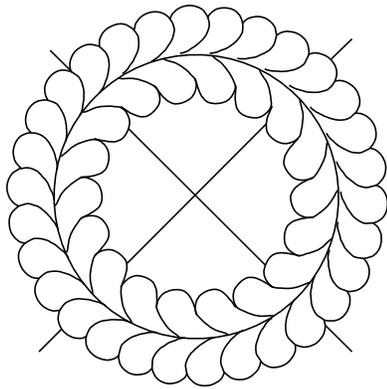


Feathered Wreath

Stencil—12 inch



Registration Lines on the stencil make design placement on your quilt EASY and ACCURATE

For all types of quilting—
Hand, Home Sewing Machine
and Longarm Machine

Instructions for a beautiful feathered wreath wall quilt included!

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Early in my professional quilting career I discovered that marking registration lines on the quilting area made for EASY and ACCURATE placement of quilting designs much easier.

To use my **12 inch Feathered Wreath** stencil, simply draw horizontal and vertical lines within the quilt block or area to be quilted. Line up the cut registration lines of the stencil over the drawn lines on the quilt and begin marking through the lines of the stencil.

To keep the stencil from slipping while marking, spray a small amount of temporary quilt basting spray on the quilt side of the stencil. Use pounce powder, chalk pencil, chalk spray or water soluble marking pen to mark the quilting design.

Do not quilt along the registration lines.

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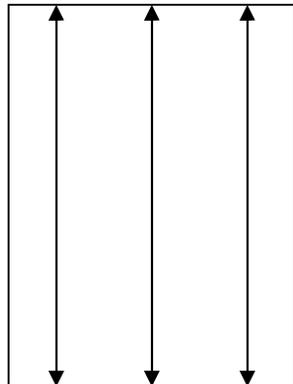
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ADDING BORDERS TO YOUR QUILT

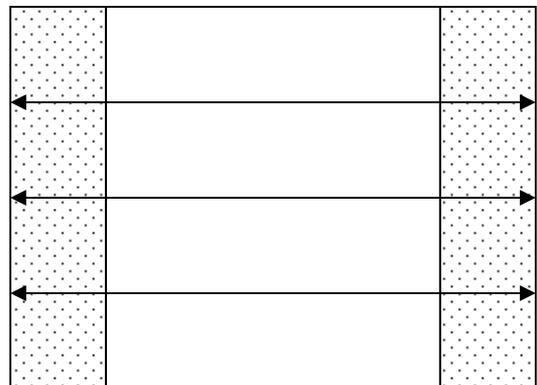
Many quilters have problems with quilt borders that will not lie flat. Their borders may “wave” and this will make pleats when the border is quilted. To make a border that lies perfectly flat follow these directions.

After the body of the quilt is completed, gently press before adding the borders. Determine the LENGTH of the quilt border by measuring lengthwise across the center of the quilt and about halfway between the center and the raw edge. Do not measure along the raw edge. This edge may have stretched.



Find an average of these measurements and cut two border pieces that length. Divide the border pieces and the corresponding quilt edges into quarters and mark with pins. Pin the border piece to the quilt edge, matching pins, easing or stretching as needed. Sew and press. Repeat for the other side.

Determine the WIDTH of the quilt border by measuring across the center of the quilt widthwise, measuring from the raw edge of the (just applied) border to the raw edge of the (just applied) border. Measure again about halfway between the center and the raw edge. Find an average of these measurements and cut two border pieces that length. Divide the border pieces and the corresponding quilt edges into quarters and mark with pins.



Pin the border piece to the quilt edge, matching pins, easing or stretching as needed. Sew and press. Repeat for the other side. Continue to measure this way for every border that you need to apply to your quilt.

Quilting your **Feathered Wreath**

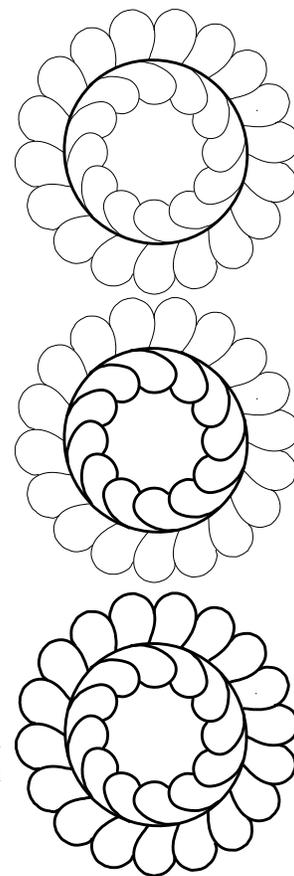
Here are three important quilting rules: Rule # 1—There are NO rules! Rule # 2—There are NO quilt police! Rule # 3—Refer to Rules # 1 and 2! Remember, this is YOUR quilt and it will reflect your “style” of quilting. It won’t be perfect, but remember there are NO perfect quilters!

The spine of the feather is the curved line that divides the feathers in half and I prefer to stitch this line first. This gives you the foundation for your feathers. If you have trouble making a smooth curved spine line with your machine—don’t worry about it! When your feathered design gets completely finished, there will be so much “activity” along the spine line, no one will notice if it is not “perfectly” smooth. If you have a really hard time stitching this line, disguise it by stitching a second spine line over the first line and “wiggle” the second stitching line. This will make your spine line look like “ribbons” and give your quilting more “texture”.

The “feather” part of the design can also cause some stitching problems. Don’t worry if you can’t get your stitching line on top of each other where the feathers are next to each other. Just move your stitching lines apart no more than 1/4 inch and you will be fine. In fact, I like the more “open” look this gives feathered designs.

Remember to relax, quilting is supposed to be enjoyable! Being a “perfect” quilter will NOT bring about world peace, nor will it make you loose 10 pounds or anything else.

Begin quilting the **Feathered Wreath** design by stitching the spine (circle) of the wreath. Don’t break the thread and begin stitching the inner feathers of the wreath. Again, don’t break the thread and begin stitching the outer feathers of the wreath. See the drawings at the right for the stitching sequence. The darker lines indicate the area that has been stitched.



Feathered Wreath Wall Quilt - Approximate finished size 39 x 39 inches

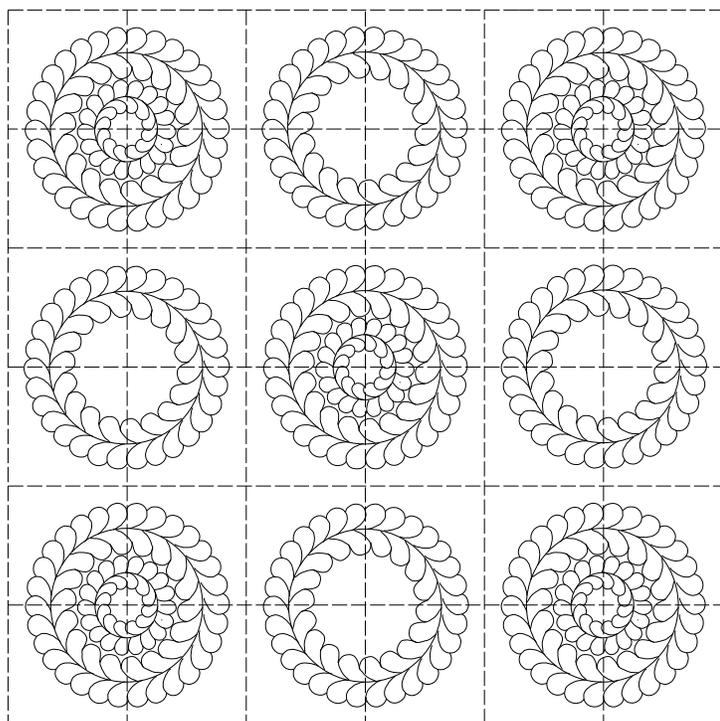
Fabric—Quilt top, 2 yards hand dyed or “mottled” fabric, 44 inches wide. (Includes binding fabric)

Backing—1-1/4 yard fabric, 44 inches wide.

Batting—Low to mid loft, cotton or poly to fit quilt top.

Cutting—From quilt top fabric cut 36 - 7 inch squares. Reserve remaining fabric for the binding.

Piecing—Use 1/4 inch seams and press seams as desired. Be sure to “shuffle” the position of the fabric pieces. Stitch six 7 inch squares together to form a row of blocks. Make a total of six rows. Stitch the rows of blocks together along the long edge to form a 39-1/2 inch square. If desired, stay stitch the outer raw edge by stitching 1/4 inch from the raw edge.



Marking the pattern—Use the seams of the blocks as registration marks for the **12 inch Feathered Wreath Stencil**. For an interesting **Double Wreath** variation place the **6 inch Wreath** stencil (sold separately) in the center of the **12 inch Feathered Wreath**. Mark the quilting design with your favorite marking tool. Repeat until quilt top is marked. See drawing at the left.

Quilting—Layer the backing, batting and quilt top together and pin baste or hand baste together. Quilt either by hand or by machine. When I make the Double Wreath variation, I prefer to stitch the smaller wreath first and then the larger wreath. To make your feathers “pop” use a contrasting thread to quilt the feathers. If desired, fill in with stippling or echo quilting in the “empty” spaces around the feathered wreaths and border. For best results, use a matching thread for the fill in stitching.

Binding—When finished quilting, bind the quilt in your usual manner. Stand back and admire your work and graciously accept all compliments.