



Club Notes:



Quartz
MAY 2015

Happy May Day!

There's a syndicated radio program I like to listen to while I'm out and about in the evenings. I spend a fair amount of time in the car in the evenings doing that Mom Taxi thing. So, last night I was listening to the John Tesh program (Intelligence For Your Life) while waiting to pick up my youngest daughter, Jordan. He said that just seeing clutter around the house dramatically increases the hormones which create stress. And contemplating actually cleaning up the clutter bumps that up even more! Imagine that?! No wonder I'm stressed out. So this morning when I got to work, I cleaned up all the clutter in Kim's kitchen. She came into the kitchen and said, "Stressed out, are you?" She must have listened to the same radio program!

My sister came to visit for the weekend. She arrived Thursday evening and headed back home Sunday morning. First thing on Thursday evening, she did a quick tour of my quilting rooms and said, "You have been waiting for the Thread Fairy to come and put away all of your thread, haven't you?" Okay, I admit it. I have a high level thread addiction, which means I buy a lot of thread, but it's not the new thread that doesn't get put away....rather it's all that thread I drag out and audition for quilts. All that thread I use for quilts and change out for the next quilt, times two machines stacks up on every horizontal surface. So how about you? Do you put away your thread as



soon as you're finished with it, or does it also stack up on your flat surfaces? Do any of you have any tricks to keeping the flat surfaces cleared away? If so, I'd love to hear your ideas!

Aside from that, the sun is shining, and the temperatures are warm. The foliage outside my office window is greening up nicely and we saw the first hummingbird for the season yesterday! We hope you enjoy the patterns this month. Keep those pattern requests coming. Some of you have some fabulous quilts coming through your studio doors!

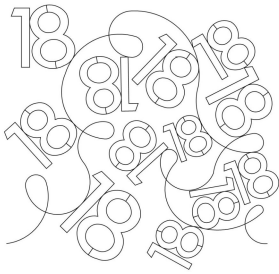
Happy Quilting
Kim and Janet



My Sister, Mary....aka the Thread Fairy.

**The Quartz May 2015 Archive
contains 156 patterns, including 35
panos, a retail value of \$1735.**

Panos



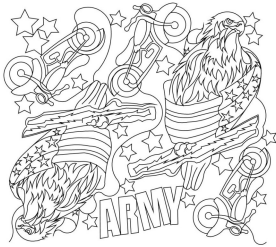
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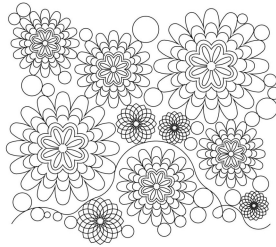
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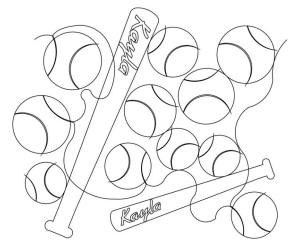
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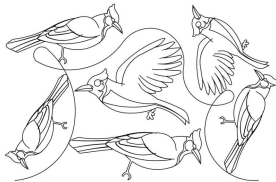
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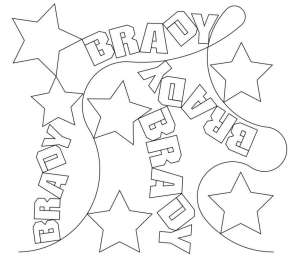
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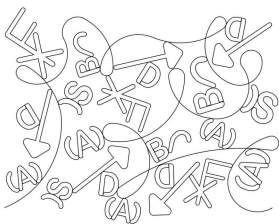
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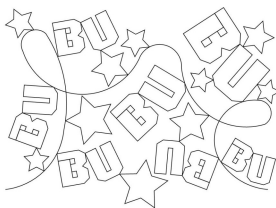
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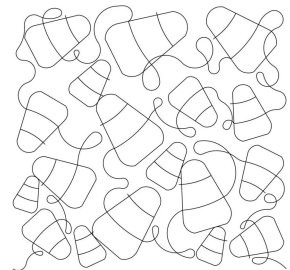
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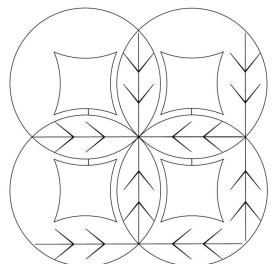
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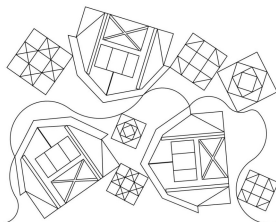
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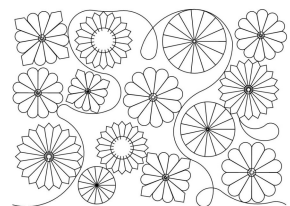
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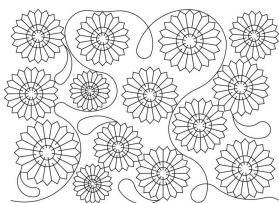


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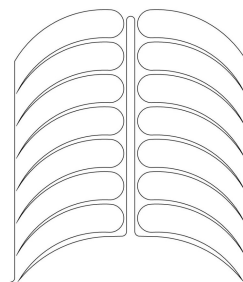
Panos



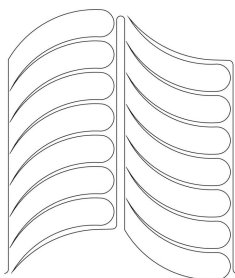
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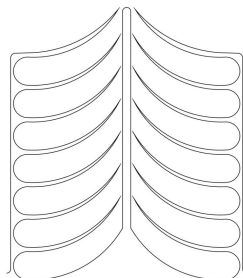
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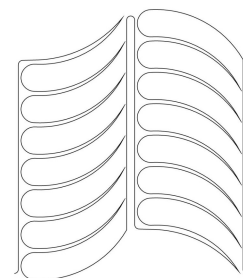
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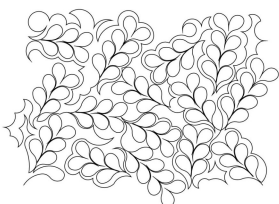
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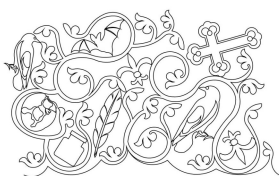
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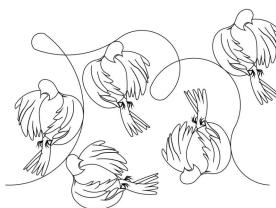
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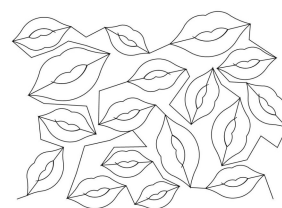
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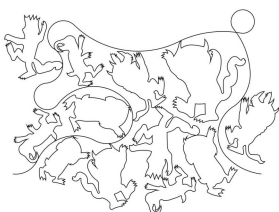
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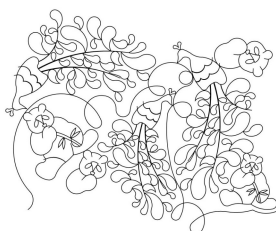
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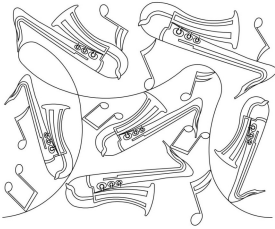
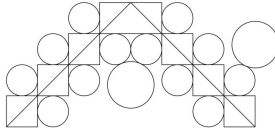

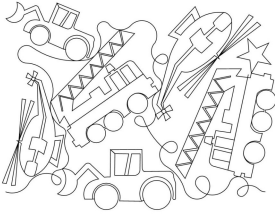

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Longarm Tip of the Month

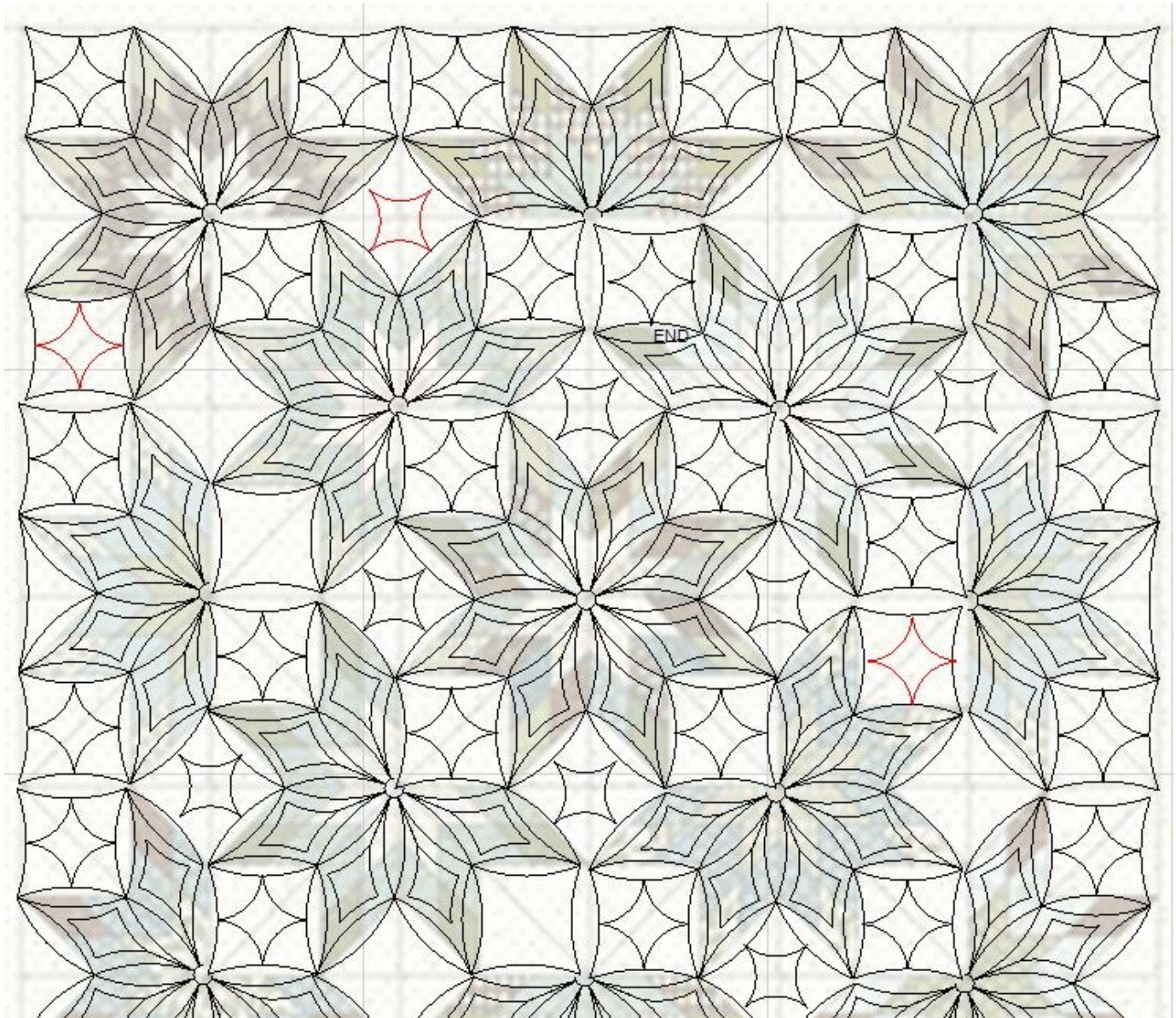
Do some of your customer quilts arrive looking like the backing has never seen the hot side of an iron? However you like your backing seams to be pressed (open or to one side), go ahead and press the seams if they aren't already pressed. Press the whole backing? No way! There's a quicker way to eliminate the wrinkles, even those fold creases from fabric taken straight from the bolt!

Load your backing fabric on your longarm. Spray it down lightly with either water or Best Press Starch Alternative. Roll the fabric and repeat until you have treated the entire backing. Roll it back, load your batting and quilt top.

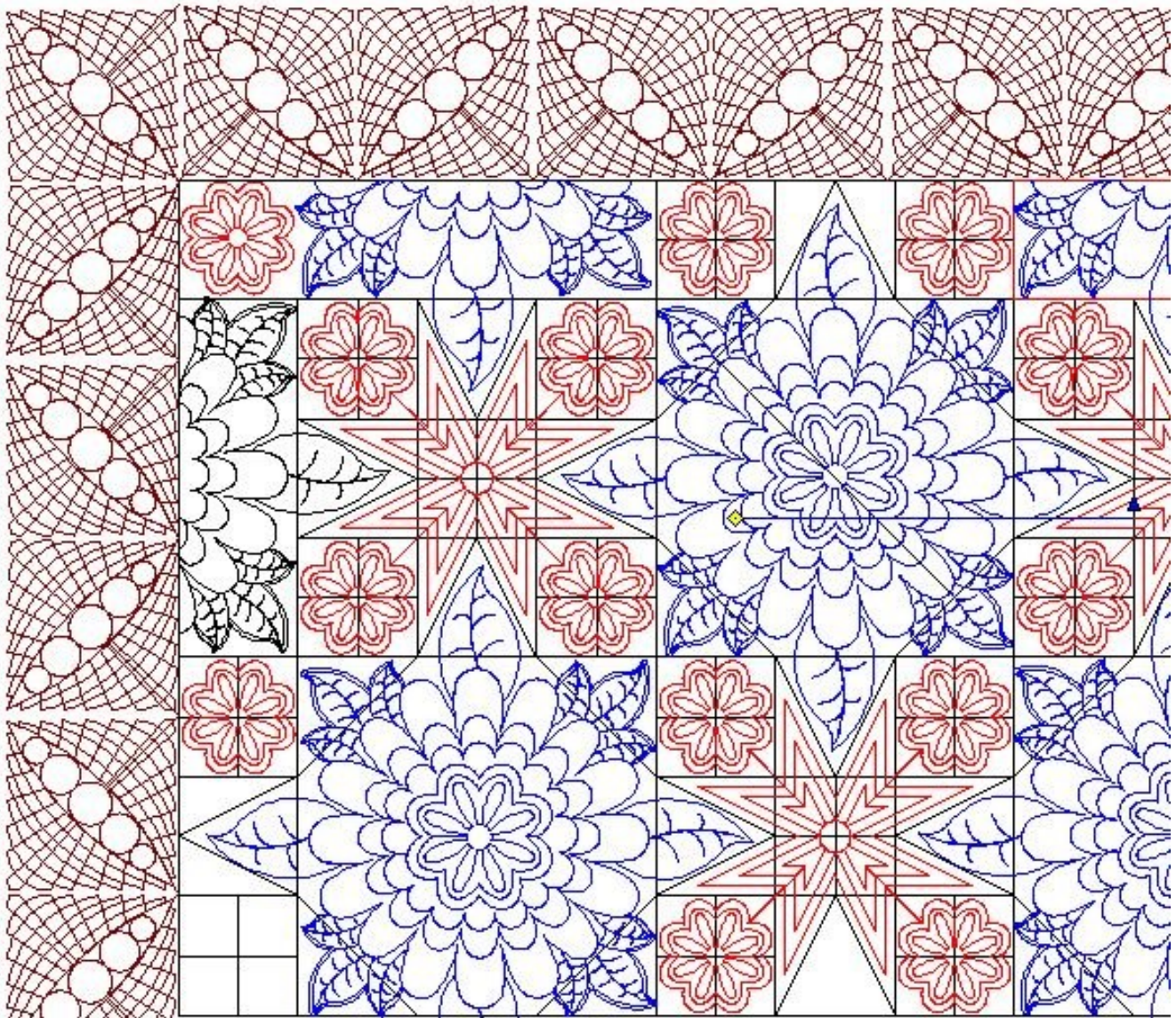
The tension on the backing fabric will essentially press the wrinkles out of the fabric without you painstakingly pressing all that fabric. No dragging it across the floor, stepping on it as you attempt to shuffle it around. Easy!

Don't tell your customers about this tip, or they may stop pressing their backing altogether!

New 8 Point Star Pattern Parts ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and the one shown in red below). The pattern in the very center of this layout is an existing pattern (part of the Heritage

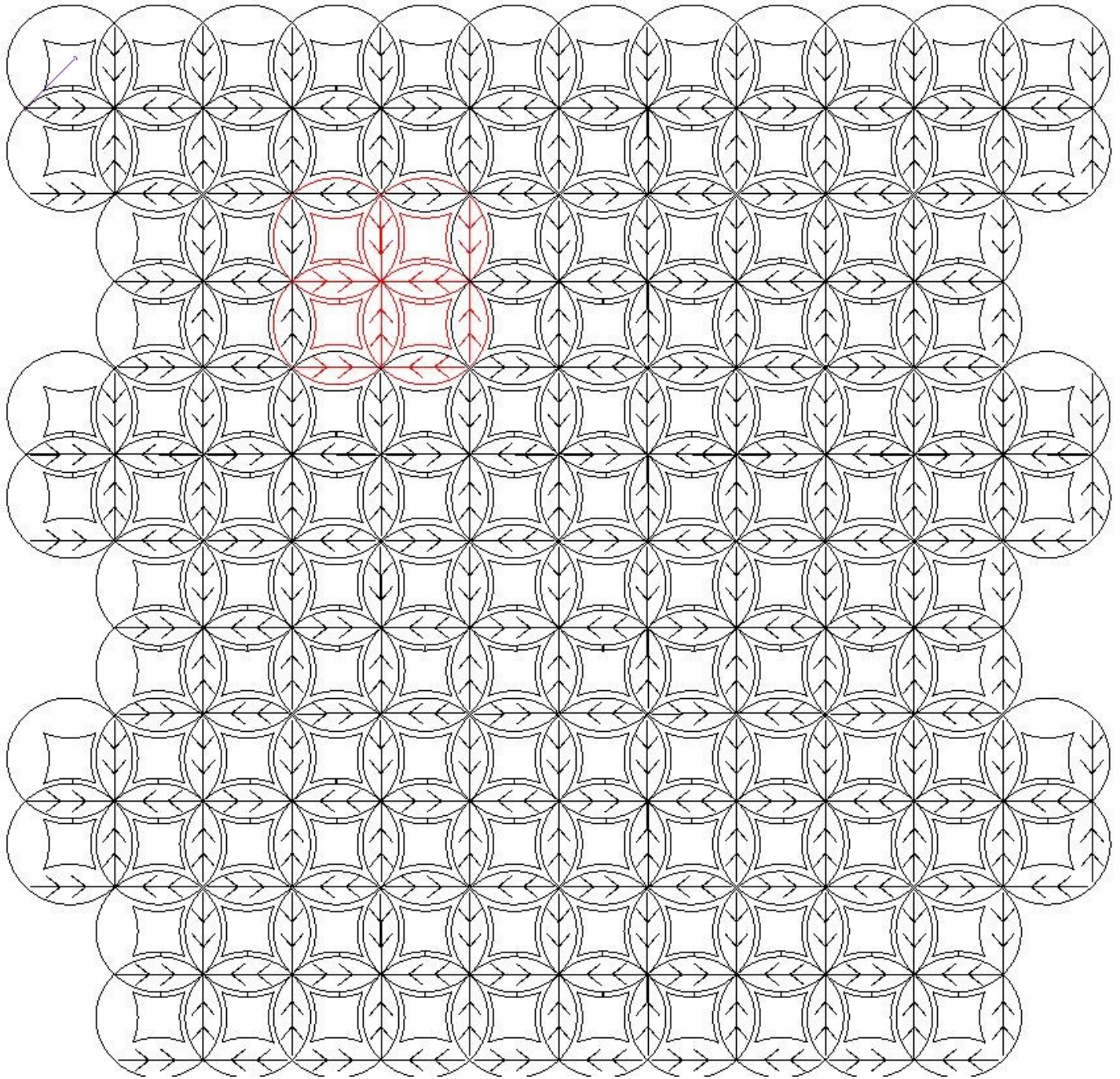


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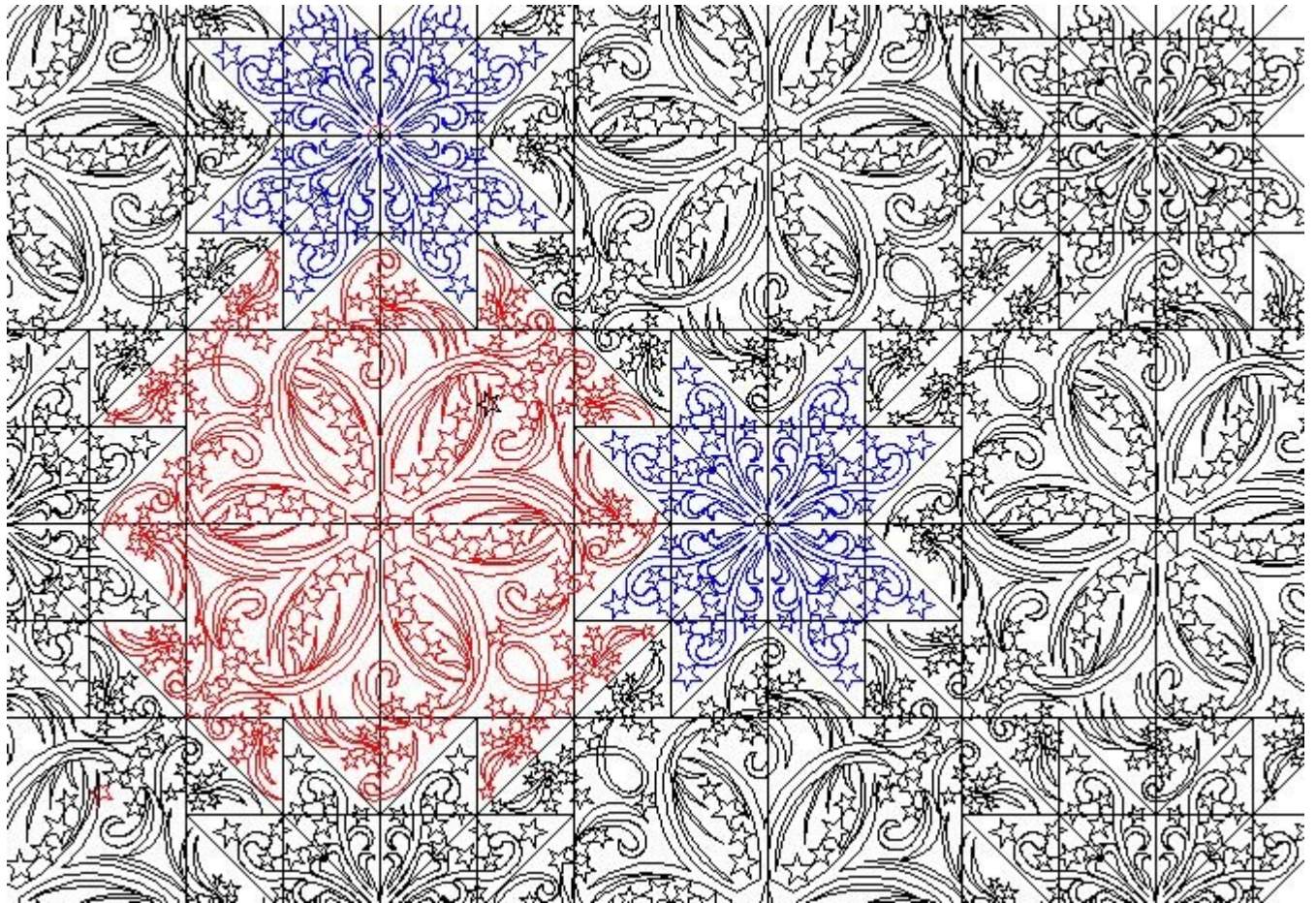


Border and border corner pattern in this layout were released in previous archives.

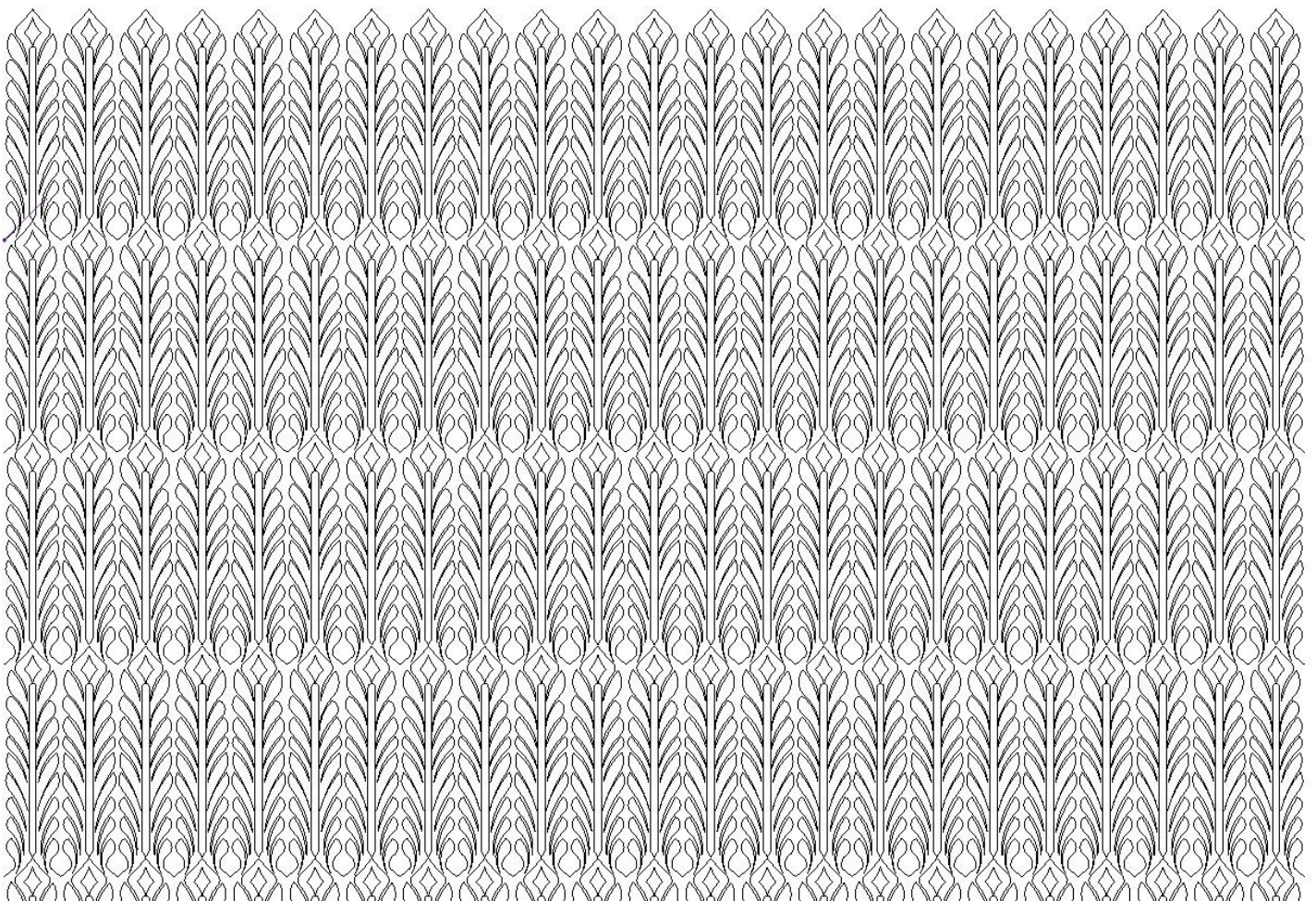
Cathedral Windows Edge to Edge Layout



Elegant Star Patterns



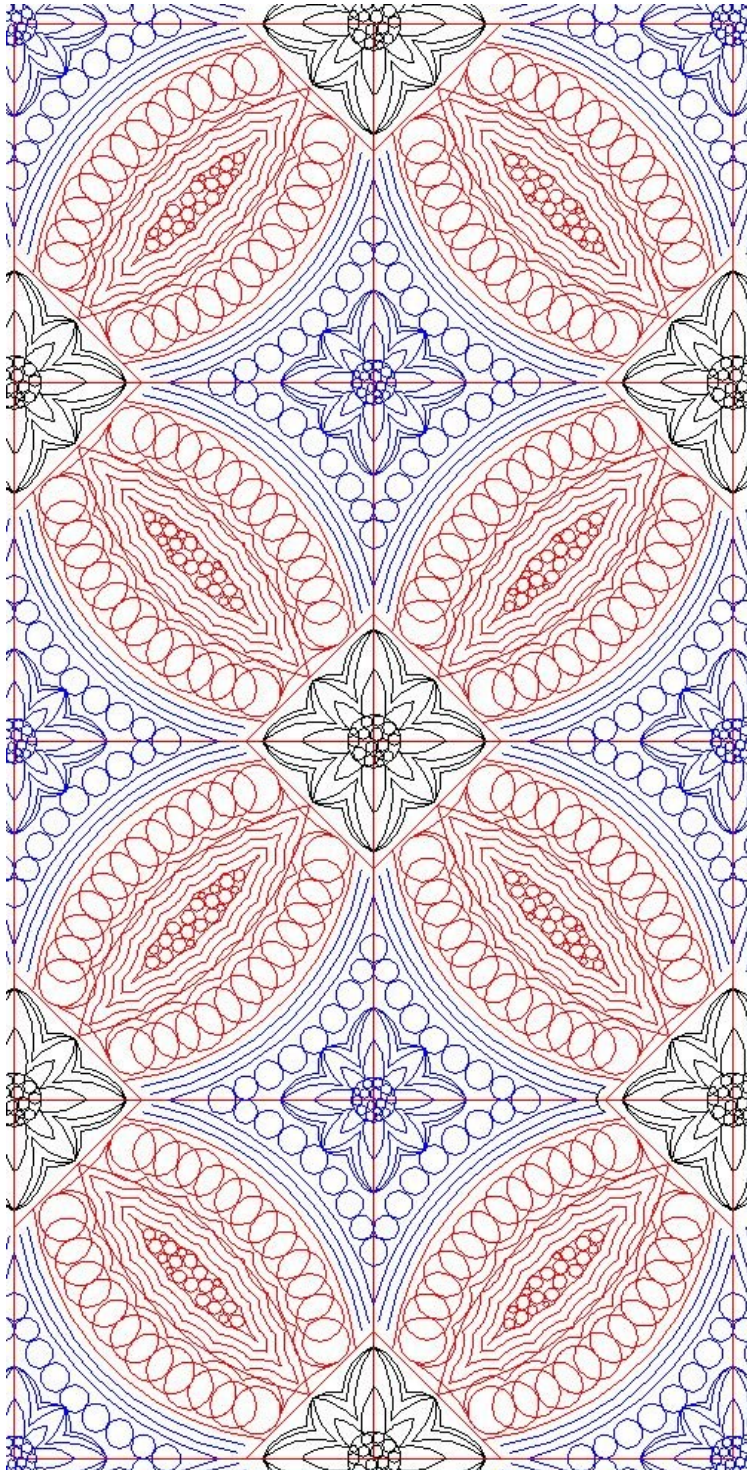
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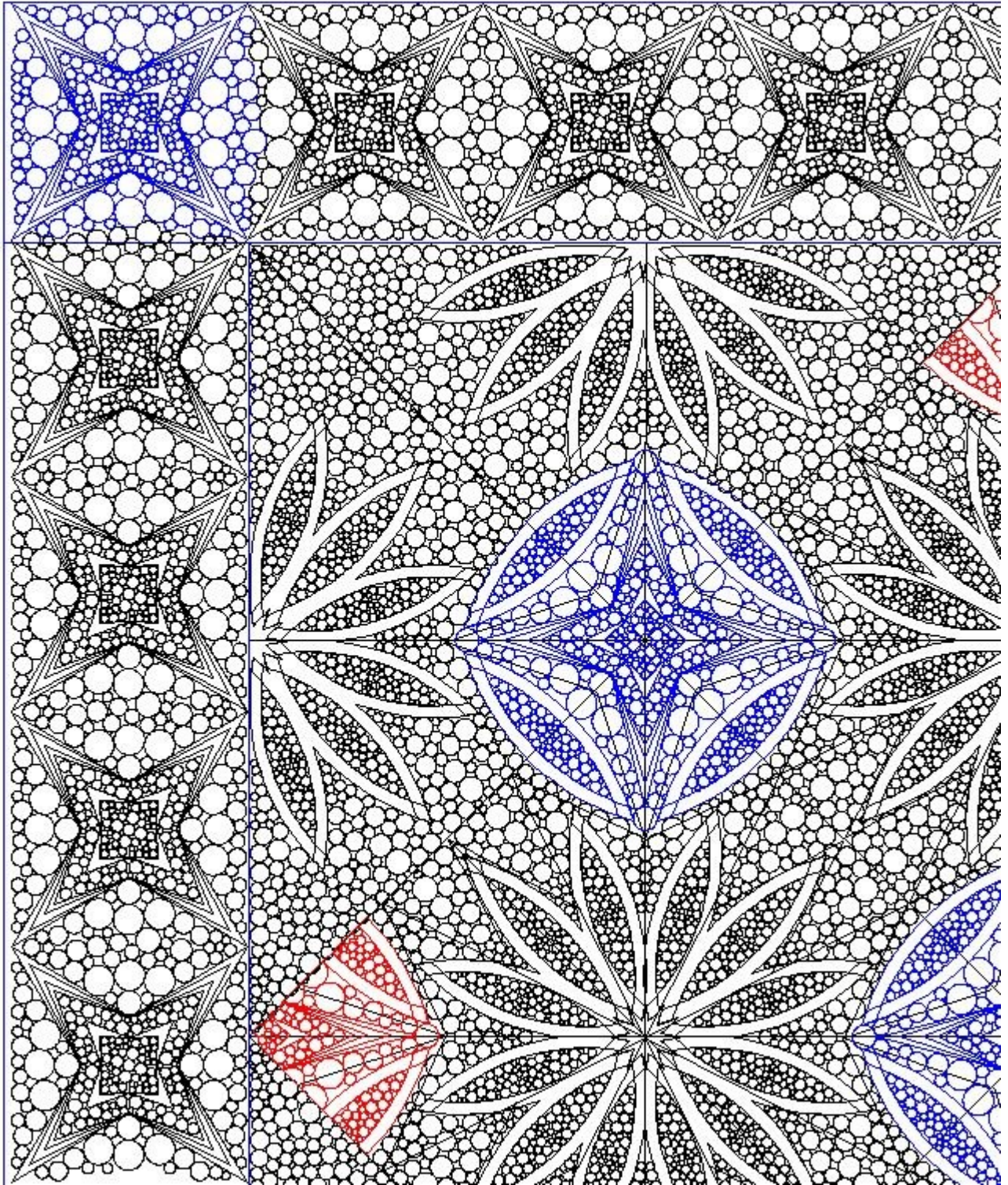
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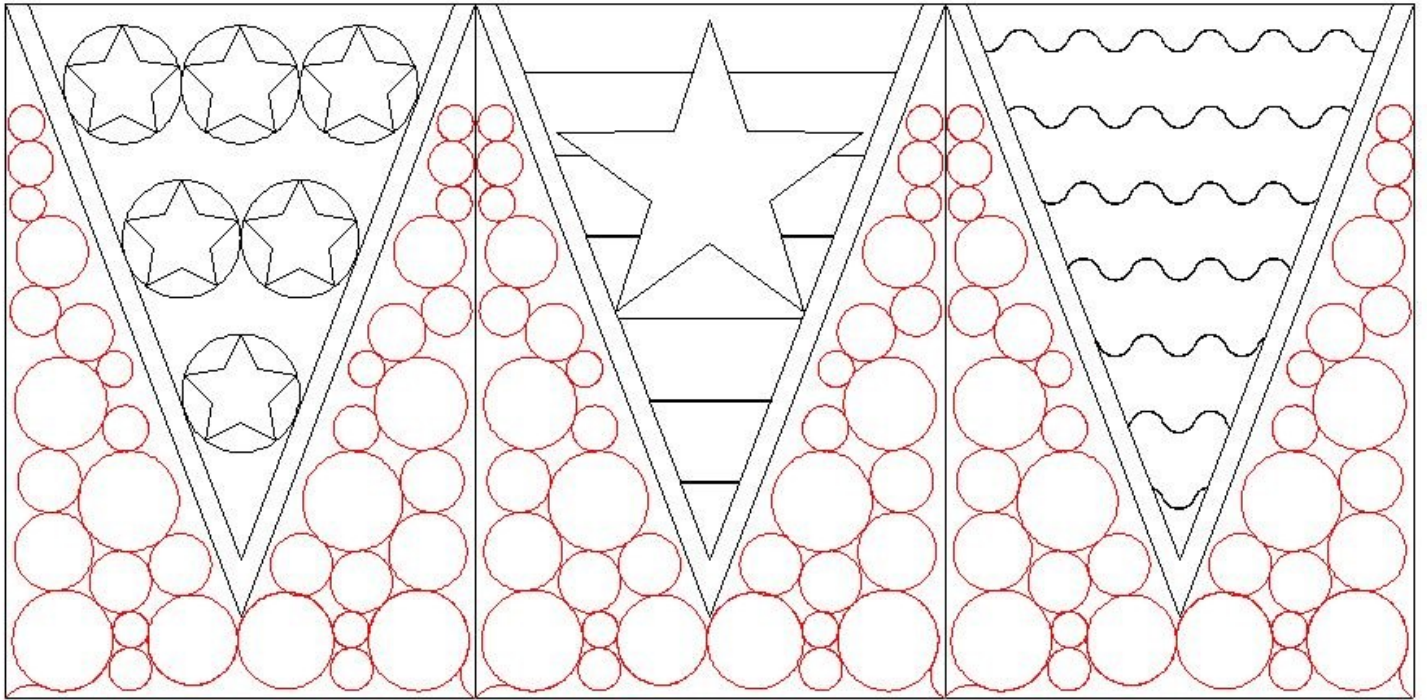
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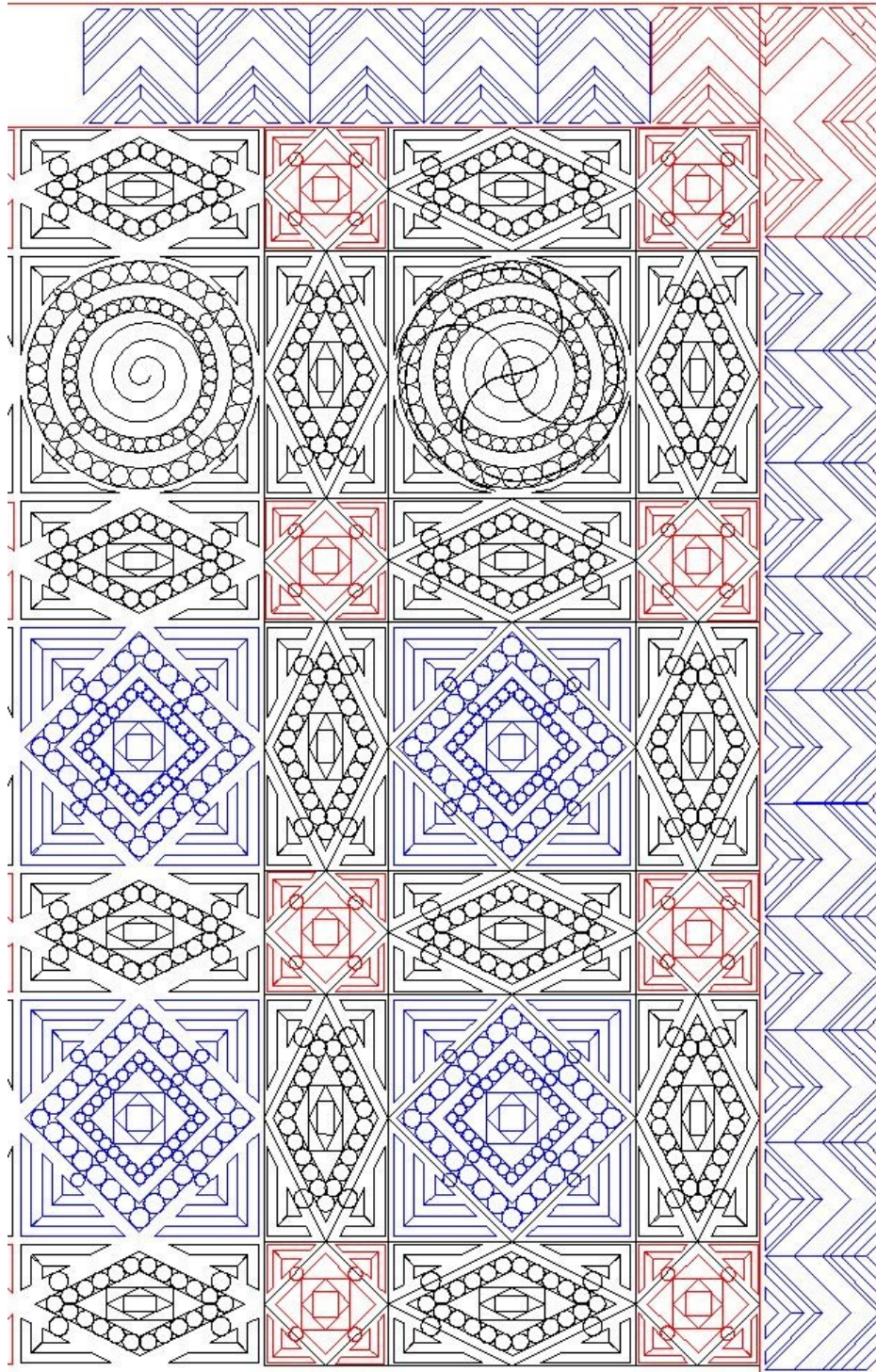
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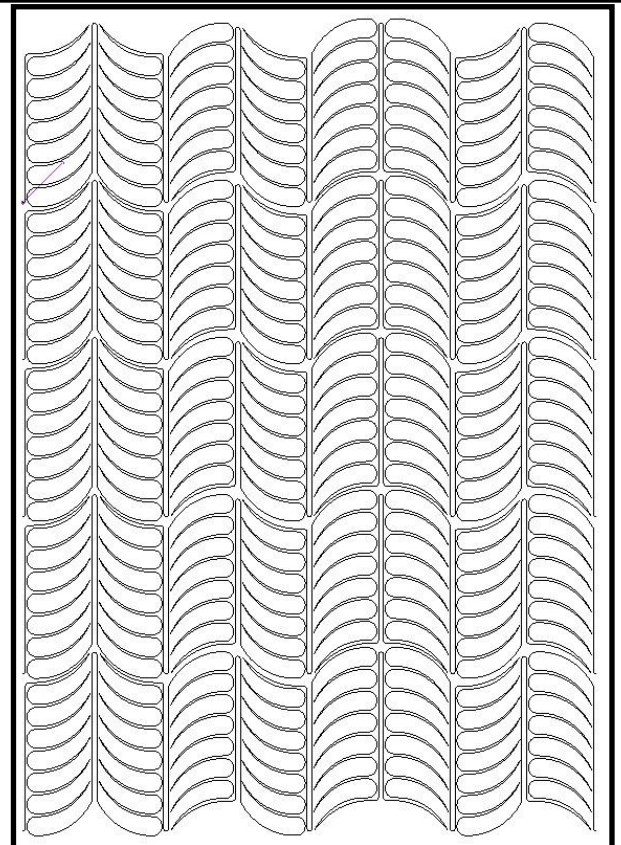
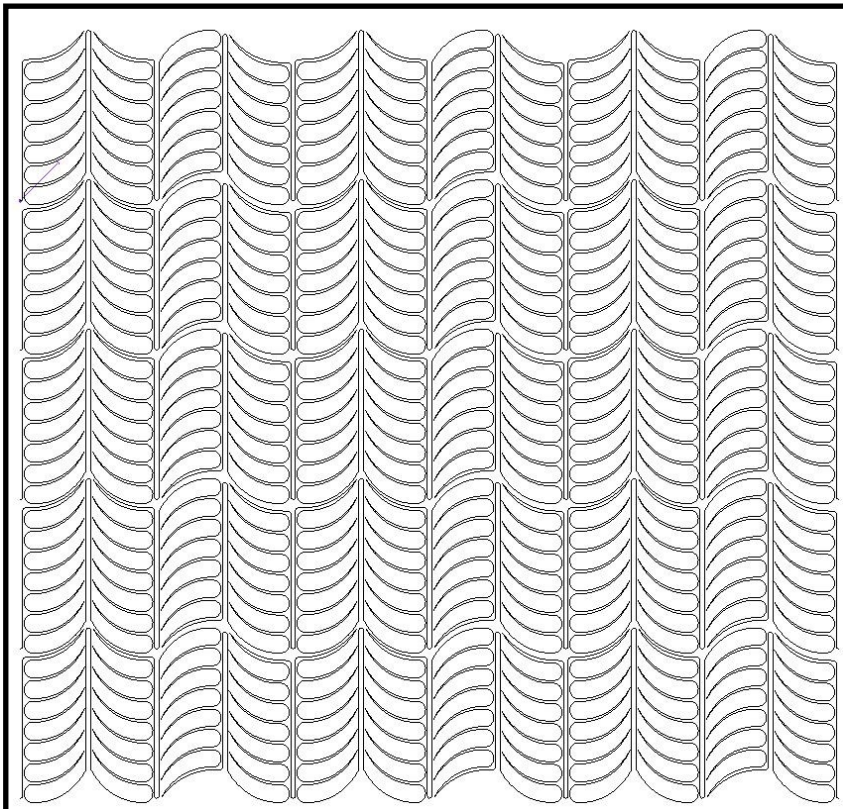
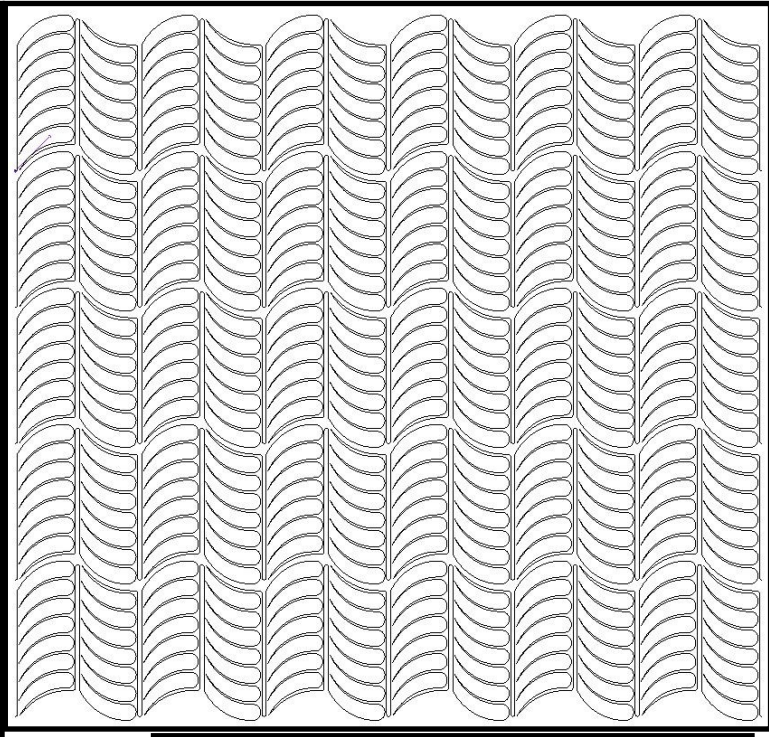
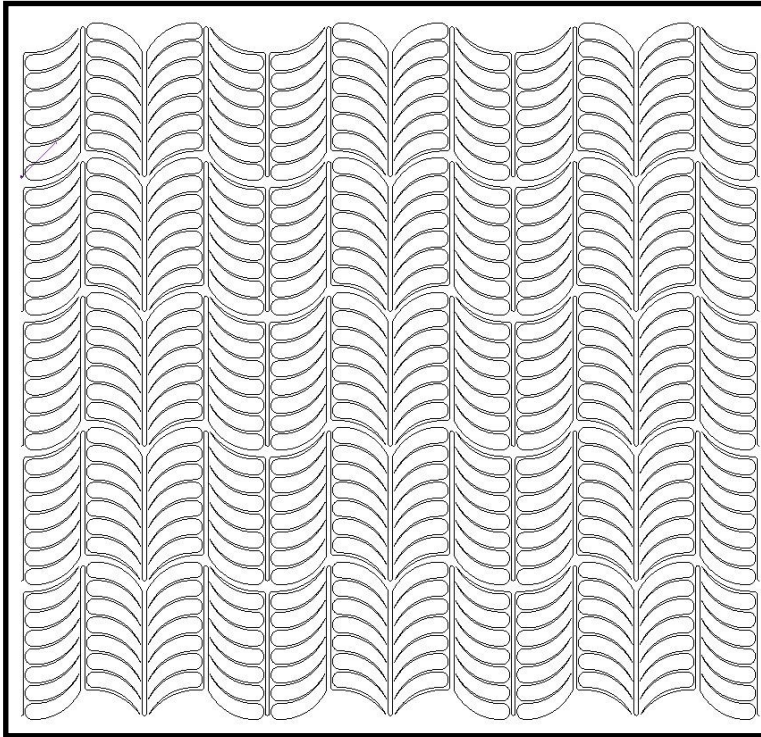
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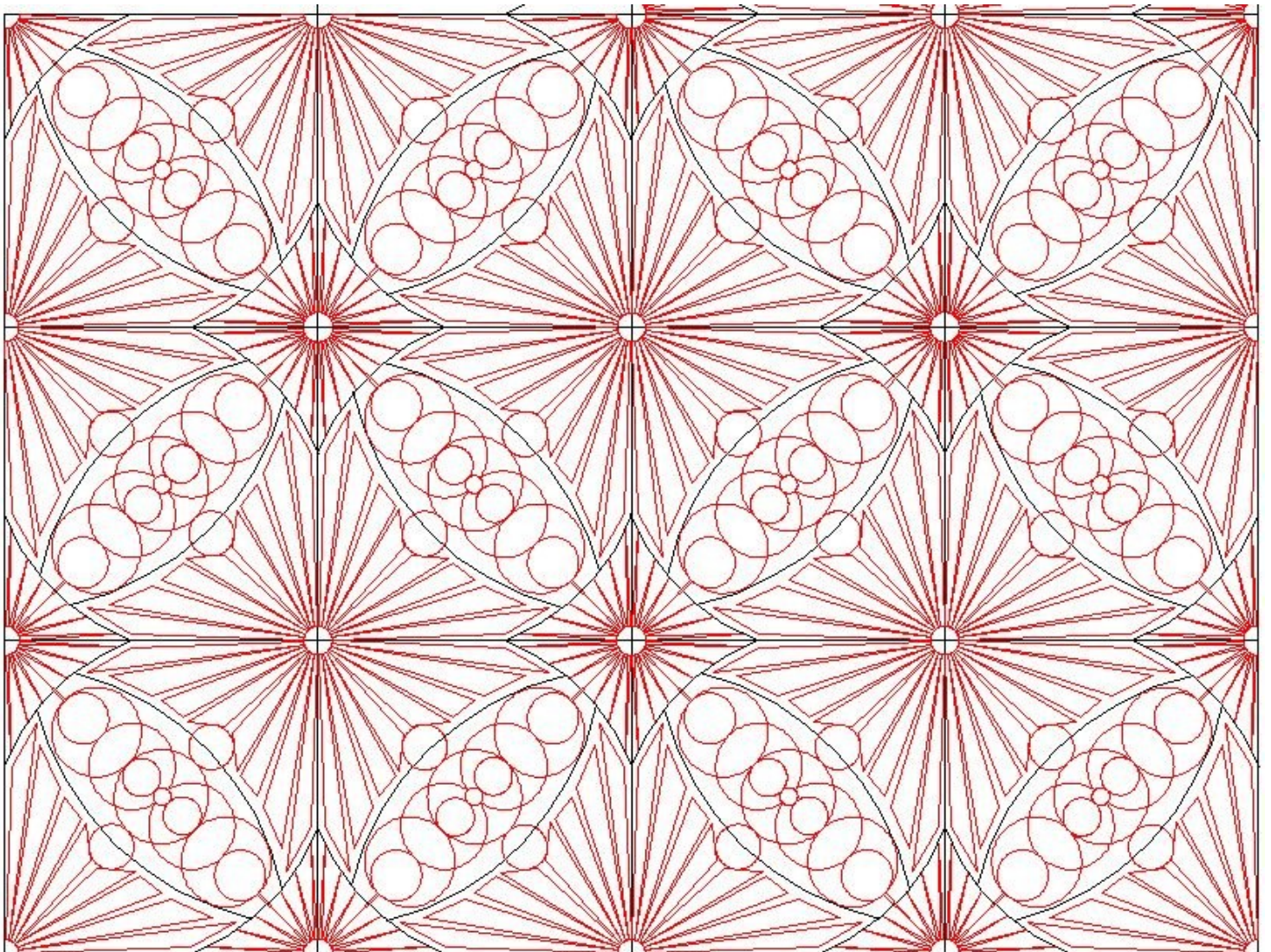
Storm At Sea



Various Different combinations and configurations of the elongated feather patterns.



Winner's Bouquet





Meet Your New Best Friend!

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.
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- . **AND NOW** has a 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!!**

<http://www.quilterslightbox.com>

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:

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 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. (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.virginalongarm.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.winline.com>