

Club Notes: Q Obsidian November 2020

Greetings Quilters!

Kim has been very busy this past month...and very creative! Aside from all of the patterns included this month created in response to design requests, Kim made a cute little Thanksgiving Bib and a beautiful series of Christmas projects (Pillows and Banners). There are 4 different background patterns, 3 different frame patterns, a sash pattern and a cornerstone pattern. You can make them as whole cloth projects (no piecing) or you can piece them and quilt them accordingly. We have been getting requests for projects that people can use a Christmas gifts and also for people who are participating in craft bazaars and marketplace venues like Etsy.

In the sample shown here, Kim chose to use elegant fabrics on a neutral background fabric....very classy.

I'm leaning more toward making a table runner and using a tone on tone Christmas fabric and



one of the cute Maywood Studio's Christmas Joy Stripe fabrics for the applique letters.

Isn't that one of the fabulous things about quilting? It's up to the creative muse of the quilter to make a project reflect the quilter's taste and mood!

I am way behind on all things quilting in my own personal life. I have the fabric to make a Christmas Stocking for my granddaughter, Emery, but am having trouble finding the time to get it done. My Statlers are staying filled with customer quilts....and I AM seeting a lot of Christmas quilts on my quilt roster these days. I attended a quilt retreat in early October (social distancing and masks worn by all). Found it next to impossible to focus on Month Six of the Homestead

Hearth Reunion Quilt BOM. I did almost as much ripping out as I did sewing. It was good to hear the chatter of my quilting friends, though!

Speaking of lack of focus....if you were a CJC member last month, and have actually downloaded your patterns, you will notice that there are some October CJC patterns in this month's archive. No clue how that happened, but don't worry about it! Also, in this archive is a replacement "Posh Santa Hat Brim" pattern for Sew Kind of Wonderful's Posh Santa quilt. Delete the old one (if you have it) and replace it with this one (and Thank You, Gina, for bringing this to my attention!).

It's sunny today and the weather here in mid-Missouri is forecast to be decent this next week...if the leaves had actually fallen off most of my trees, it would be great leaf raking weather....hoping they fall before we get heavy snow or ice. Don't know what to expect with regard to the Trick o' Treater thing tomorrow. We have a bowl of candy waiting (and so far, neither Alan nor I have broken into any of that candy). I'm thinking about just leaving the bowl out on the porch and letting children come and get their own, until it's gone.

> Stay safe and stay warm! Don't eat too much at Thanksgiving! Enjoy the patterns! Kim and Janet



The Obsidian Nov 2020 Archive contains 173 patterns, including 60 panos, a retail value of \$2030.00.

Extended Width Panos



DD Feather Pano 002

(I love the motion in this pattern, and appreciate the straight edges in the extended pano version.)

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

3 inch straight line pano 001

(designed for a customer who wanted to baste her quilt every 3" at 4 stitches per inch. Just stretch it horizontally to maintain the 3 inches.)

Extended Width Panos



Feather Scroll Pano 003 (Such a fun pattern! Looks great on 1930's fabrics.)

"Mystery Starburst"



"Noggin"









This photo of the Noggin Quilt is just to show you the quilt. The quilting on it appears to be hand-guided. Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio patterns for this quilt are nothing like the hand-guided stitching in the photo (Kim doesn't copy other people's work).

If you don't have one of these cute Christmas wall hangings in your customer line up....you might just be inspired to make it for yourself. There are several places online where you can purchase the pattern.



"The Noggin Quilt Pattern Layout"



My Favorite E2E Patterns This Month



Lollypop Christmas Pano 001 Sq.

Wembley Pano 001



Bib Thanksgiving Turkey



Patterns for Sew Kind of Wonderful's Posh Swirl Quilt













Bib Thanksgiving Turkey Stitch Map

- 1. Background quilting
- 2. Triangle Cue to begin applique next
- 3. Orange feathers
- 4. Red ruffle
- 5. Body/head
- 6. Left wing
- 7. Right wing
- 8. Right eye
- 9. Left eye
- 10. Beak
- 11. Waddle
- 12. Circle Cue to put on backing fabric
- 13. Stitch outline attaching backing





The Wemberly Patterns



Borders and Border Corner Patterns



More Borders and Border Corners



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!!

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.



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.) <u>http://www.checkerdist.com</u>

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. <u>http://www.wingspancrafts.com</u>

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: <u>http://www.winlinetextiles.com</u> Wholesale prices available!



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Christmas 2020 Pillows and Banners

This year we have provided the patterns to make throw pillows for the holidays or you can make a little quilt or banners. We tried to provide enough pieces that you can make it your own.

There are 4 background patterns:







There are 3 frames:



There is 1 sash and cornerstone:

There are the letters to write the words: NOEL, JOY, and PEACE.

QRHO#MR\#SHDFH#

You could make a pillow with just a background and letters. We recommend anywhere from 12 to 16".





You could use backgrounds, frames, and letters to make pillows. We recommend a 12" center with a 2" frame, making a 16" pillow.







You could create some wall hangings (banners) using backgrounds, letters, sash, and cornerstone. We recommend 12" blocks with 2" sashing.



You can mix the backgrounds.



You can use the same background in all squares.



You can use colored threads or match the thread to the backgrounds.