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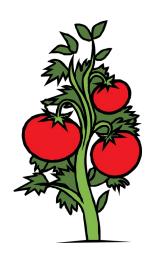




Greetings, Quilters!

Can you believe that August 2020 is behind us already? It will soon be time to finish up all those pesky outdoor homeowner tasks (paint the house, blow the water out of the underground watering system, rake leaves, and clean leaves out of the gutters). I have a mailbox with a garden flag on it, and I switch out the mailbox cover and the garden flag each month....mostly...if I think about it. It seems like only yesterday that I put out the St. Patrick's Day version...and now it's time to put out the Labor Day version.





This year my tomato plants produced a whole bunch more tomatoes than I could keep up with (I'm the only one at my house who eats tomatoes) so I froze a lot of them....good for making chili this fall/winter. And before I know it, Jack Frost will kill the tomato plants, too.

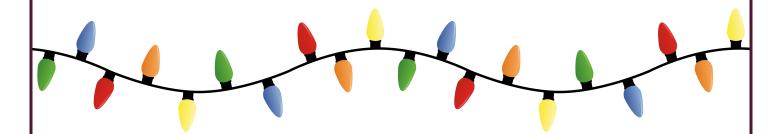
Alan and I got Jordan moved back to Truman State University the first weekend in August. She gets a whole apartment for herself this year as her pay for being that On Campus Apartment Complex's manager. She is a 3rd year nursing student this year, and begins clinicals this month. We have some anxiety about what she'll run into (thinking Covid-19 exposure), but trust that the medical people will help steer the students! She has a couple of gallons of hand-sanitizer on hand, 20 made-by-Mom masks, and a whole host of other protective gear. So far, much of her classes have been online, so they are trying to minimize their exposure. Can you tell that I'm worried?





Kim has been very busy this past month. Her days are filled with drawing requests and more drawing requests, and her evenings and weekends are filled with grandchildren! Her allergies are so bad that she can't comfortably go walking for some exercise, not even to take Lola around her block. The only exercise I get is when Harvey demands that I take him around the block so he can check his "pee-mail".

This month we saw an overwhelming number of pattern requests for edge-to-edge patterns. There are 67 of them in this archive! We also had requests for patterns to quilt Elizabeth Hartman's Pretty Birds Quilt, Sew Kind of Wonderful's Flamingo Quilt, and background quilting for a bullseye quilt. (Remember when everybody was making those bullseye quilts? Apparently they are being dusted off and finished and bringing them to their longarmers.)



We're starting to see requests for Christmas designs. I personally requested that Kim make a Christmas Stocking pattern from my almost 6-month-old granddaughter, Emerald (Emery for short). Are you getting Christmas quilts in, yet? I've gotten two Christmas-themed quilts in this week.

We hope that each of you are healthy and maintaining your sanity...and hope you make the time to quilt one of your own quilts.

Enjoy the patterns!

Janet & Kim

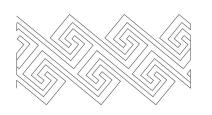
My daughter, Jordan, is responsible for the fresh look of the Club Notes Newsletter



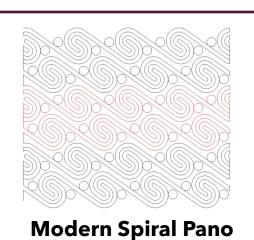
The Obsidian Sept 2020 Archive contains 102 patterns,

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EXTENDED WIDTH PANOS

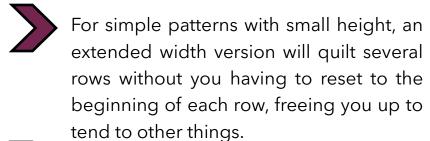


Modern Spiral Pano



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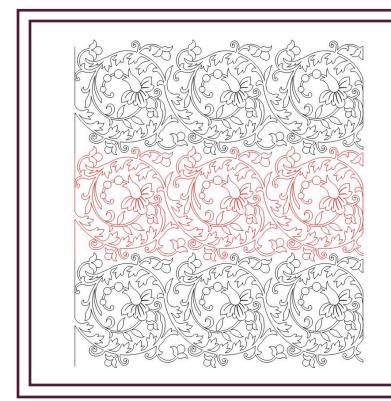
Benefits to using Extended Width E2E Patterns:



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.

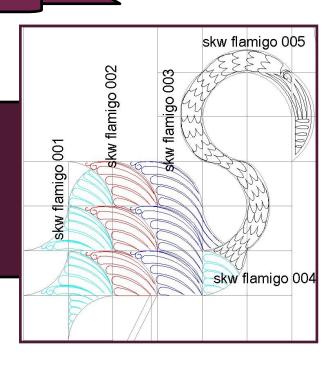
EXTENDED WIDTH PANOS



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Pano 001

FLAMINGO

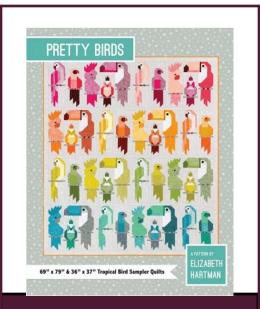
Sew Kind of Wonderful





Kim designed these patterns for Carol Duque who then used "Paisley Feather Pano 002 and 003" to quilt the background.

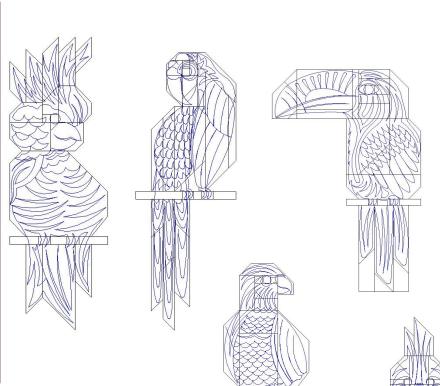
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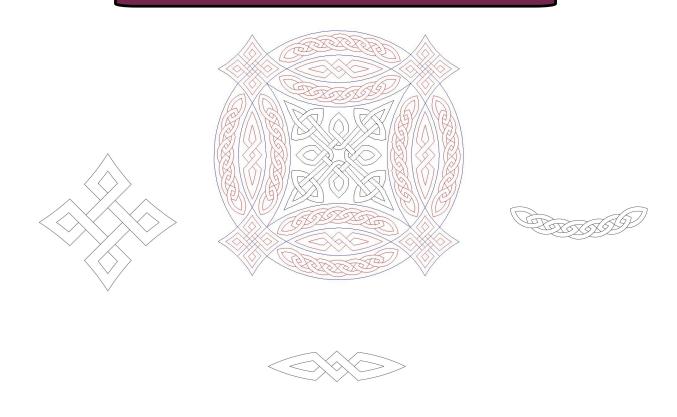
Elizabeth Hartman's

Pretty Birds

Go wild with background quilting! You could use a zig-zag e2e pattern, or straight lines, clouds, bubbles... your imagination is your only limit!

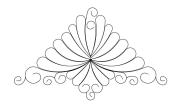


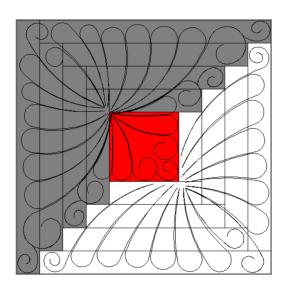
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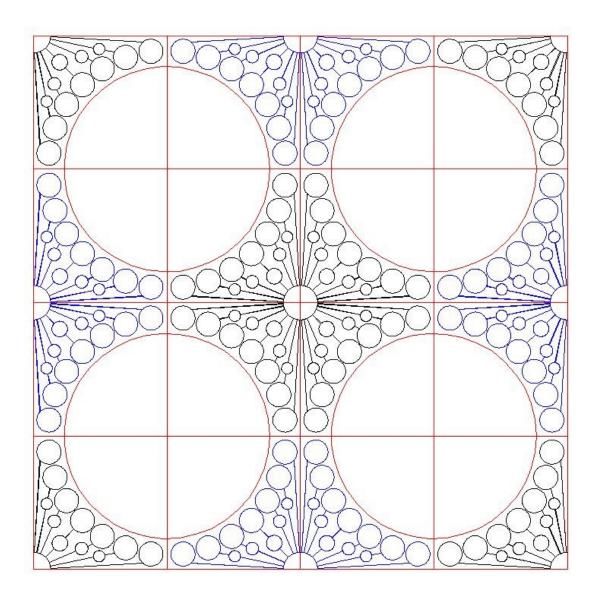
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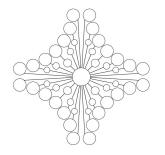


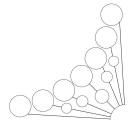


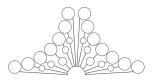


Bullseye Patterns

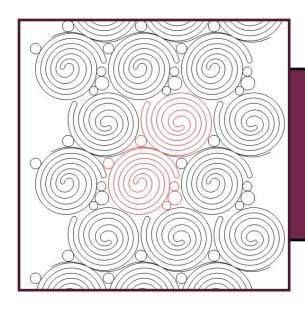






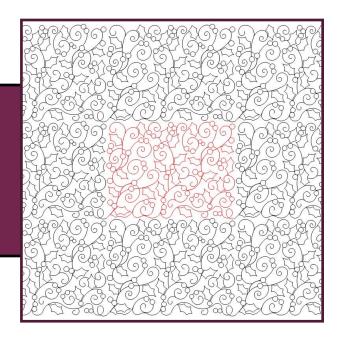


My Favorite E2E's This Month!



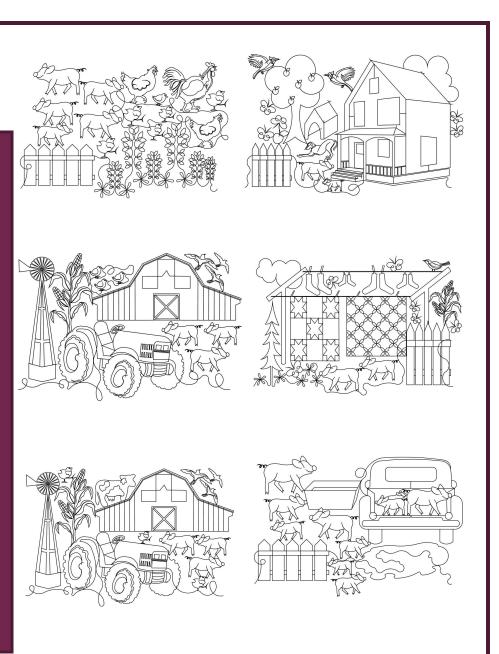
Snail Spiral Pano 002

Holly Curls Pano 002 SQ



The Final Additions to the "Ride into the Sunset Concatenating" Pattern Series

Kim says it's almost impossible to make sure that new patterns in this series will concatenate with all of the previous patterns in the series....so she has declared that this series is done!



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

After you have downloaded an 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 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



HandiQuilter has released their updated Beta Software, which has many of the bugs fixed which were in the previous BETA software.

If you are running the previous version, upgrade to this most recent version. Life will be happier for you!



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.

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!

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!!

Favorite Longarm Supplies Vendors:



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!

Computer Technical Issues

In the past 10 days, I have spoken with 5 SDQS Statler customers who were frustrated by a change in their patterns just downloaded. They all appeared to be Adobe files. I'm not sure if there has been a Windows update which has changed something, but in each case, I needed to guide them through the process of changing the program/file extension association back to Statler Stitcher.



In a nutshell, right-click on one of these patterns, click open-with. Navigate to your c:/ drive, and click the Statler Stitcher folder. Click on Creative Studio folder. Click on creativestudio.exe. Then, click on the "always use this program to open this file type". Do this on your Statler computer AND on whatever PC you use to download your patterns.

You can do this process with any file type which has somehow gotten attached to the wrong software.

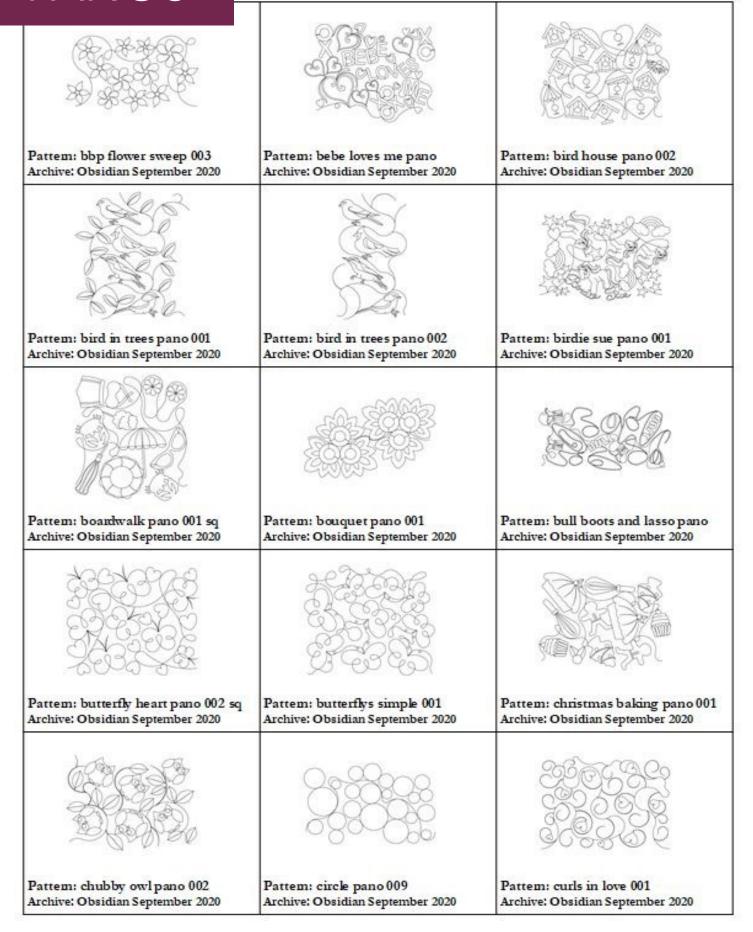
Longarm Tip of the Month

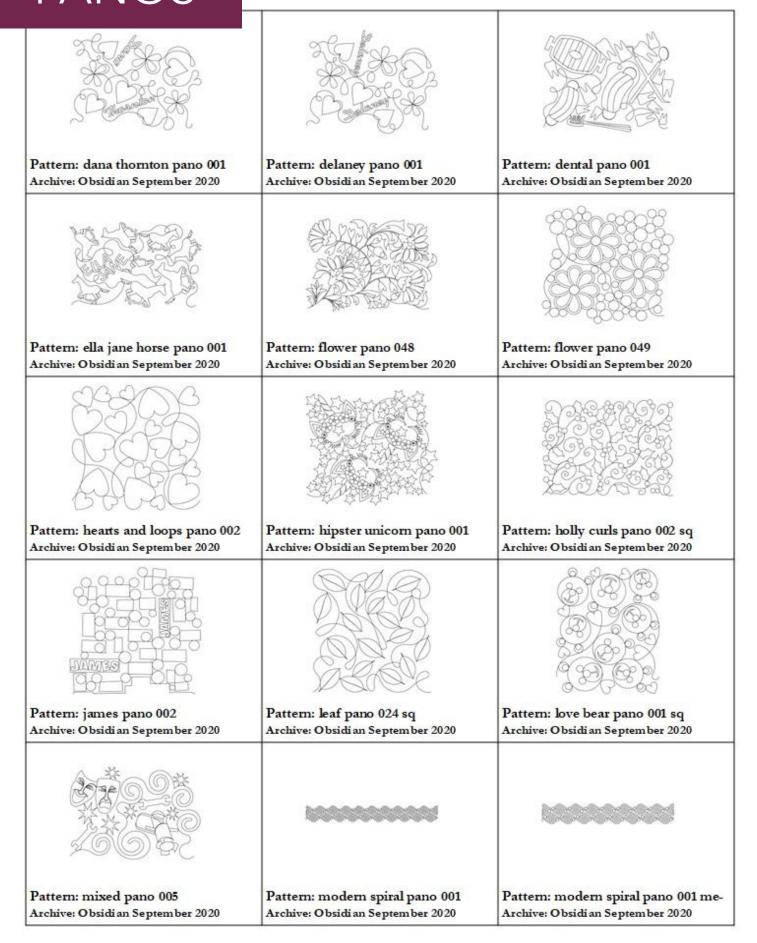
When I began my longarm guilting business back in 2001, Kim Diamond was one of two longarm guilters for hire in Columbia, MO. She was booked out for two years, so if you were a new piecer who had just completed your first quilt, you didn't have many options. The other longarm business in town offered 10 overall patterns, and your thread choice was limited to white, off white, and navy blue. My first machine was a hand-guided Gammill Optimum Plus. I invested heavily in roll paper patterns and thread choices. My church's quilting ministry group (The Threaded Hearts Quilters) brought armfuls of guilts to me within 3 days of the Gammill Truck delivering my longarm. I practiced and and then I started on the pile of guilts. I established a 7-10 day turnaround and found it to be very rewarding to see the face of those new guilters when they picked up their first guilt.

The years have gone by quickly....and I have added a lot more thread choices (currently have 286 different thread colors), and have more patterns than I can count.

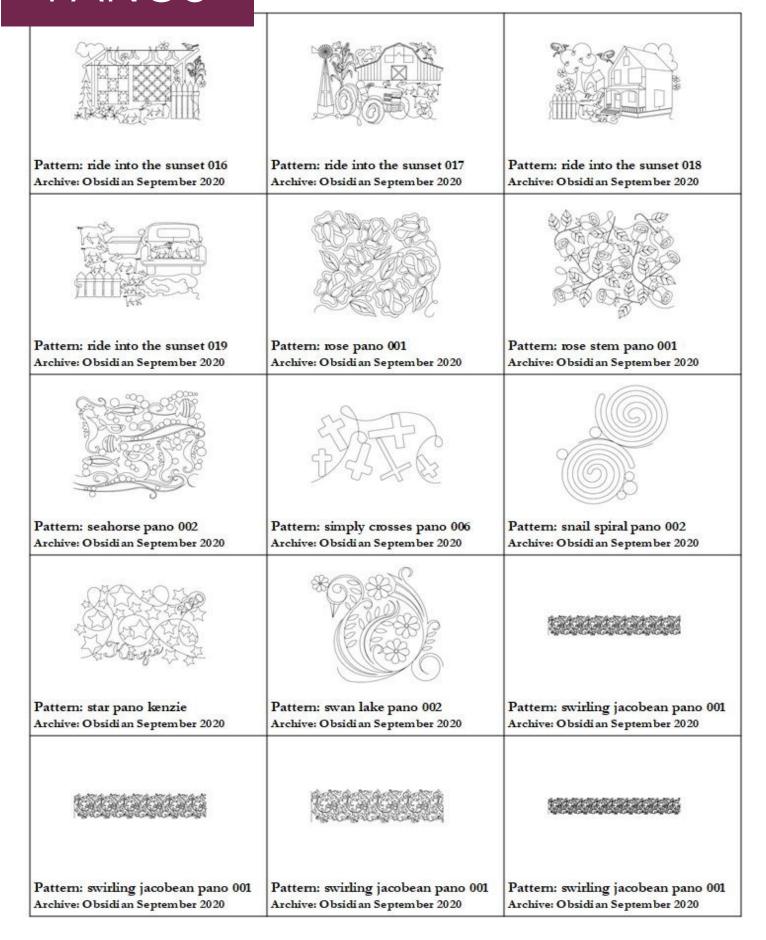
This Covid-19 Shelter At Home situation has brought guilts to my studio hand over fist. I've had stress about keeping my thread, needles, and batting inventory healthy (much was back ordered). I never really came too close to running out of anything, but I stressed about it anyway. One thing I have decided to do to relieve some of the stress in my longarm quilting business is to no longer hold myself to my 7-10 day turnaround. As I took in 24 quilts over the past 3 days, I started telling the guilters that I simply cannot maintain that turnaround with the current volume of incoming guilts, even with two Statlers running 6 days each week. I was really surprised at the response. They understood and almost all of them said, "Just let me know when it's ready....I have other quilt projects to work on until that one is done." What a relief.

So...try to figure out what *self-imposed* stress is in your life...and eliminate what you can!





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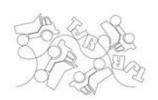
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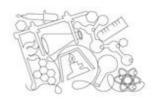
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Pattern: tjr pano 001 Archive: Obsidi an September 2020



Pattern: vals science pano 001 Archive: Obsidian September 2020



Pattern: whimsical flower pano 001 Archive: Obsidian September 2020 We've had a few requests by non-longarm quilters who want to make the Thoroughly

Modern Christmas Quilt. I asked our webmaster to break out his magic wand and make it happen! He did!

You must be logged into your account on the website (you all have accounts). Click on

Merchandise and you will find our window decal selection and the Thoroughly Modern Christmas Quilt pattern, available in pdf format for

download. It is very important that you make sure there is nothing else in your shopping cart when you go through the checkout process. IF there are digital patterns or the window decals in your shopping cart the "add to cart" button will not even appear.



TMC—Thoroughly Modern

Christmas Quilt Piecing
Pattern



Happy Quilting!

- Janet & Kim









