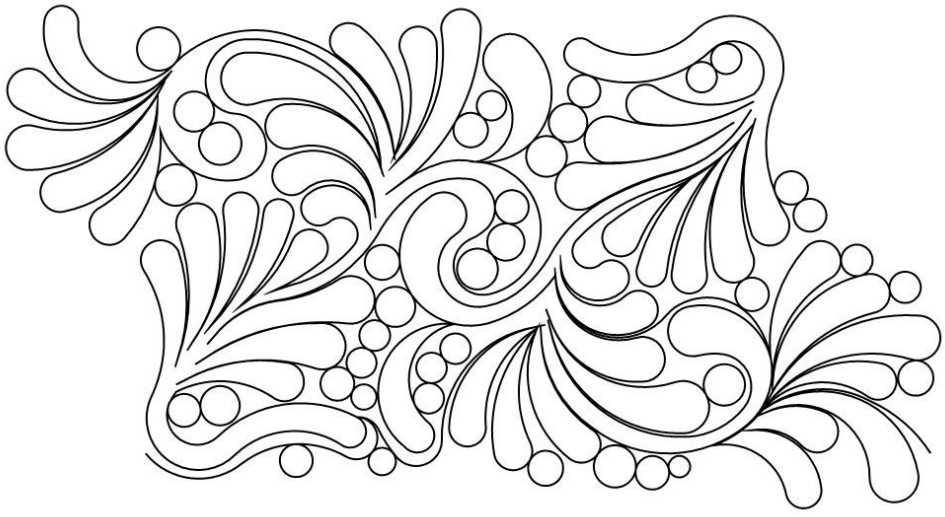


My Favorite E2E Patterns this Month



American Stars Pano 001
(Great for QOV Quilts)

Zen Feather Pano 004



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 7.3 *(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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StatlerSupport@gammill.com

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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