



Club Notes:



Obsidian
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Greetings Quilters!

It looks like Kim and I will continue to operate Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio in our separate locations. We jokingly refer to my house as Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio North Office. To better serve our Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio customers, we have added back a landline phone at my house, and it is strictly for Sweet Dreams business. Now, instead of calling me on my cell phone (which is really getting hard to keep charged up AND doesn't get a very good signal downstairs in my studio), please call the new number: 573-445-3133. Do you know how hard it is to get a phone with a CORD these days? Well, one that doesn't also have to be plugged into an outlet and comes with a Bluetooth extension phone? I'm seriously considering shopping on Facebook Marketplace or Ebay, looking for the landline phones we had in the late 1990's. Yes, I realize that this cements my status as a technology fossil. Some things don't necessarily improve with technology.

Kim's main computer (the one she draws on 99% of the time) decided to go on strike. It started with her Outlook locking up several times each day, and then it moved on to just having the whole computer lock up. She is pretty faithful about backing up to external hard drives, so she won't lose data, but she spent quite a bit of time troubleshooting that computer before taking it to the PC hospital, and then setting up her Windows Surface computer so she could draw and keep up with emails. She was NOT a happy camper!

Kim reports that her grandson can't really sit up well, yet, but has already begun crawling! Look out, YaYa...Russell is mobile! Time to move everything up one level!

I was able to visit Primitive Gatherings in Menasha, WI this past weekend, and enjoyed seeing all their beautiful wool (and brought home a bit of it). That's the extent of our vacation this year. There are so many people who have lost so much (either through Covid 19 or Fires or Floods) that we feel very fortunate that we have been spared that devastation. I try to remember that when I get depressed at the "New Normal".

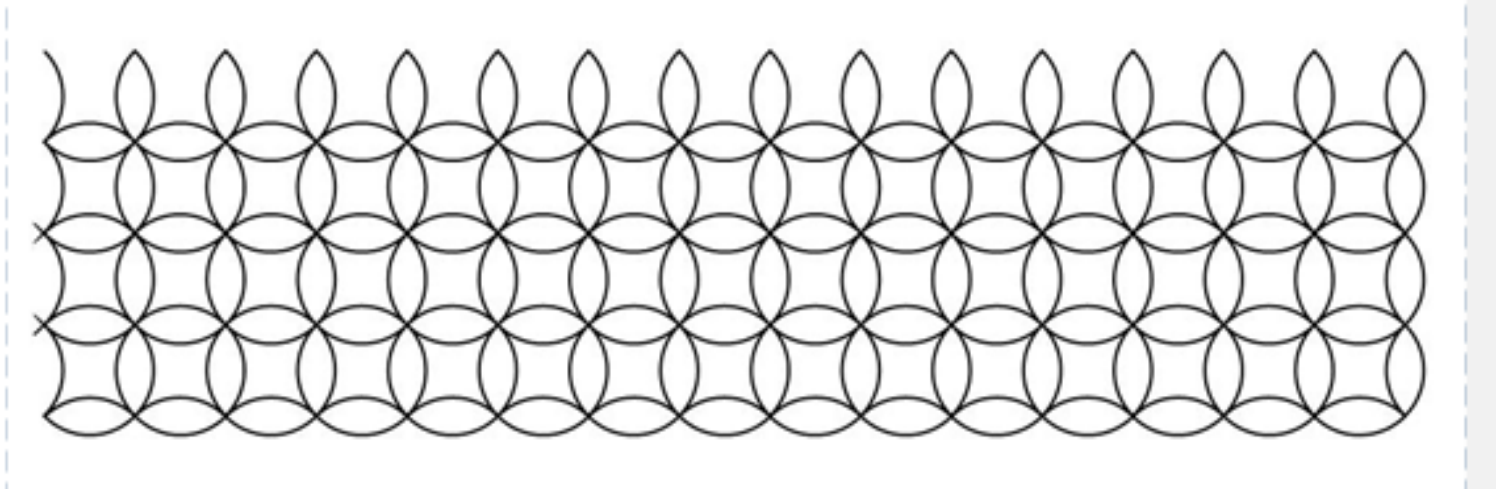
Kim is working on several new project pattern sets. We'll provide photos and details on Facebook as soon as she has tested the patterns. If you're not already a member of the Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio Facebook Page and/or the Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio Facebook Group, go get signed up!

Enjoy the patterns!

Janet & Kim

**The Obsidian Oct 2020 Archive contains 114 patterns,
including 51 panos, a retail value of \$1395.00.**

Extended Width Panos



Tea cup bkgrd 002

Benefits to using Extended Width E2E Patterns:

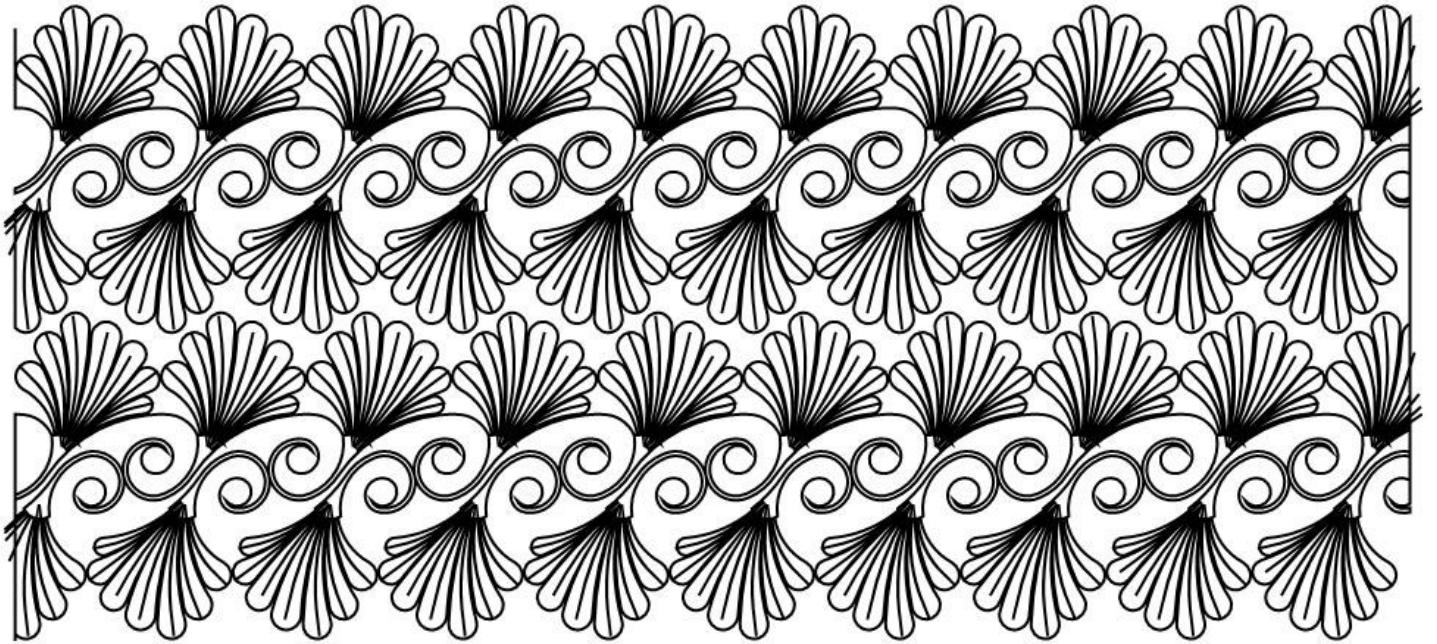
- ★ For simple patterns with small height, an extended width version will quilt several rows without you having to reset to the beginning of each row, freeing you up to tend to other things.
- ★ For alternating patterns, that function is already taken care of, including having the deep interlock eliminated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



Random Straight Lines
(works great as background for
modern quilts)

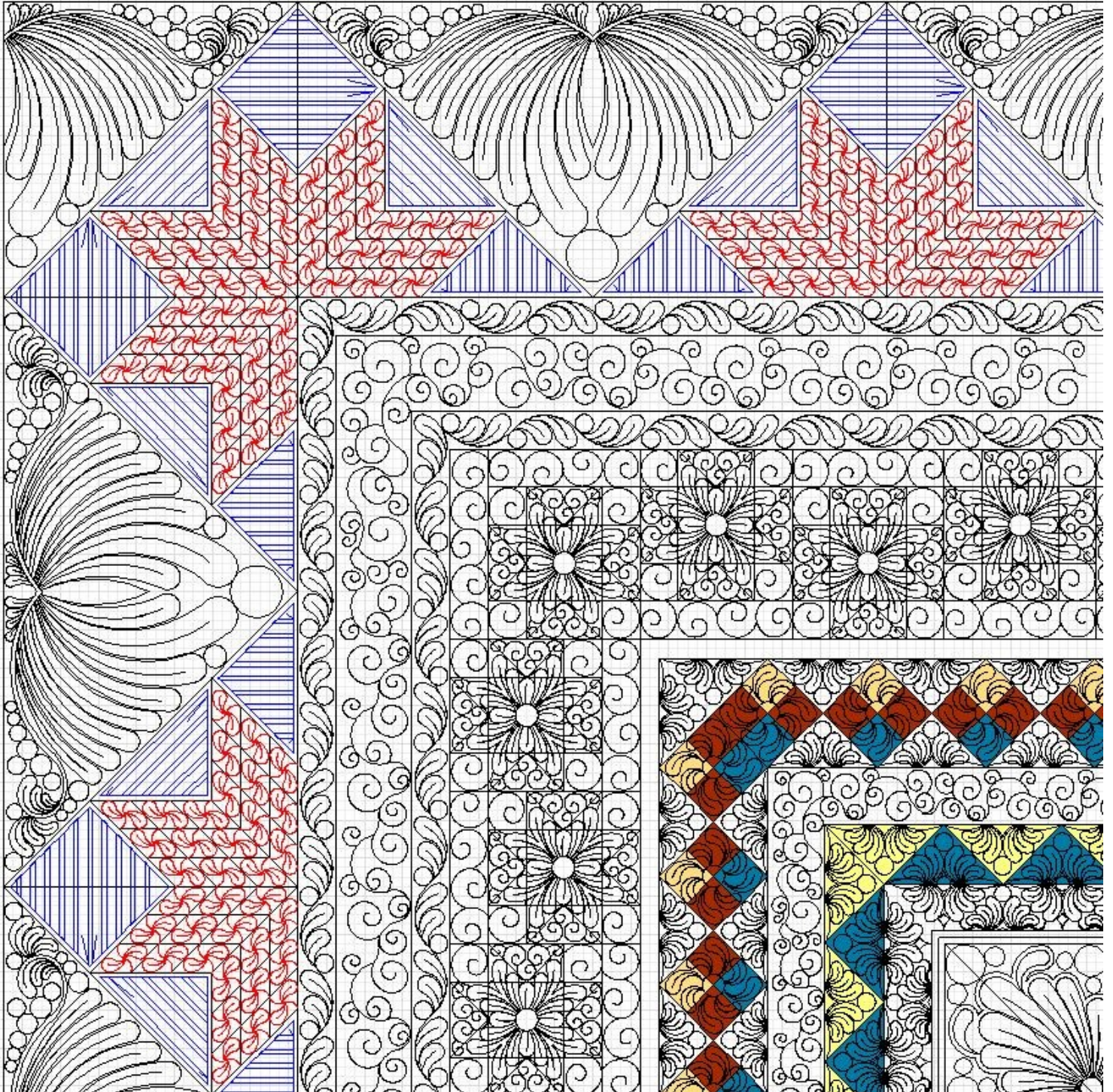
Extended Width Panos



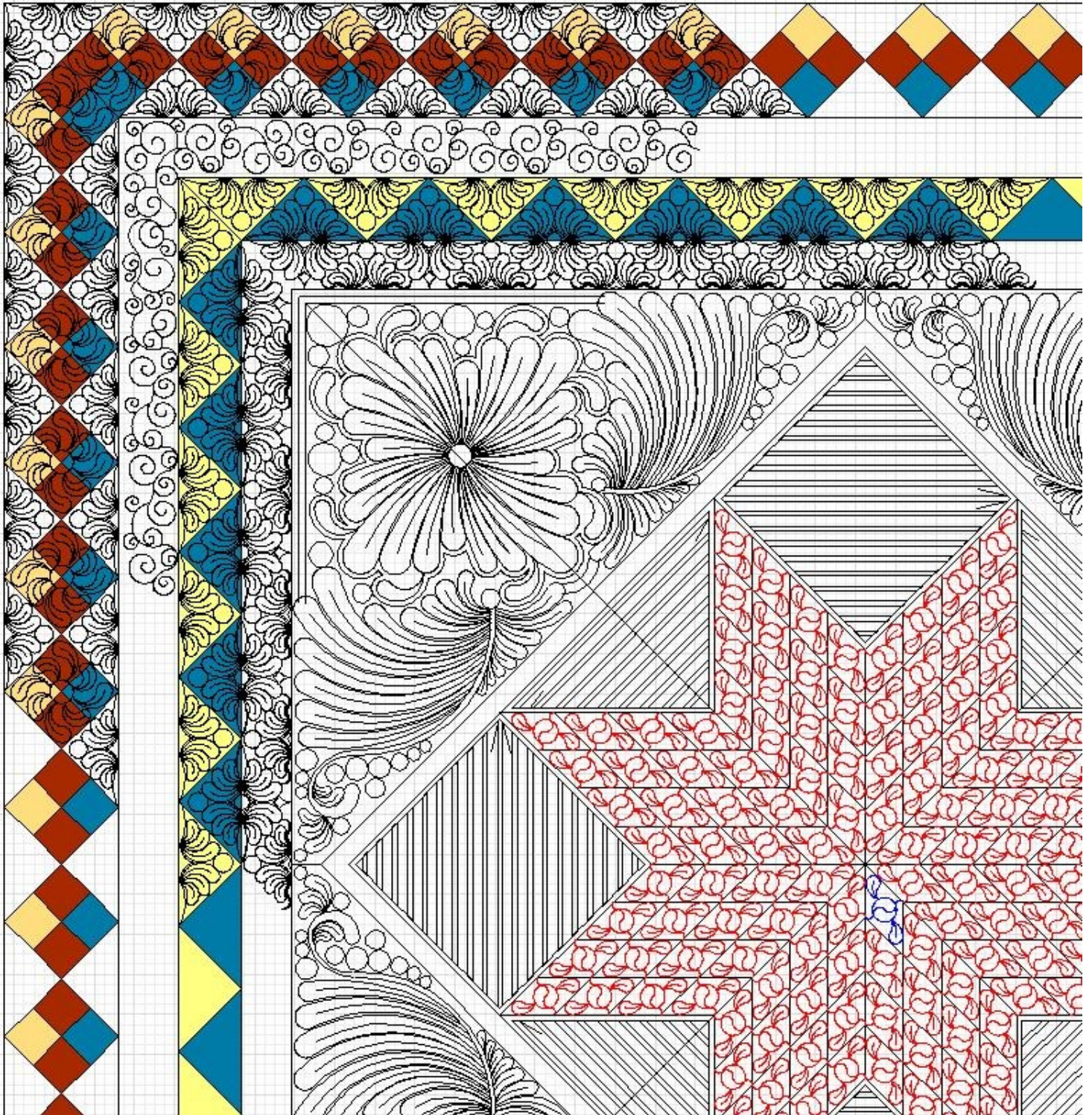
Feather Scroll Pano 001

“Lonestar For Mom”

Patterns

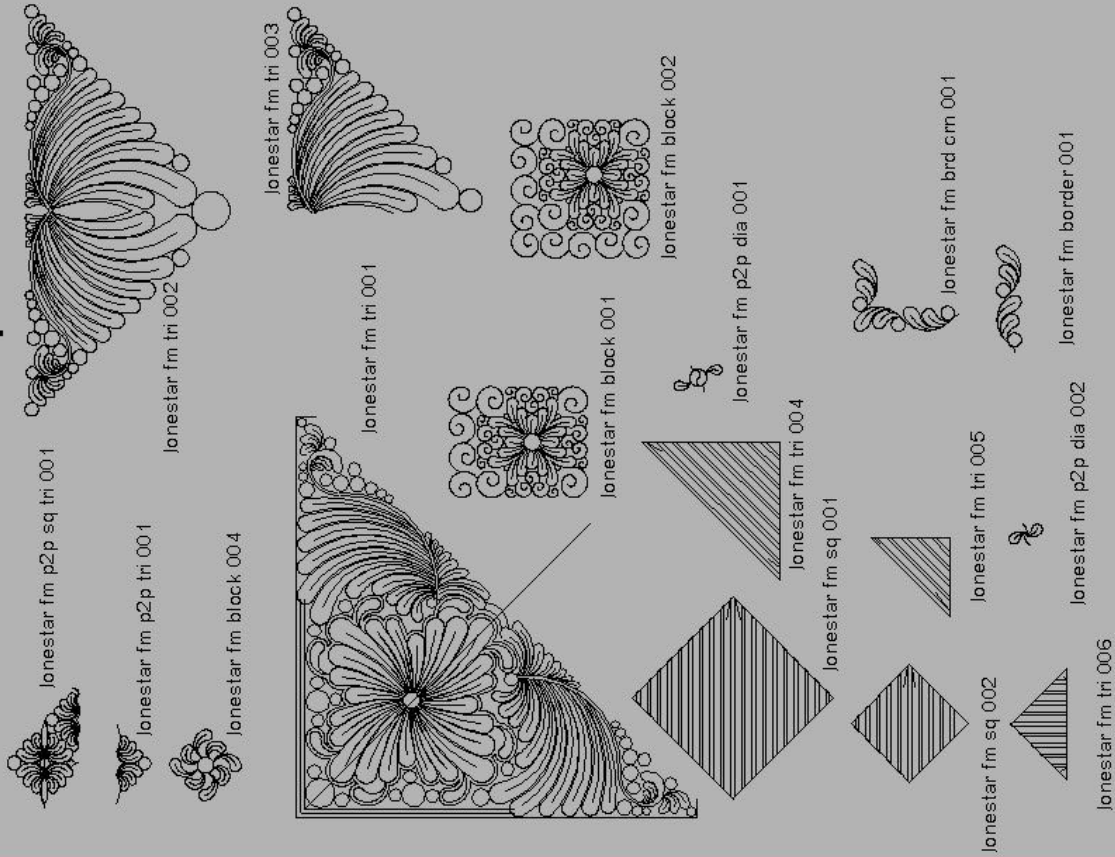


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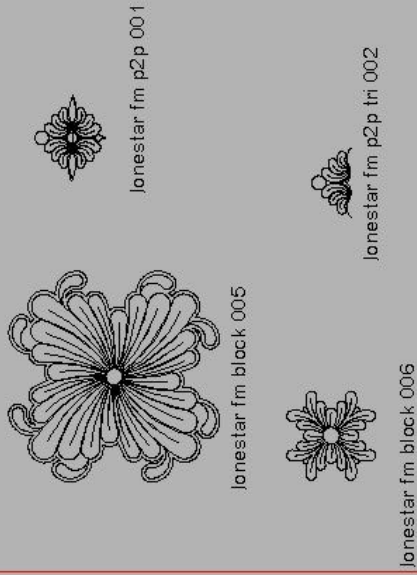


“Lonestar For Mon” Patterns

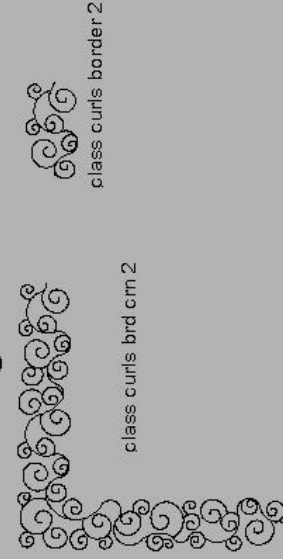
Patterns for quilt



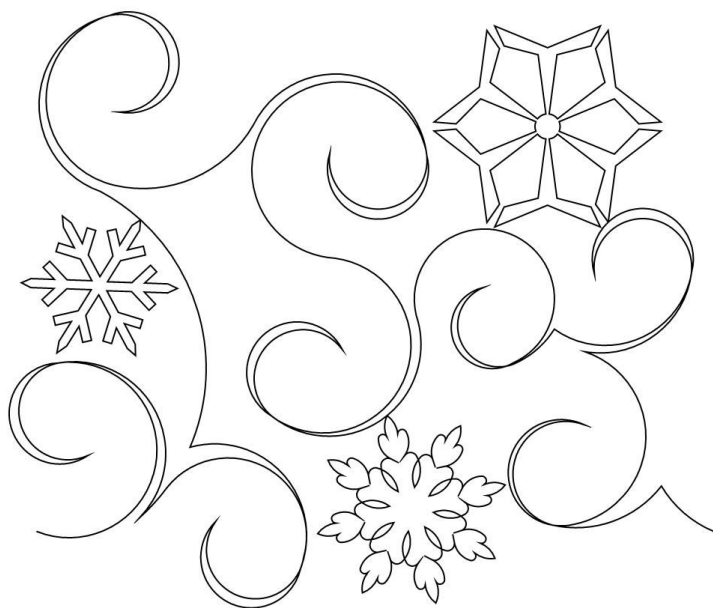
xtra Patterns not used in quilt



existing Patterns for quilt

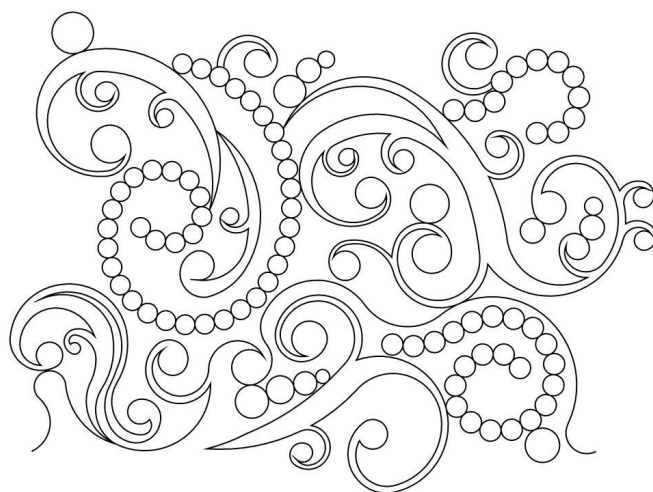


My Favorite E2E Patterns This Month



Swirling Snowflakes
Pano 002

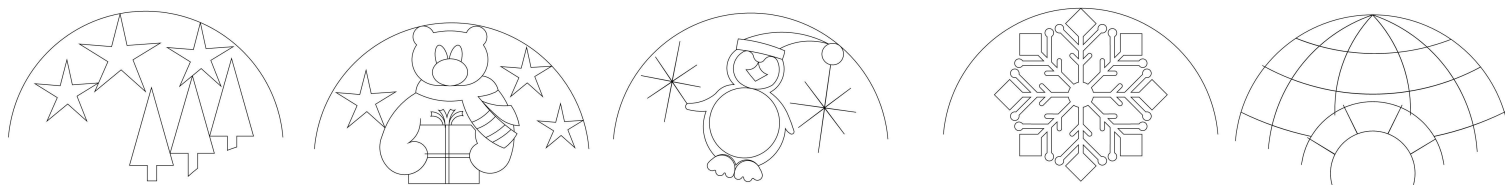
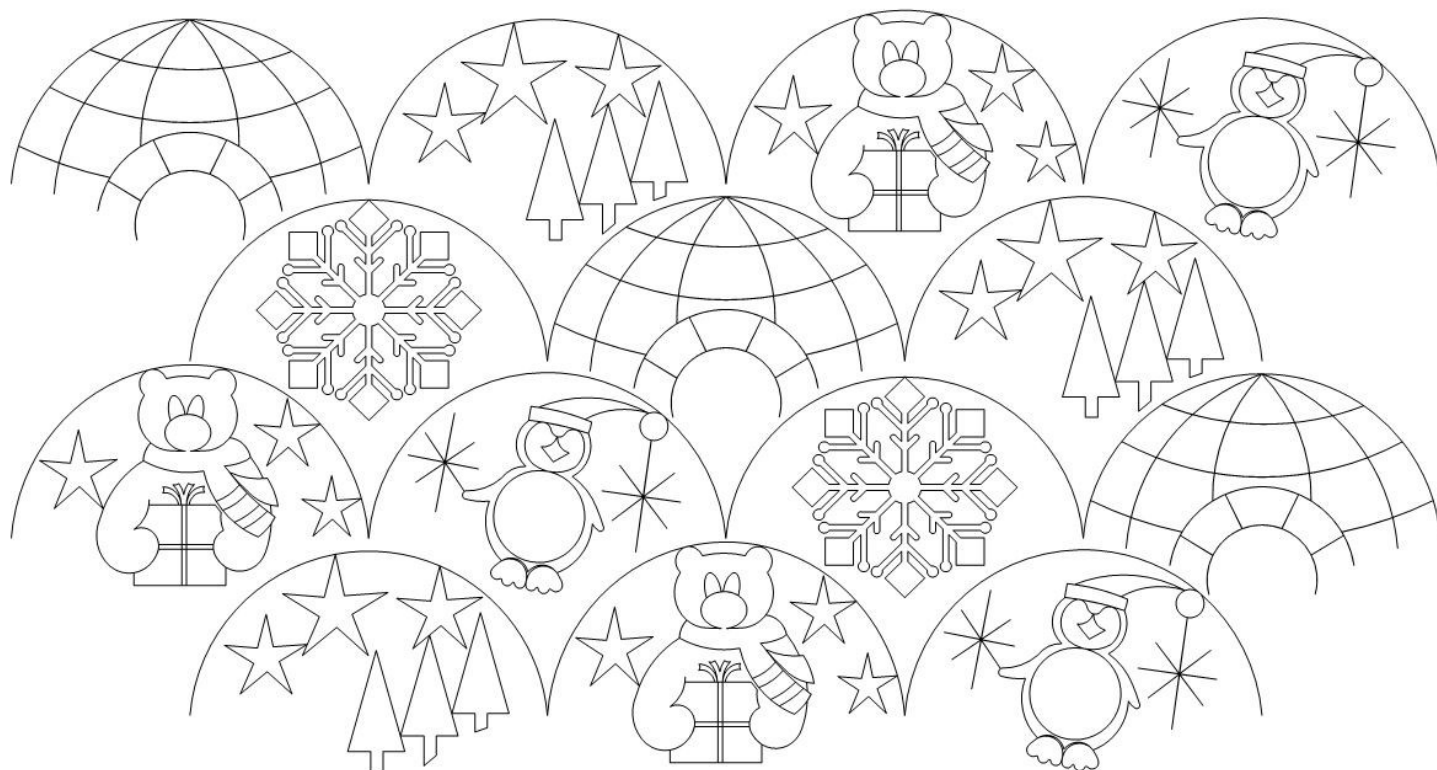
Swirls Pearls Pano 001



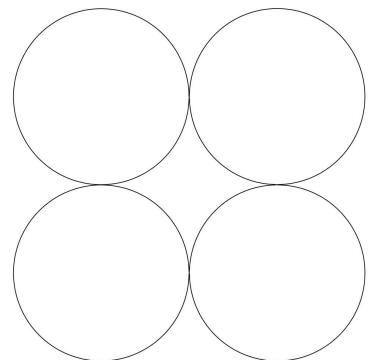
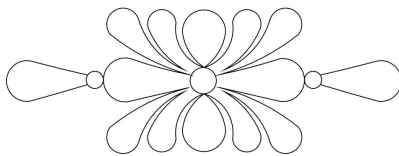
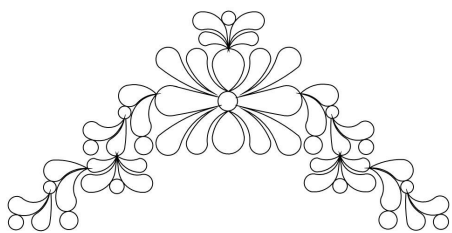
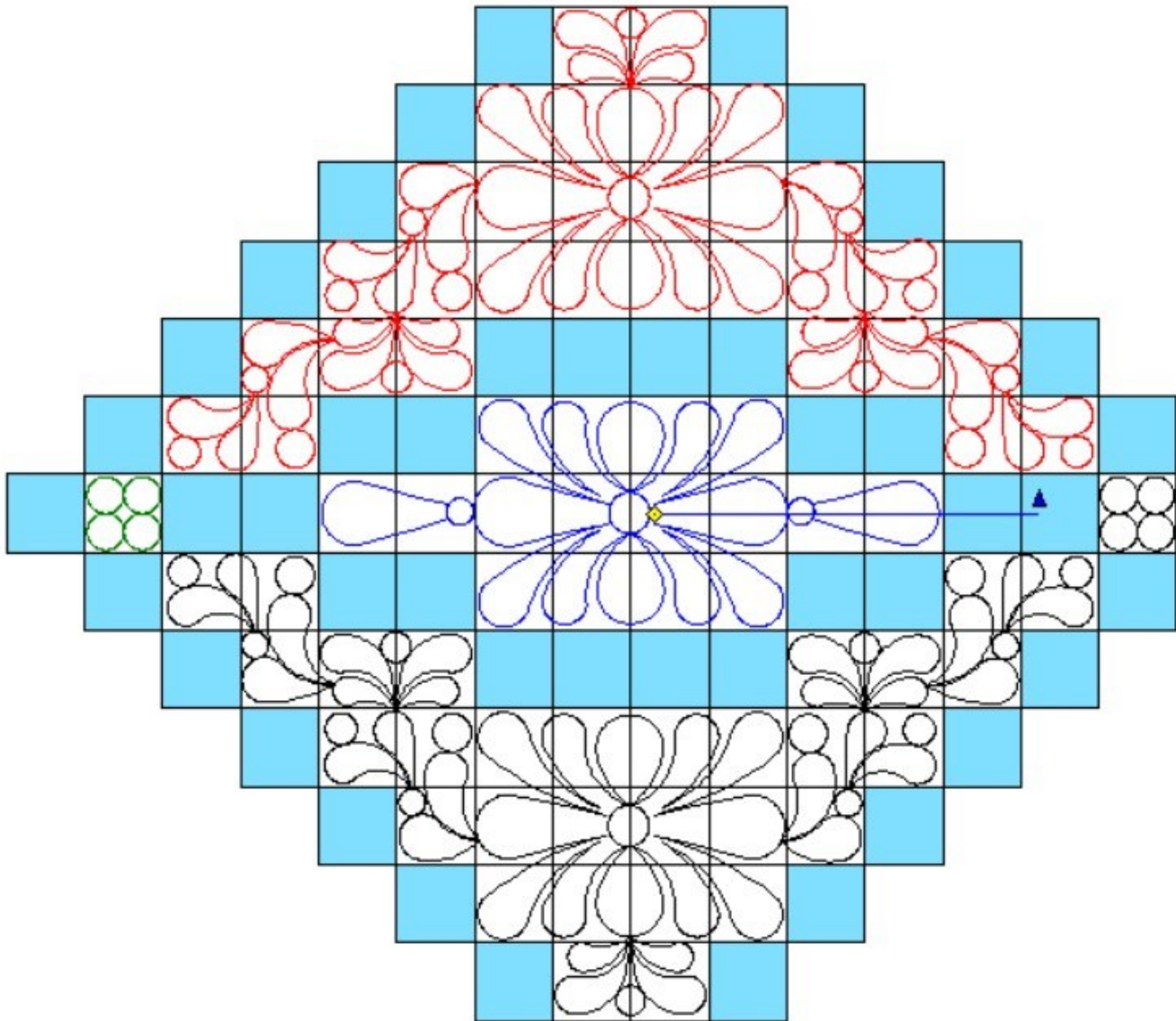
Christmas Winter Panos

Concatenating Patterns

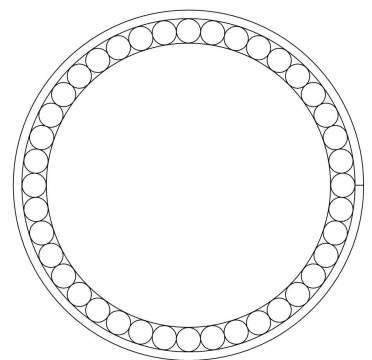
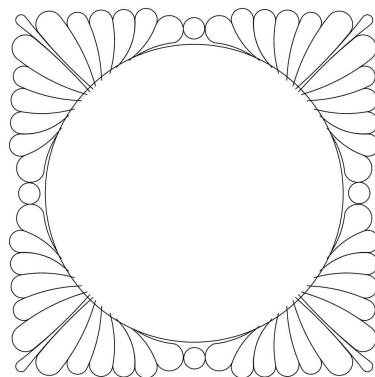
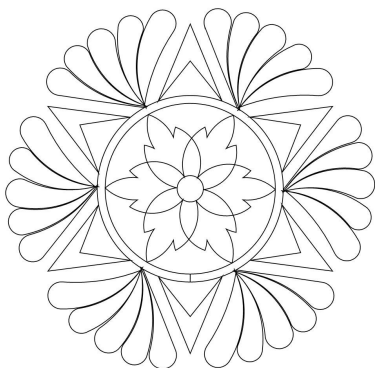
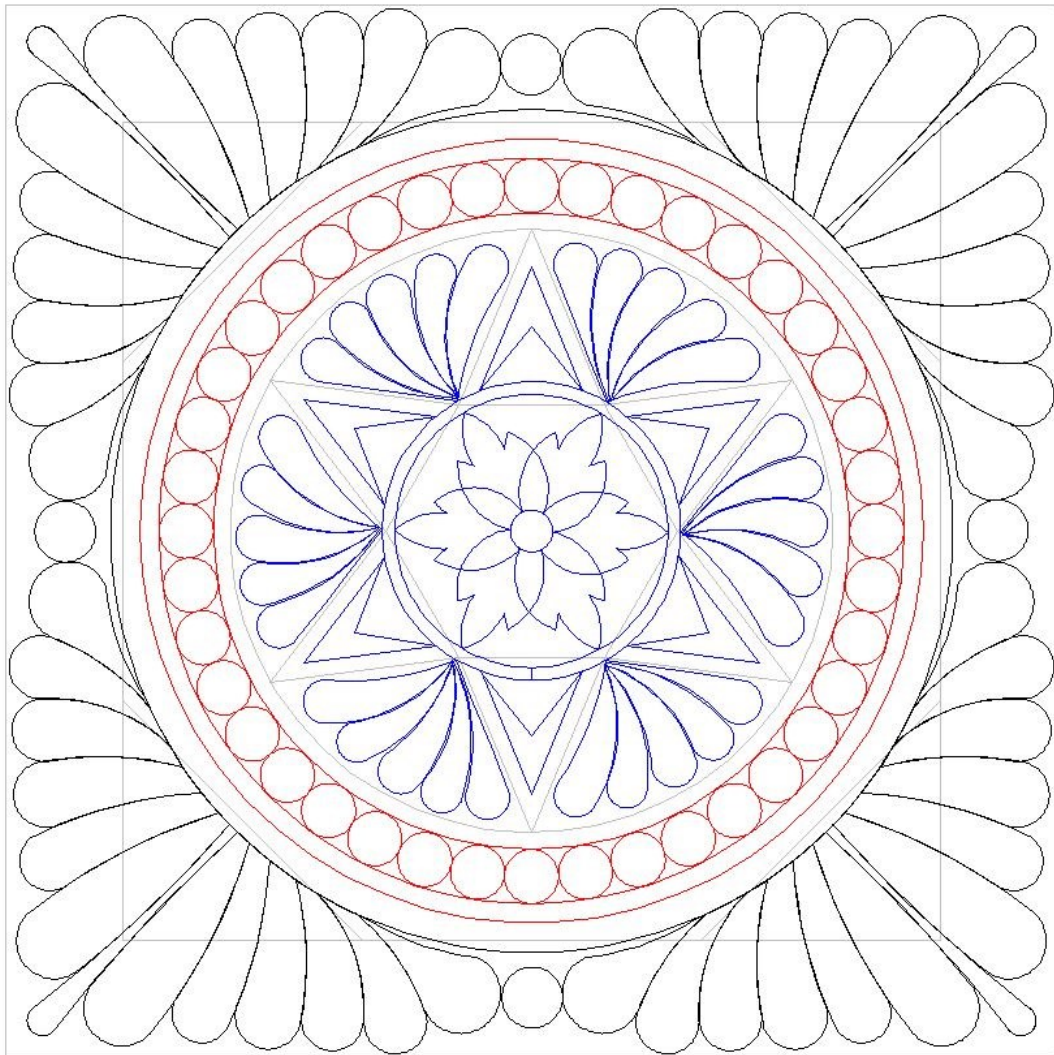
(Run them in alternating mode)



Braided IC Feather Patterns (Irish Chain)



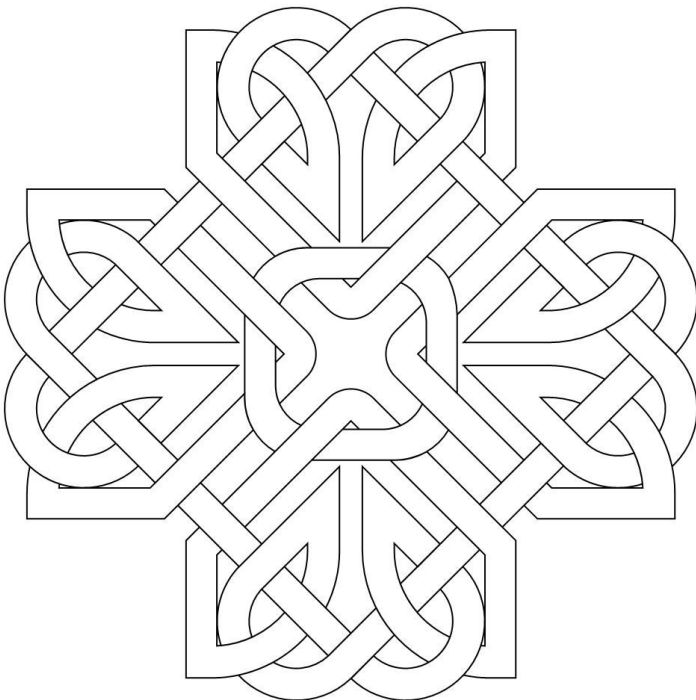
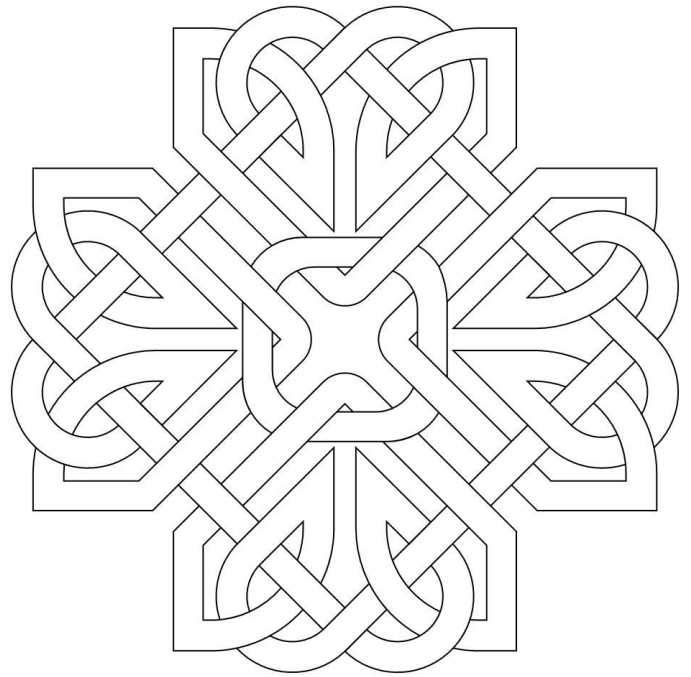
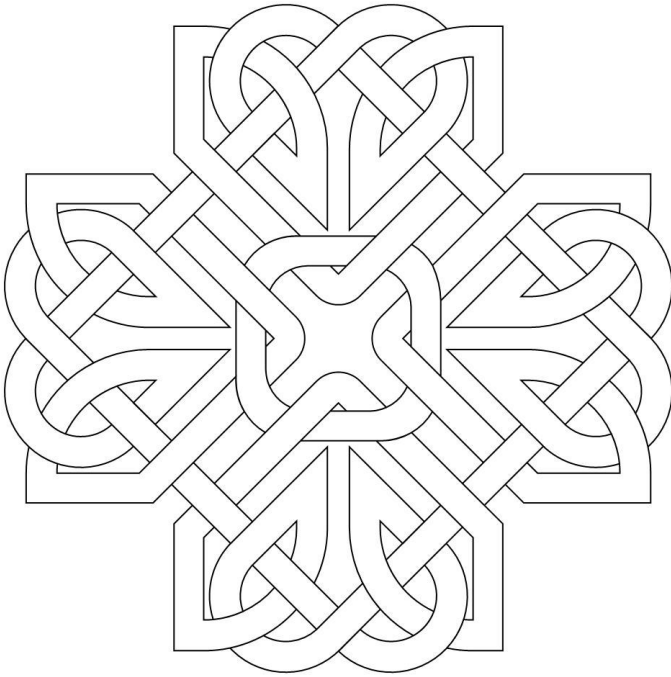
Hex Circle Patterns



Hex Circle Patterns were designed for
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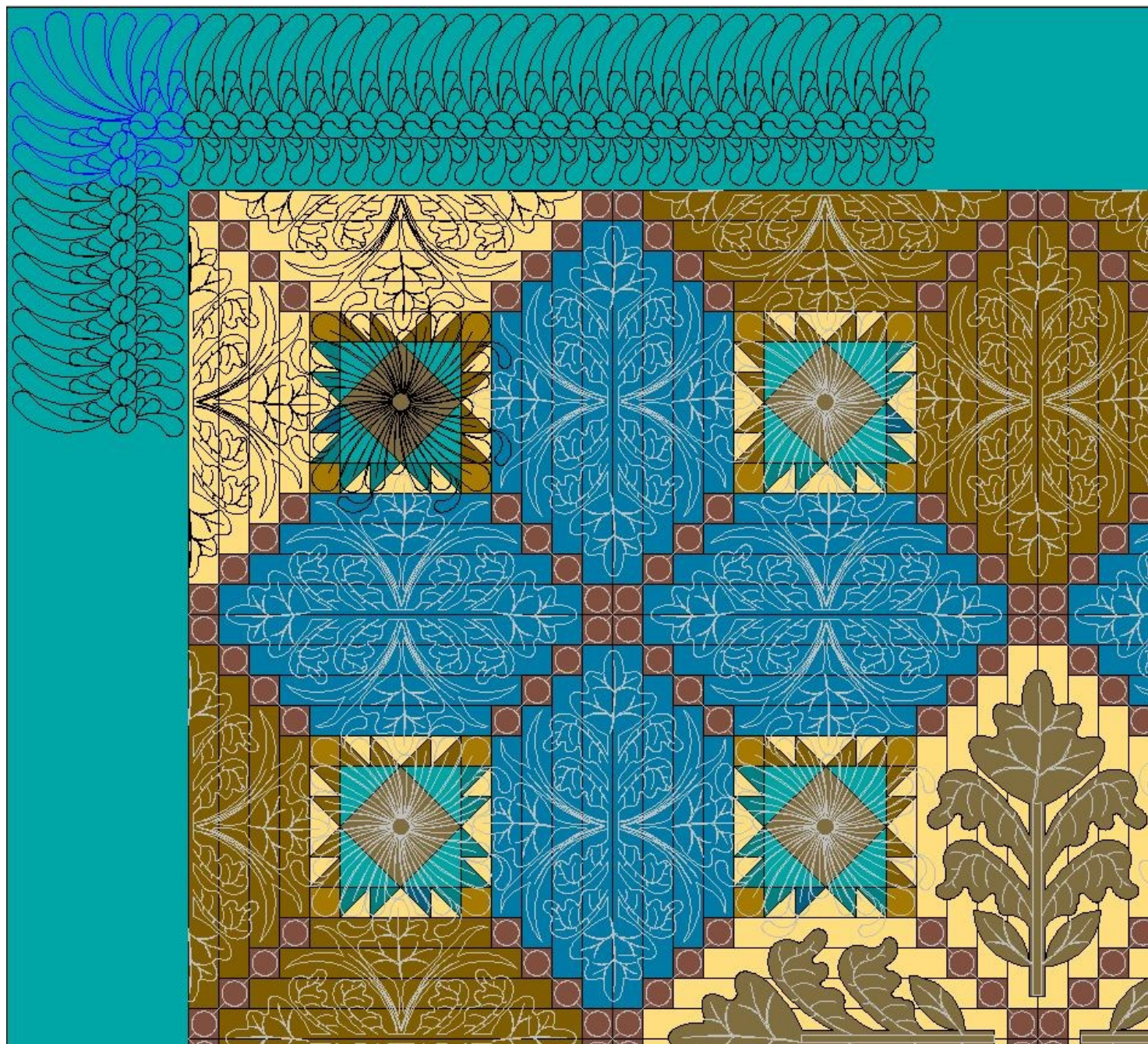


Gaelic Patterns



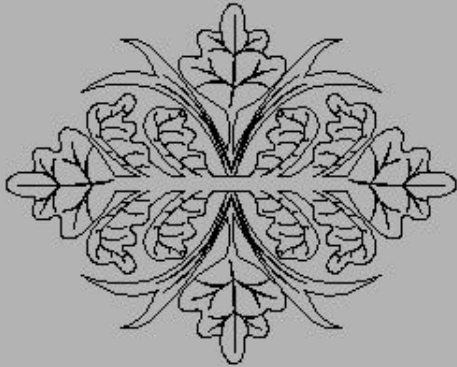
Although they look identical, these three gaelic patterns differ in the width of the “cross” parts.

Fiddlesticks Patterns

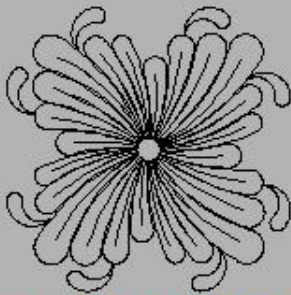
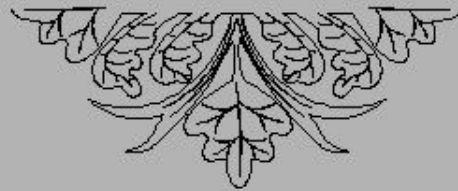


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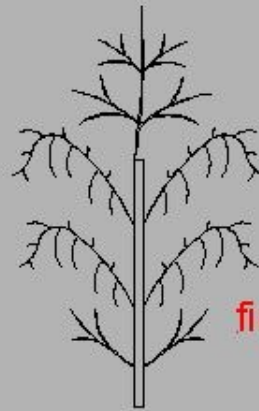
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fiddlesticks block 002 half

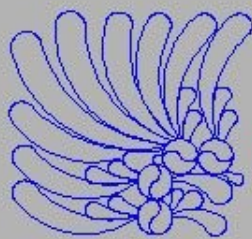


fiddlesticks block 001



fiddlesticks element 003

hope qlt p2p 002



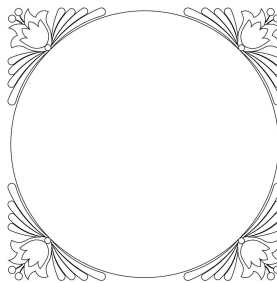
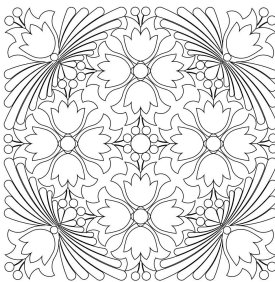
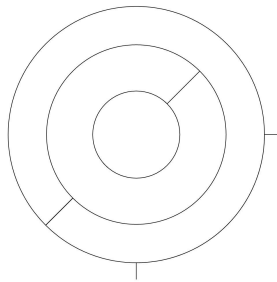
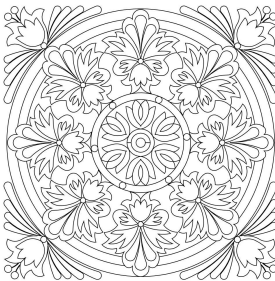
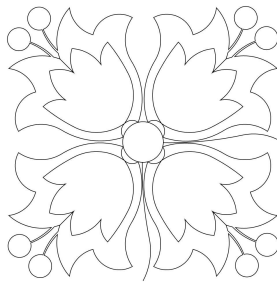
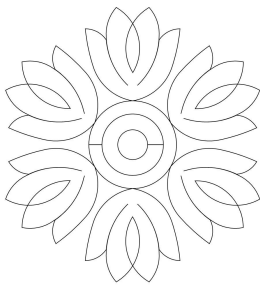
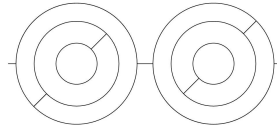
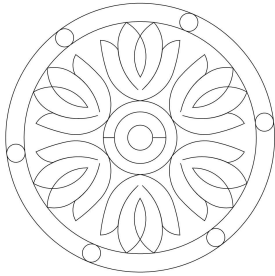
feather brd cmn 20



feather border 20

Sturbridge Patterns

(I think this is the last of them)



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!

Longarm Tip of the Month

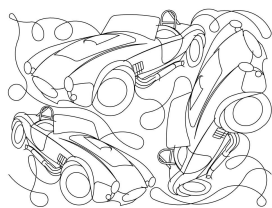
This month I learned a great deal about how many ways adjustments to your longarm table can affect how well your quilts roll. I already knew that your take up roller needs to be level all the way across the table, but did you know there are several other areas which might not be dead-on accurate. I called the Gammill Tech Support line (spoke with Bobby) to find out why my take up roller wouldn't actually STAY level (I already knew how to level it). I found out that the spring at the opposite end of the crank side can lose it's "spring". I was needing the machine to function, so Alan removed the spring, took off part of the metal, and re-attached it. (I ordered new springs for both Statlers from the dealer, but it's nice to have somebody around to strong-arm things when you're in a bind). Bobby also told me about a Facebook Live video put on by Gammill Dealer Doug Creasy. There are several other places to check measurements. As I watched how easy Doug made those adjustments look, I realized that a large part of the ease had to do with the tools he was using.



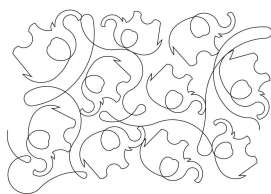
**The Combination Square Ruler
And the T-Handle Allen Wrench.**

I already had a set of allen wrenches, but the T handle version is much easier to apply the quired torque, without hurting your fingers.

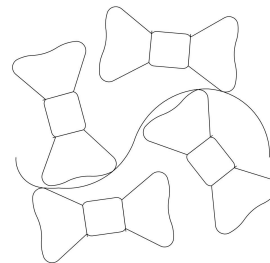




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Pattern: baby elephants 002
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Pattern: bowtie pano 006
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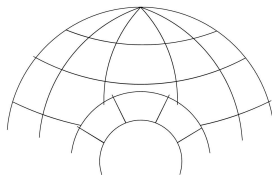
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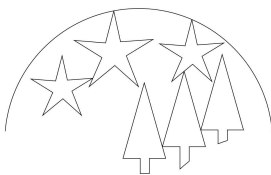
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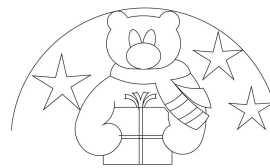
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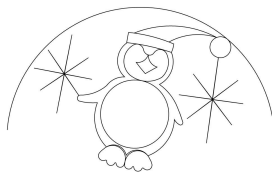
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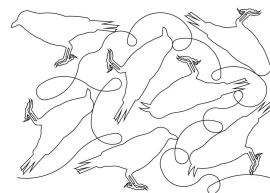
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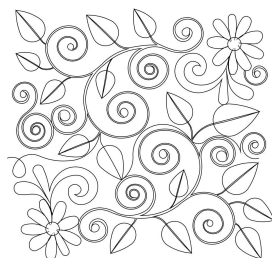
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Pattern: feather scroll pano 001 large
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Pattern: feather scroll pano 001 me
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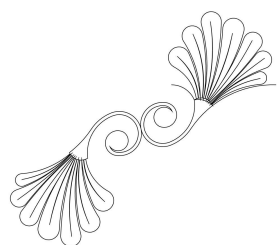
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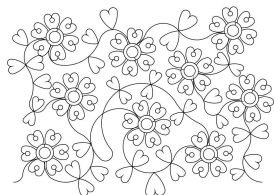
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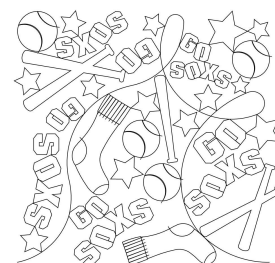
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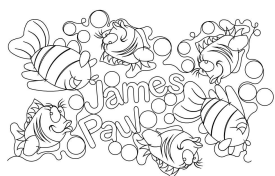
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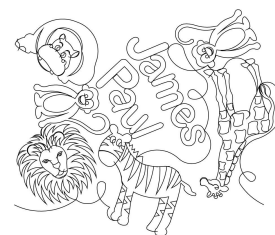
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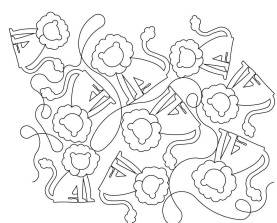
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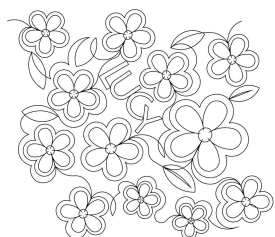
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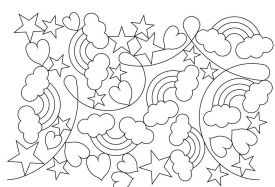
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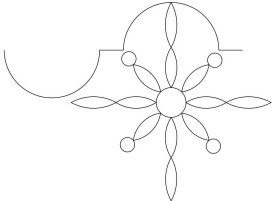
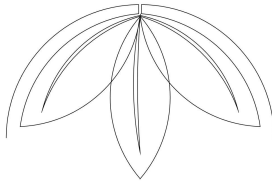
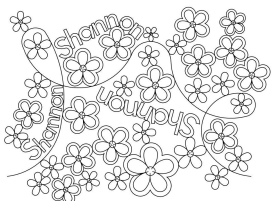
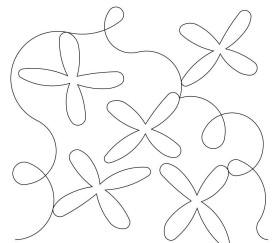
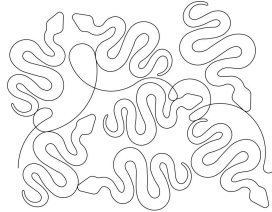

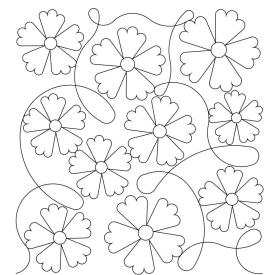
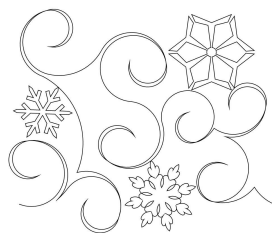
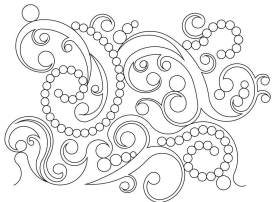

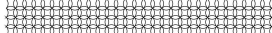
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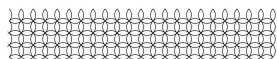


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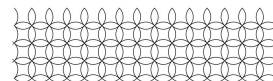
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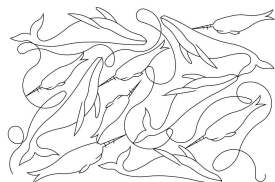
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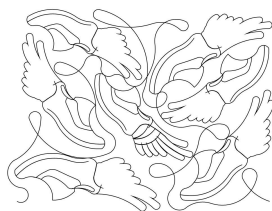
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Pattern: winged shoe pano 002
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Pattern: woodland pano 005
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Longarm Tip of the Month

This month I learned a great deal about how many ways adjustments to your longarm table can affect how well your quilts roll. I already knew that your take up roller needs to be level all the way across the table, but did you know there are several other areas which might not be dead-on accurate. I called the Gammill Tech Support line (spoke with Bobby) to find out why my take up roller wouldn't actually STAY level (I already knew how to level it). I found out that the spring at the opposite end of the crank side can lose it's "spring". I was needing the machine to function, so Alan removed the spring, took off part of the metal, and re-attached it. (I ordered new springs for both Statlers from the dealer, but it's nice to have somebody around to strong-arm things when you're in a bind). Bobby also told me about a Facebook Live video put on by Gammill Dealer Doug Creasy. There are several other places to check measurements. As I watched how easy Doug made those adjustments look, I realized that a large part of the ease had to do with the tools he was using.



**The Combination Square Ruler
And the T-Handle Allen Wrench.**

I already had a set of allen wrenches, but the T handle version is much easier to apply the quired torque, without hurting your fingers.



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