

# Club Notes:



December 2013

# Happy Holidays

**Christmas is almost upon us! There's so much left to do before it arrives!**

My married daughter wants new quilted Christmas Stockings for their new home (as well as one for their 90 lb Black Labrador Puppy, Duke).

My husband wants me to make a baby quilt for one of his co-workers.

My youngest daughter wants me to go to her Orchestra Concert.

My Mom wants me to come over and figure out how to download her anti virus updates.

My sister wants me to quilt the T-Shirt quilt she just finished for her daughter.

My brother wants me to baby sit his youngest child (4 year old boy) so that he can go Christmas shopping with his wife.

And.....I have 37 quilts to get quilted in time for their makers to gift them at Christmas.

The important stuff will get done.....right?

Happy Holidays to Each of You!  
Janet & Kim



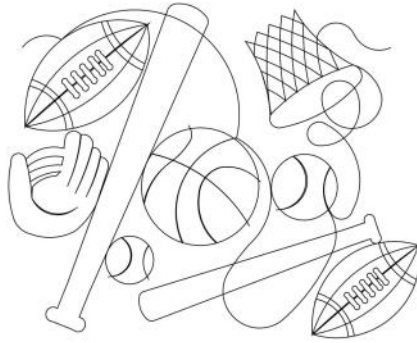
**The Pearl Princess contains 145  
patterns, including 37 panos,  
a retail value of \$1635.**

# Panos



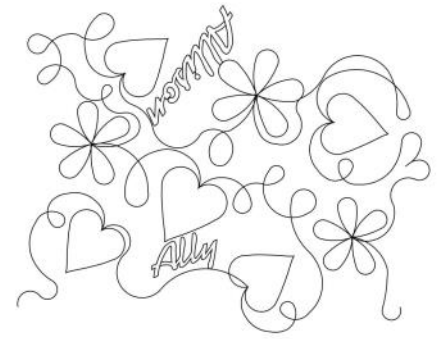
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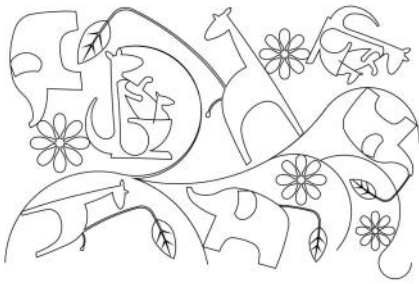
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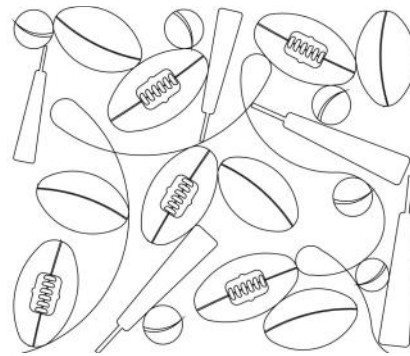
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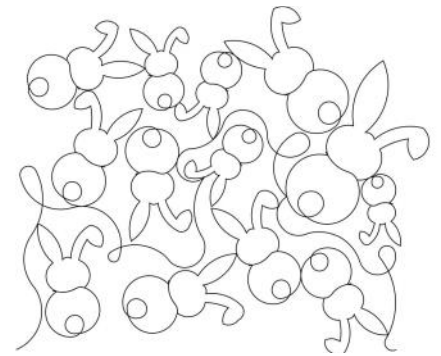
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**Pattern: aussie ball pano 001**

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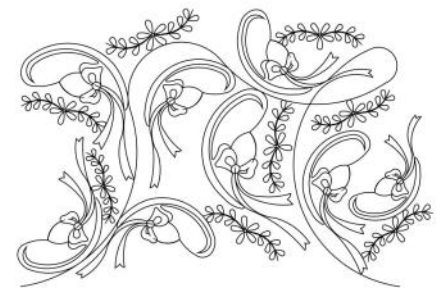
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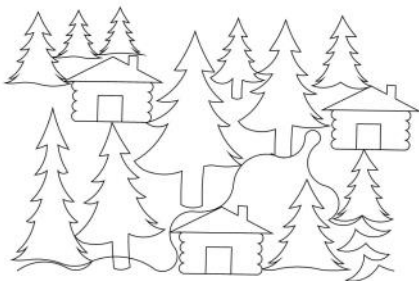
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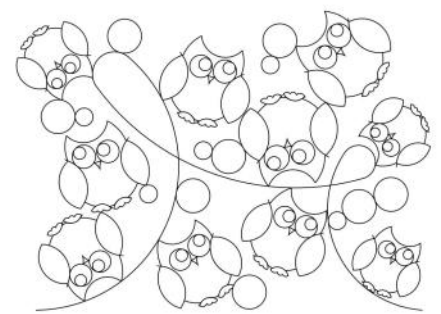
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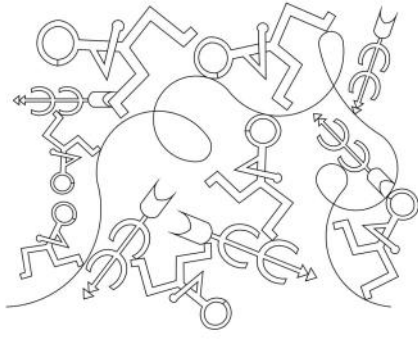
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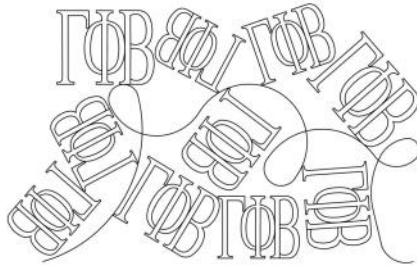
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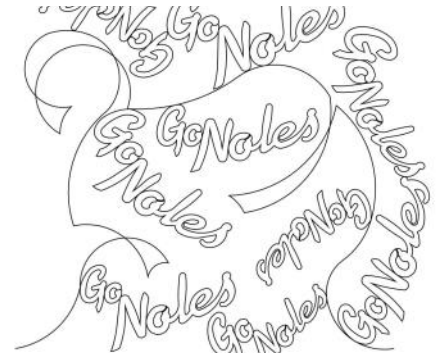
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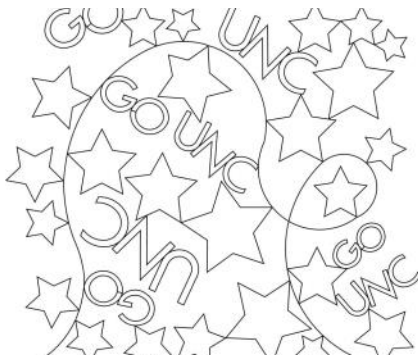
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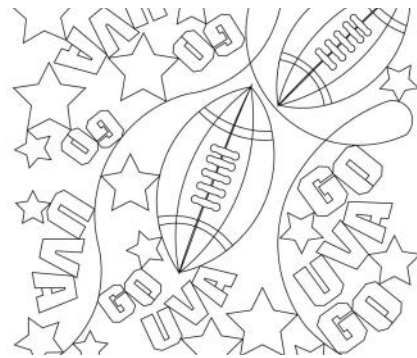
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Pattern: go unc pano 001

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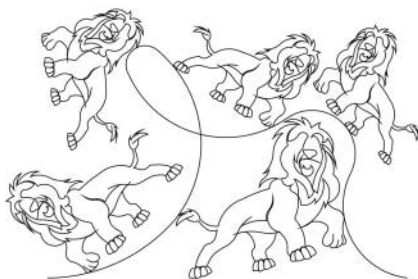
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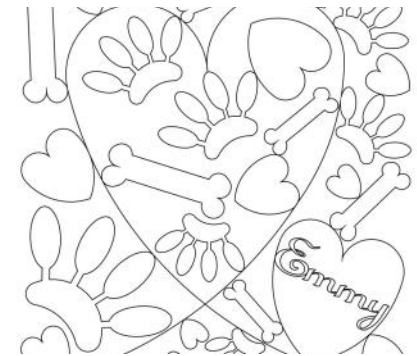
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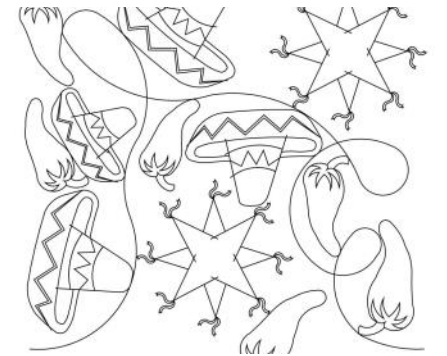
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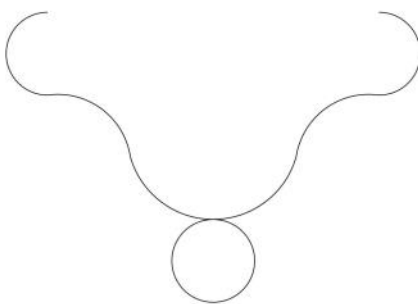
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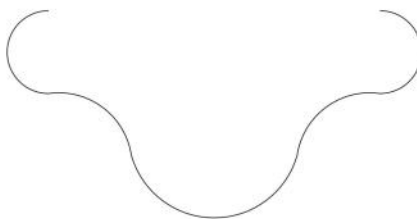
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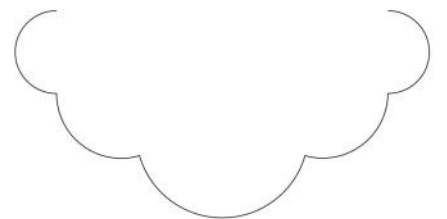
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Pattern: modern cloud pano 002

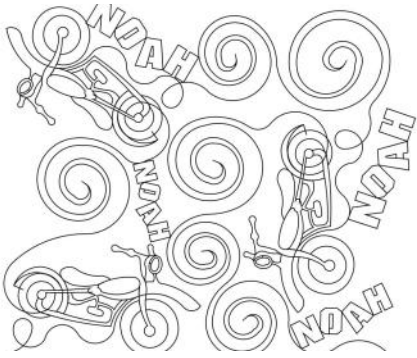
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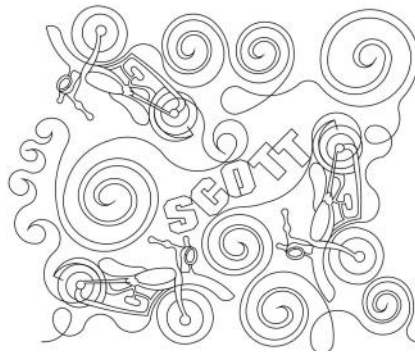
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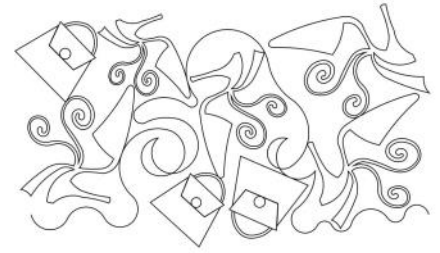
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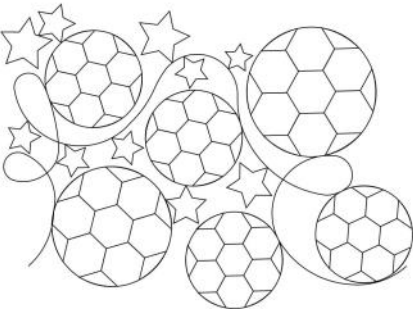
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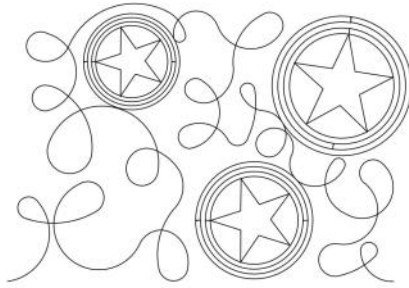
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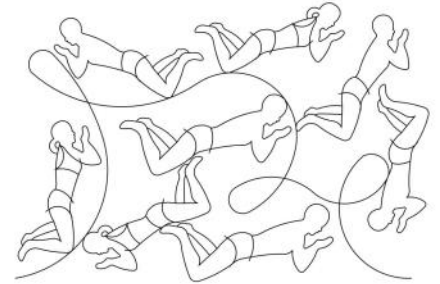
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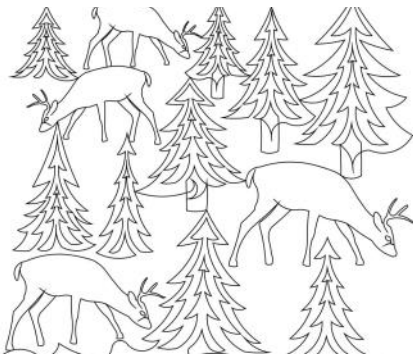
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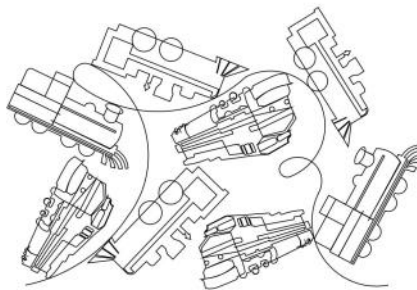
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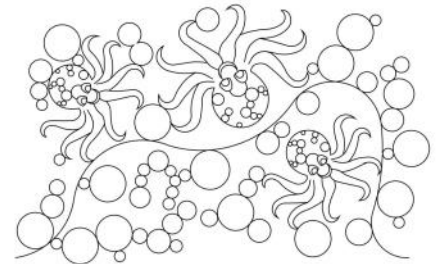
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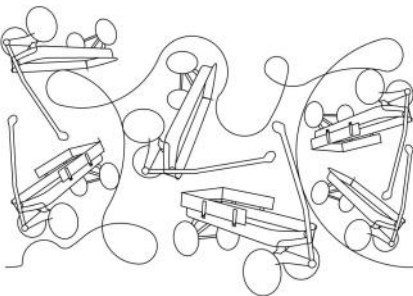
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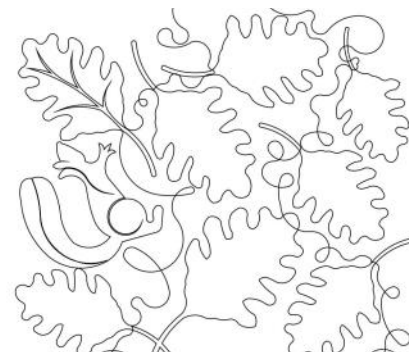
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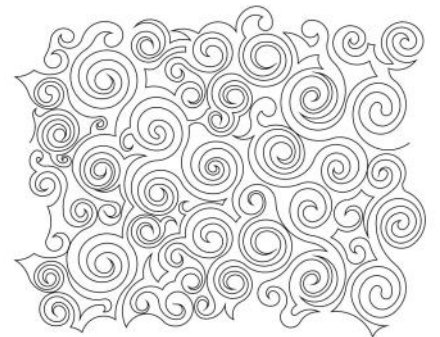
**Pattern: wagon pano 003**

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**Pattern: white oak 004**

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**Pattern: zig swirls pano 002**

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Pattern: zimmer pano 001

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## Longarm Tip of the Month

Take some time to inspect your bobbins for bent spots, particularly if you've dropped them on the floor. A bent bobbin can allow the thread to pop out of the slot (thread escapement), which results in picking out lousy thread tension and eye-lashes on the front of your quilt!

*(or paying your teenagers for 18 hours of picking out). Don't ask! It wasn't pretty!*



## Meet Your New Best Friend!

Created by Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio,  
Quilter's LightBox<sup>®</sup> 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.

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!!**

<http://www.quilterslightbox.com>

Software is only \$129.95 plus USPS Priority Mail Shipping.



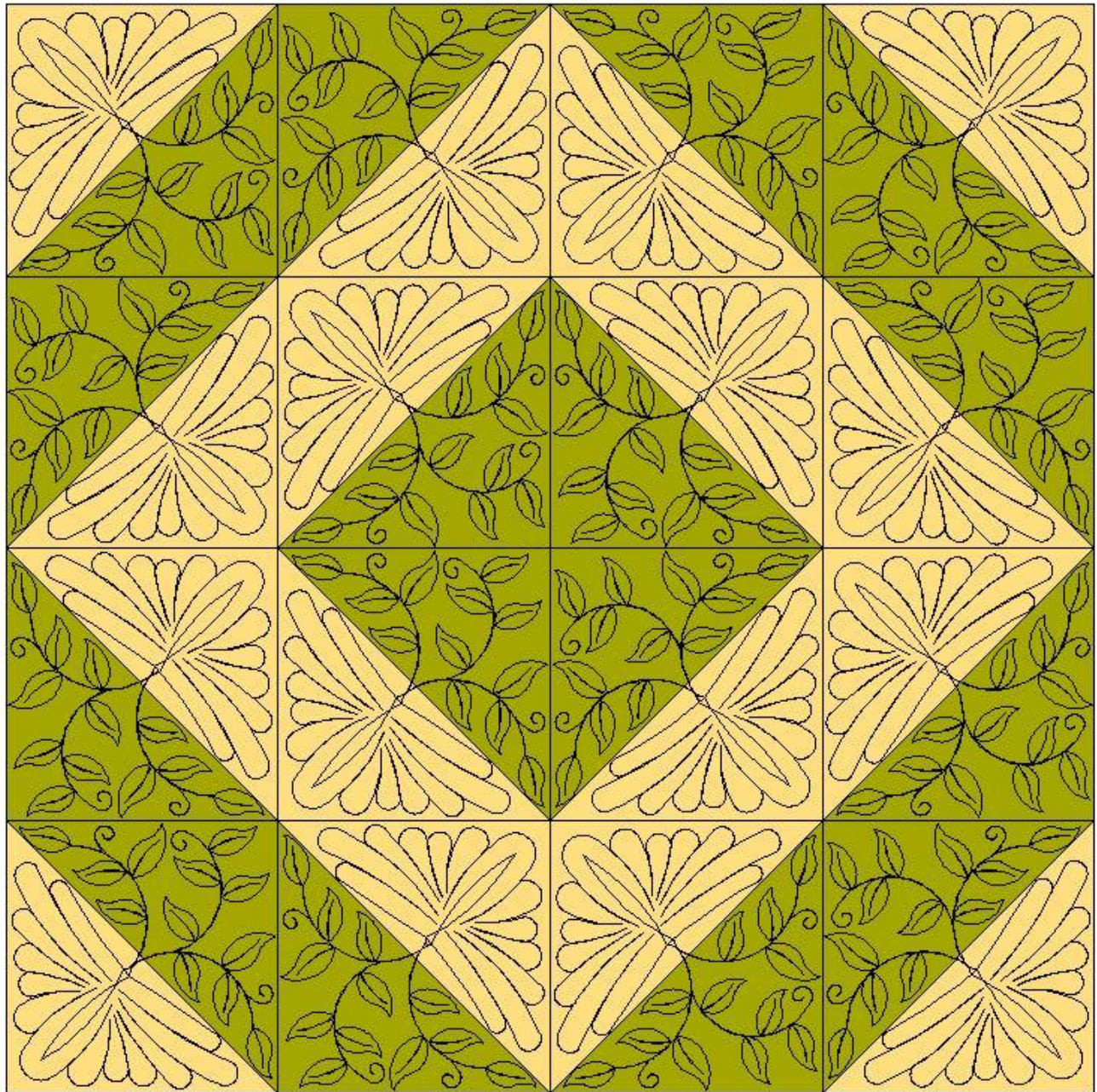
Terry's Snowman Quilt\_0

**Patterns Used:**

- \* snowflake frame 1
- \* snowflake simple 4
- \* snowflake simple 5
- \* snowflake simple 3
- \* snowflake 029
- \* snowflake 2
- \* snowflake border 2
- \* snowflake simple 2
- \* snowflake border 5
- \* snowflake simple border
- \* snowflake simple bdr crn
- \* snow bunnies border
- \* ribbon candy brd crn 001
- \* ribbon candy sash 1x6

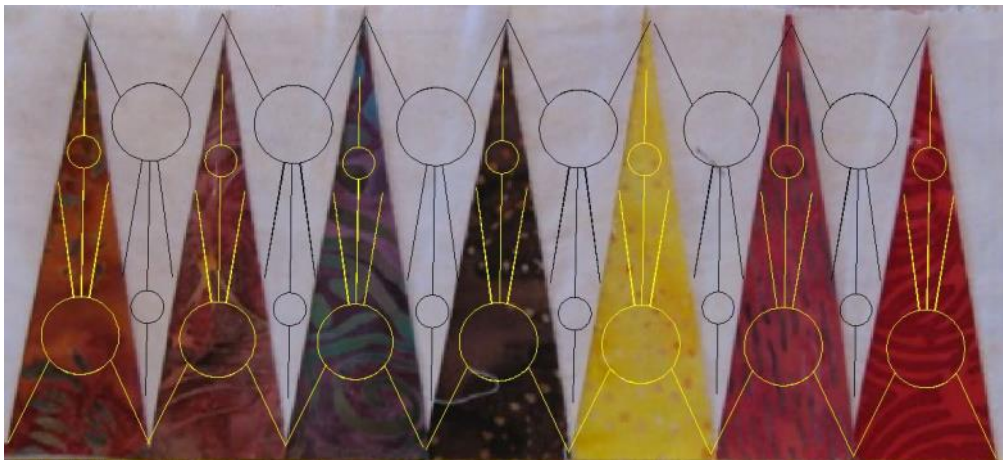
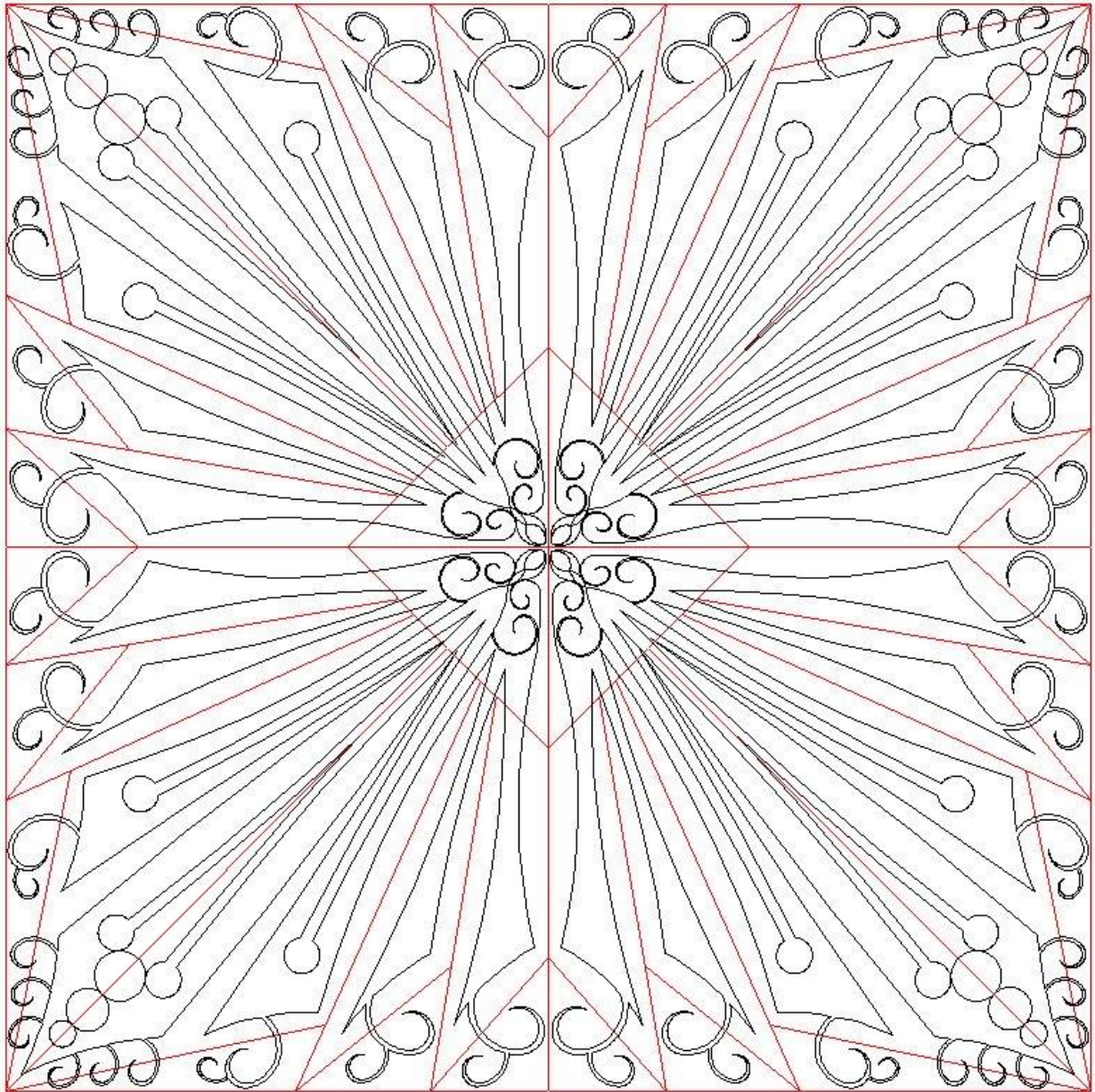
I used Quilter's LightBox software to plan a custom pattern layout for this customer's quilt made from snowman fabrics.

Notice that I changed the "thread" color to make the stitching more evident, although it's up to the quilter (and/or her customer) as to the actual thread used.



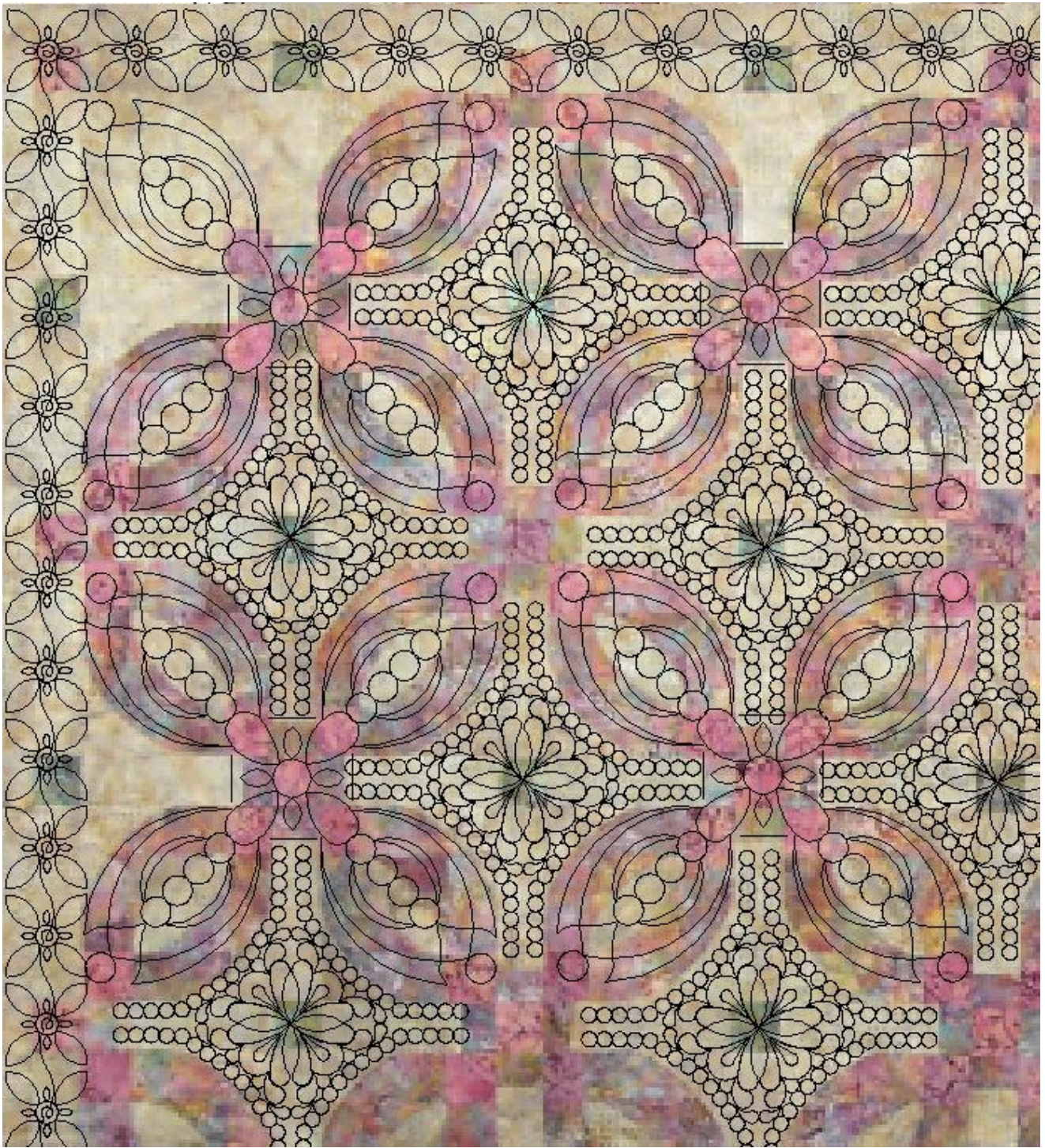
# Feather Leaf HST

(Half Square Triangle)



Cac-  
tus  
Flower  
Layout





**Pinkie Pattern Layout**



# Two New Border & Border Corner Sets

Are there borders for which you would like Kim to make border corner patterns? If so, email us with your list.

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.)

# 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 804-708-0741.