

# Club Notes:



June 2013

1st Place Computer Division  
MQS — 2103

## Serengeti

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The  
Opal  
Duke  
contains 113  
patterns,  
including  
24 panos,  
a retail  
value of  
\$1250.



Pattern Type	Size	Name of Existing Pattern for Modification	Name to be included in pattern	Attach good photos of quilt and blocks	Style you're going for. Other patterns you're using in the quilt, etc.
Block #1					
Block #2					
Block #3					
Border & Border Corner #1					
Border & Border Corner #2					
Border & Border Corner #3					
Triangle-Equilateral (all sides equal and all angles are 60 degrees)					
Triangle-Isosceles (two equal sides and two equal angles)					
Triangle-Scalene (no equal sides & no equal angles)					
Sash					
Point-to-Point					
Edge-to-Edge—Directional					
Edge-to-edge-Non Directional					
Edge-to-Edge-Interlocking					
Edge-to-Edge-Squared					

### Important things to consider and include with your design request:

When you take photos of the quilt and/or quilt block, the camera should be parallel to the quilt (we need a straight on shot). If we have to draft out the block, it helps a lot to capture correct angles.

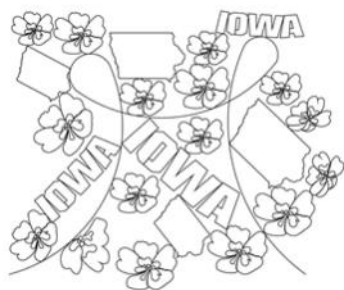
If you want an existing pattern modified, we need the exact pattern name. (We cannot modify another designer's pattern, so please don't ask us to do that.)

Style you're going for: If you want celtic, but don't tell us and we make floral, no one will be happy.

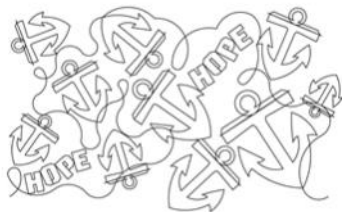
If you want a name included in the pattern, you need to double check the spelling before you submit the request. If you find out after the pattern has been designed that you requested the pattern with incorrect spelling, your submission of the correct name spelling goes to the end of the drawing list, causing a delay for you.

If your machine has a short throat, please make sure you tell us the largest amount of the fabric your machine has access to quilt. [PLEASE email your design requests \(you can follow up with a phone call, but it helps us to have the email.\)](#)

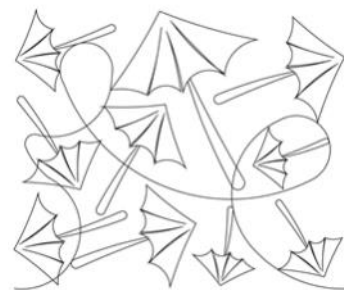
# Panos



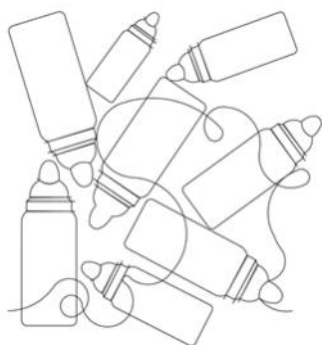
**Pattern Name:** all about iowa pano 001  
**Opal Duke Archive**



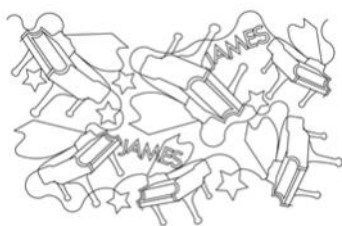
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**Pattern Name:** asian umbrella pano 001  
**Opal Duke Archive**



**Pattern Name:** baby bottle pano 001  
**Opal Duke Archive**



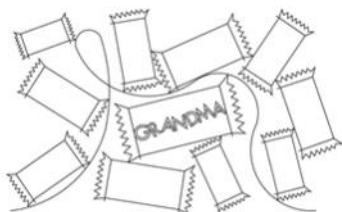
**Pattern Name:** baby grand james  
**Opal Duke Archive**



**Pattern Name:** baby stars and moon pano  
**Opal Duke Archive**



**Pattern Name:** beaver pano 003  
**Opal Duke Archive**



**Pattern Name:** candy bar pano 002  
**Opal Duke Archive**



**Pattern Name:** dragster pano 001  
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**Pattern Name:** fall bounty 001 sq  
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**Pattern Name:** fireweed pano 002  
**Opal Duke Archive**



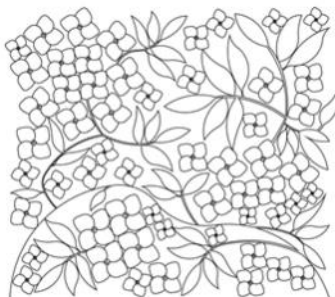
**Pattern Name:** football the tigers  
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**Pattern Name:** gymnast pano 003  
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**Pattern Name:** hydrangea pano 002  
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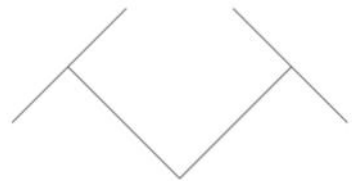
**Pattern Name:** international doll pano 002  
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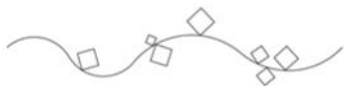
**Pattern Name:** kims embellishment  
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**Pattern Name:** modern pano 002 alt  
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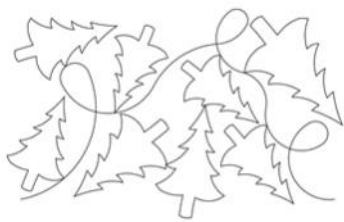
**Pattern Name:** modern pano 003 alt  
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**Pattern Name:** scrolly pano 001  
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**Pattern Name:** sparrow pano 001  
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**Pattern Name:** trees simple pano 001  
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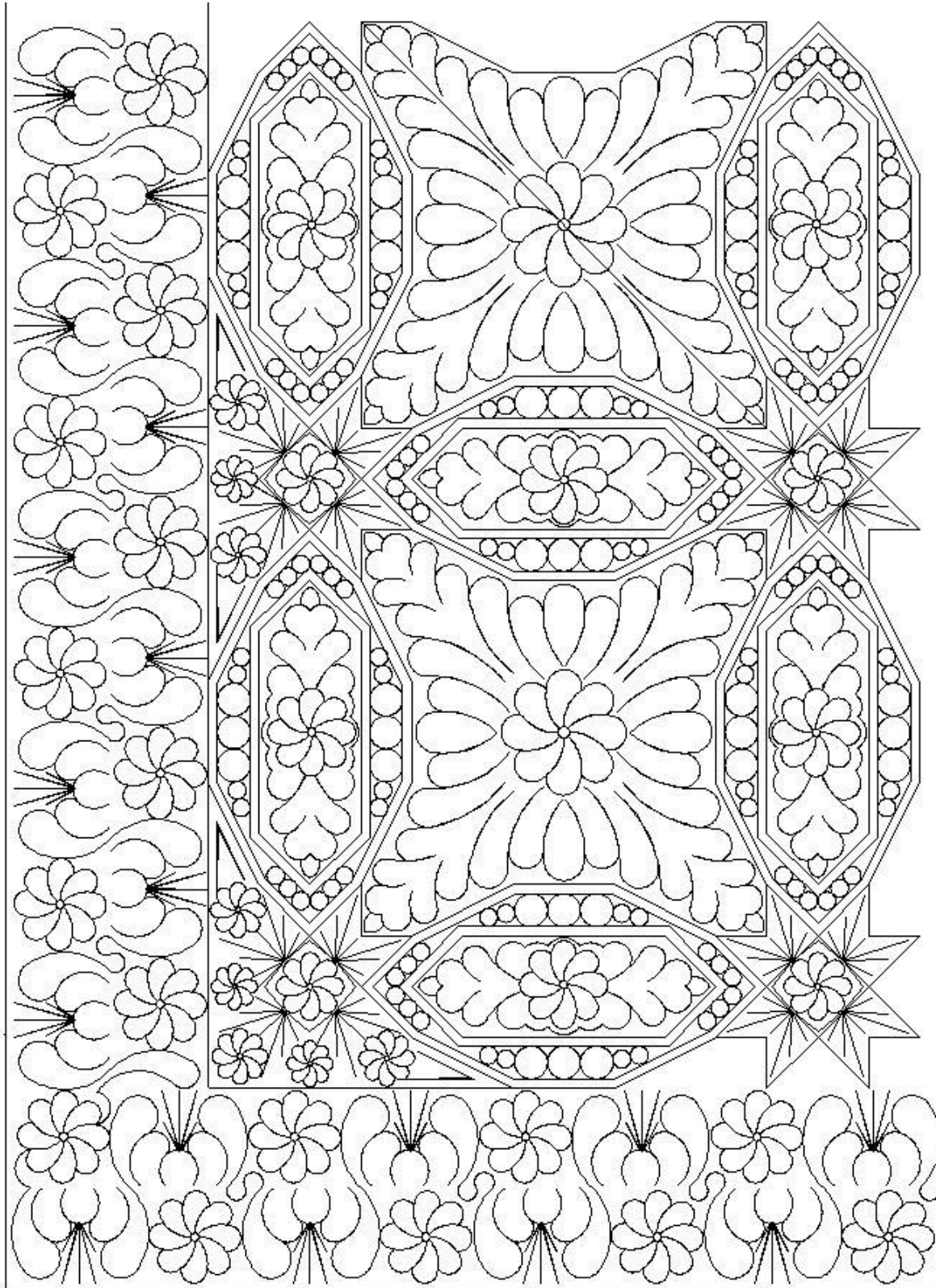


**Pattern Name:** tulip pano 004  
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**Pattern Name:** white oak 003  
**Opal Duke Archive**

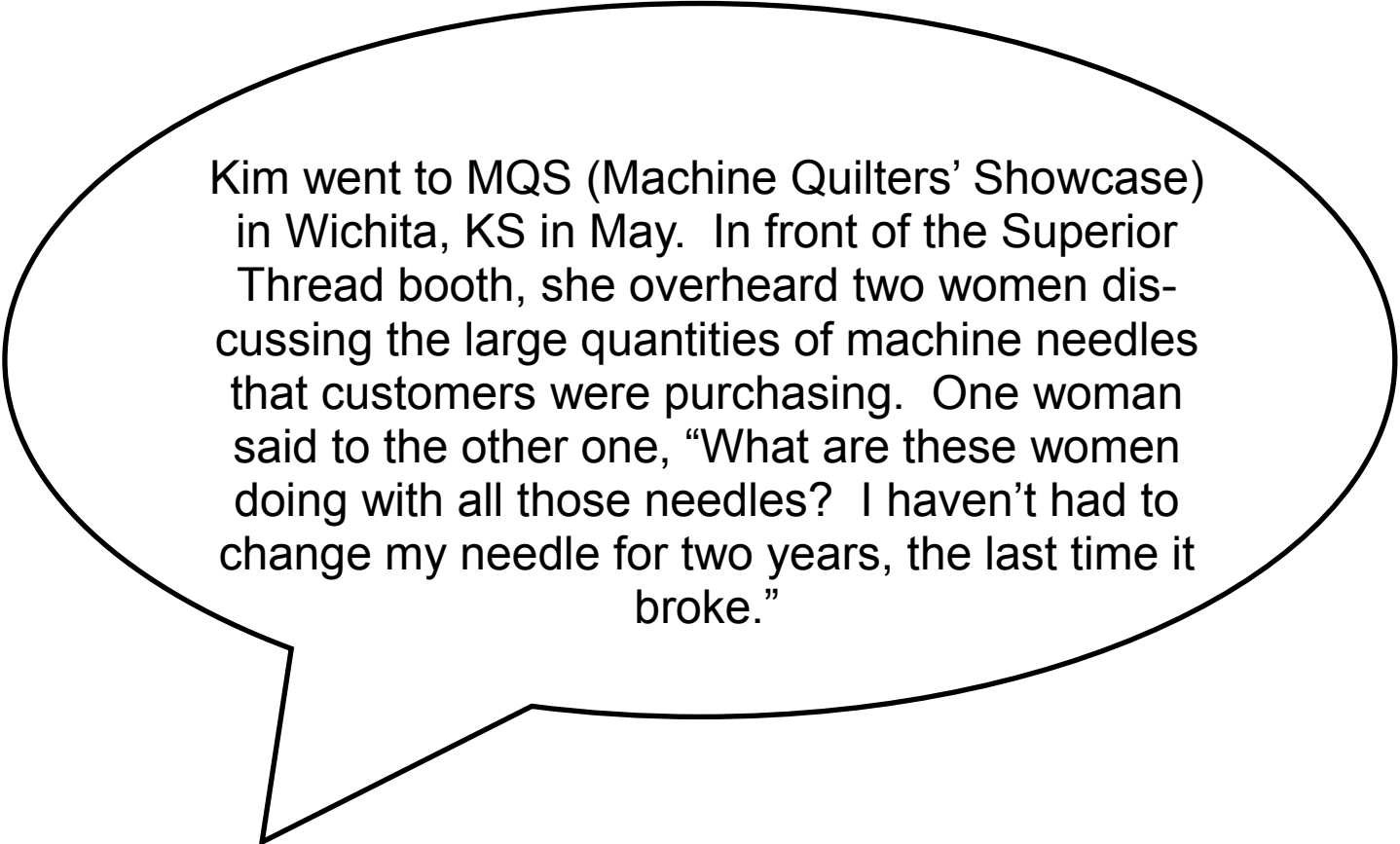
# Colorado Wedding Ring Set



# Longarm Tip of the Month

We have been experiencing thunderstorms after thunderstorms. Even though I have battery backup and surge protectors on my computer-guided longarms, I don't run them in storms. I unplug them and wait for the storms to pass.

Not only does the thunder make my Schnauzer very anxious, I get pretty uptight when I can't work on my quilts. I pacify myself with the lost time by cleaning up my machines while I wait. I use a painter's trim brush to brush out my tracks, the blade on an old pair of scissors to clean off build up from my wheels. Oil the bobbin race, and wipe down the table and machine head. Then, when the storm subsides, I turn it all back on and get back to work.



Kim went to MQS (Machine Quilters' Showcase) in Wichita, KS in May. In front of the Superior Thread booth, she overheard two women discussing the large quantities of machine needles that customers were purchasing. One woman said to the other one, "What are these women doing with all those needles? I haven't had to change my needle for two years, the last time it broke."

So....how often do You change your needle? Every quilt? Every other quilt? Every 8 hours of quilting? Only when your needle breaks?



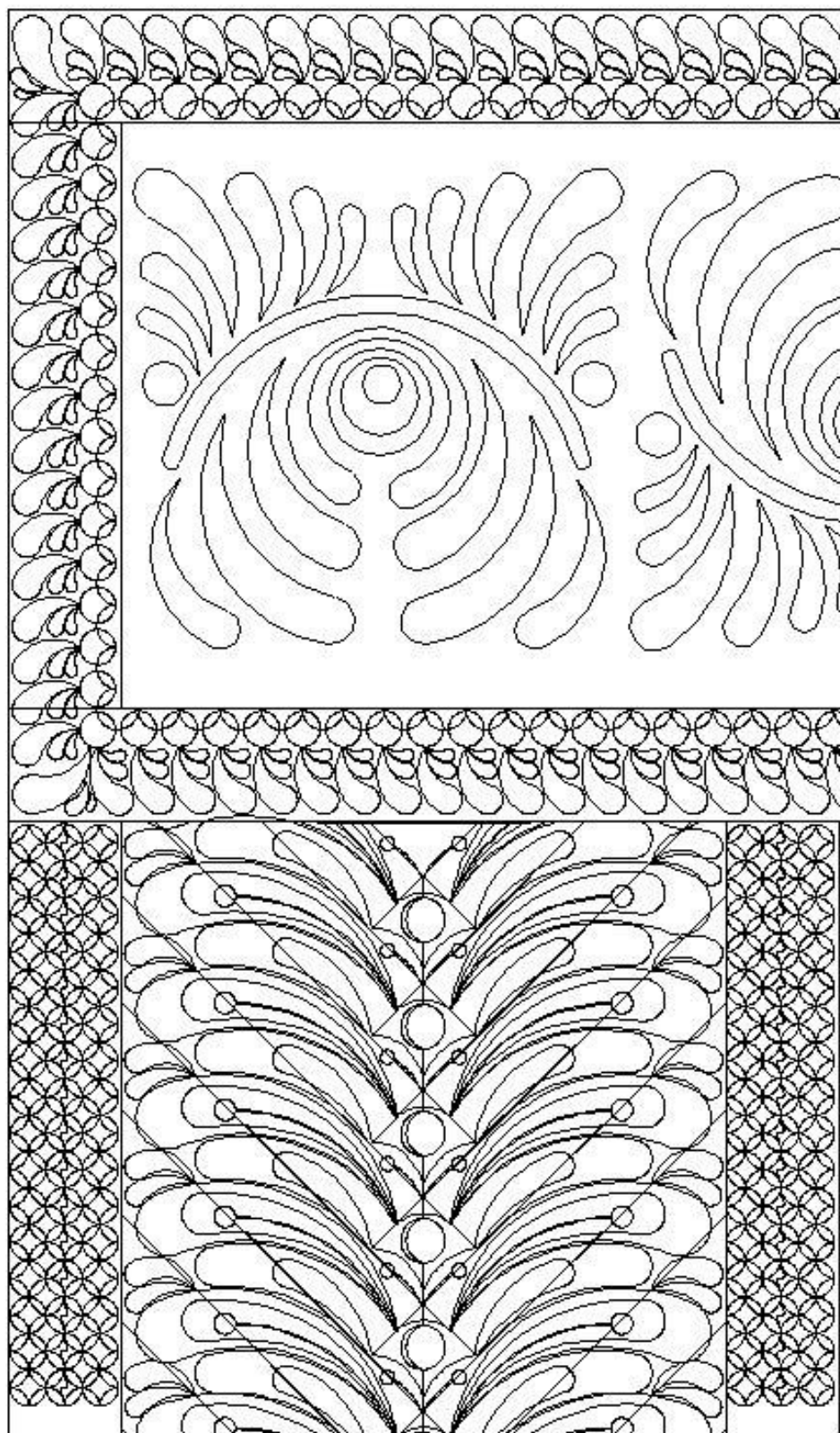
# Marti Michele Kaleidoscope Pattern Set



The borders in this quilt were stitched with p2p lines.



# Fanciful Feathers





# New Raspberry Kiss Set





# 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 only, so you'll need your sales tax certificate to set up an account. 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. <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>

**Quilted Memories:** This Hobbs Batting distributor is only a quick phone call away. She ships UPS or Fed Ex. UPS costs a bit more, but since they'll put my packages inside my garage rather than leaving it out on my front porch, I don't mind that extra cost. This lady (Lyn Heilman) makes it happen! When I find myself in a batting crunch, she's there for me! Just gotta love that! (Plus she provided all the classroom batting for the SUGAR 2010 Conference this past summer). <http://www.quiltedmemoriesllc.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 toll free at 855-566-4276.

## ..... Experiencing Technical Difficulties.....

This month I was on the other end of the telephone support system. I spoke with a very nice man who said he was in Florida, his name was David, and his accent was so thick that I had to ask him to repeat almost every word he said (my 13-year-old says that I'm half deaf which was the real problem). We wanted to update from Microsoft Office 2007 to Microsoft Office 2013. We each have a desk top and a laptop, so we needed a multi-site license. Turns out that they no longer offer that option. It was either \$399.00 per computer or \$159.00 annual subscription (for up to five computers). We chose the subscription. I thought, "How hard could it be?" Shouldn't have even had those thoughts. Four days later, I actually successfully downloaded and installed the Office 365 onto my new Windows 7 desktop computer. The most ironic part about the problem was that I had to use Firefox Mozilla to download the Microsoft product. Internet Explorer (a Microsoft product) wouldn't let me download it. The learning curve on the new software is a challenge.....but I refuse to let new software defeat me! Among all of the computer challenges we faced this month, we worked very hard to get the June patterns out today (May 31st), so you would have the weekend to play with them. Enjoy! Janet & Kim

## Update June 5, 2013:

Started from scratch on the catalog templates.....made new ones. So, if you had trouble with the original catalogs, download them again and you should be happier with these.