



Free-Motion 
 *Fillers*

Quilting Diagrams & Tip Sheet

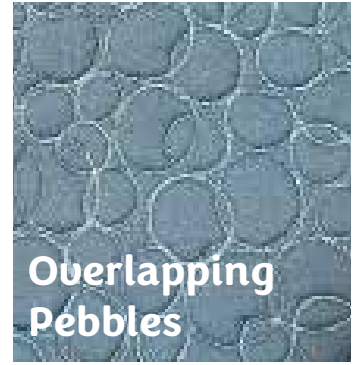
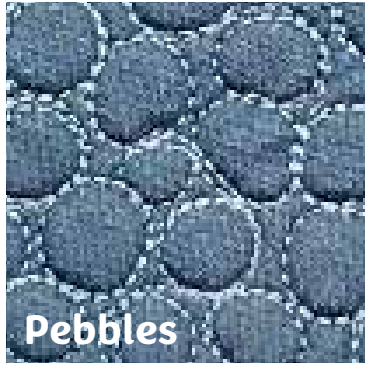
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Free-motion Challenge Quilting Along

Week 1: Circles

Welcome to the first week of the Fillers Free-motion Challenge Quilting Along. In this week's video tutorial, I'll show you how to quilt circle-shaped filler designs, starting with the classic pebbles design. You'll also learn how to build off of the pebbles design to create several different variations. By the time you're done, I hope you'll love these designs as much as I do!



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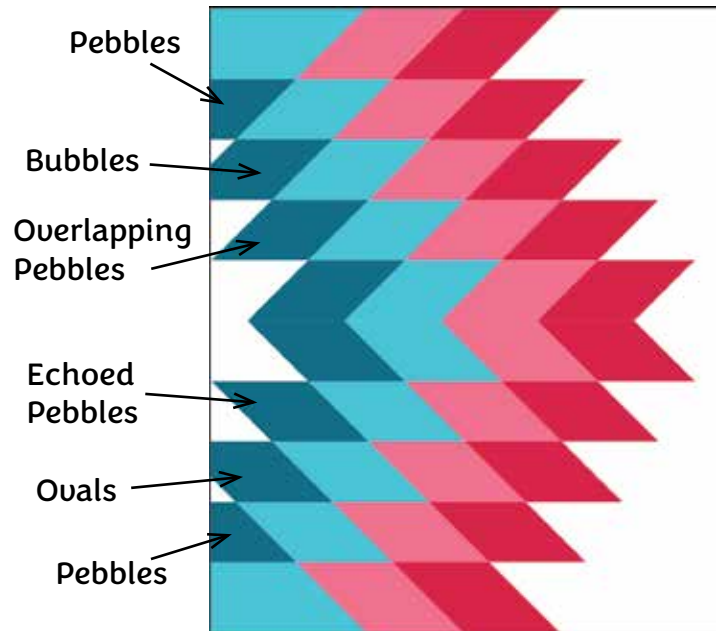


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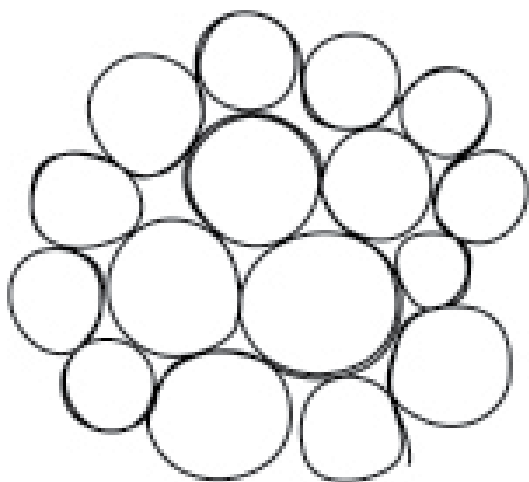
Design Placement Suggestions



Pebbles

Circle Filler #1

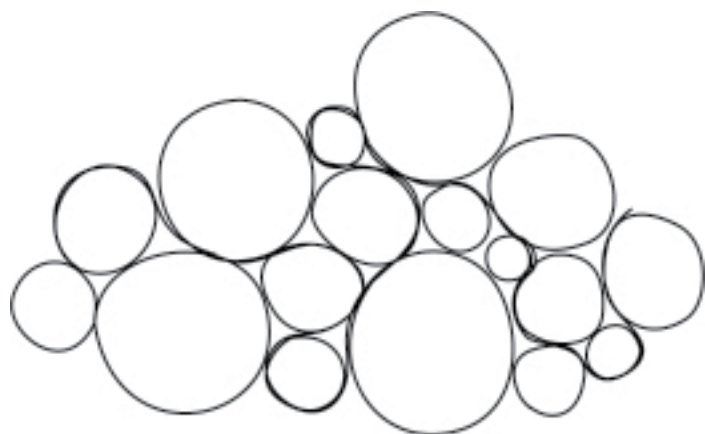
Pebbles are a classic quilting design that can really “smash down” and fill in the area around elements in your quilt that you really want to show off.



Bubbles

Circle Filler #2

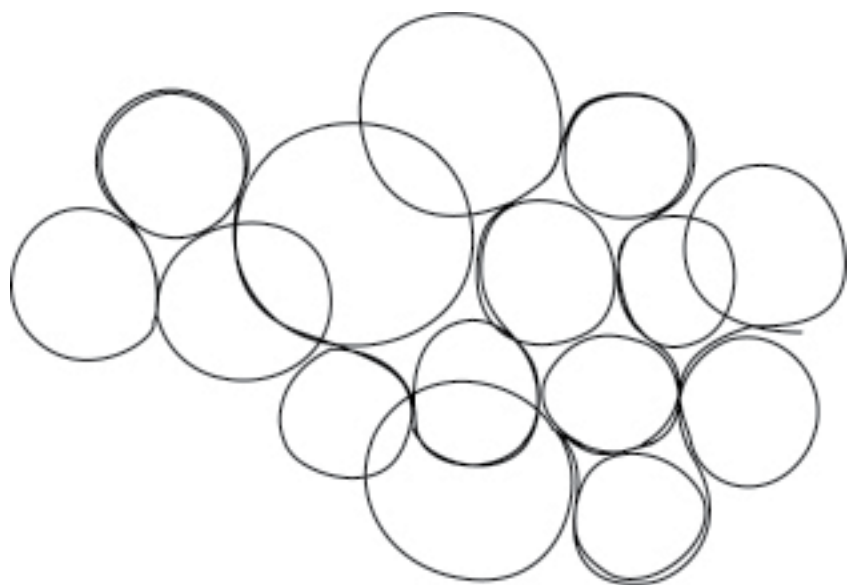
Changing up the size of the circles is a great way to change up the look of classic pebbles, and as a bonus it's quicker to quilt!



Overlapping Pebbles

Circle Filler #3

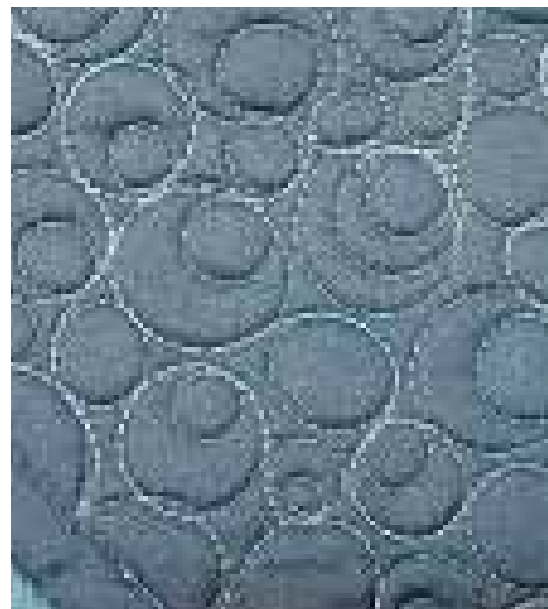
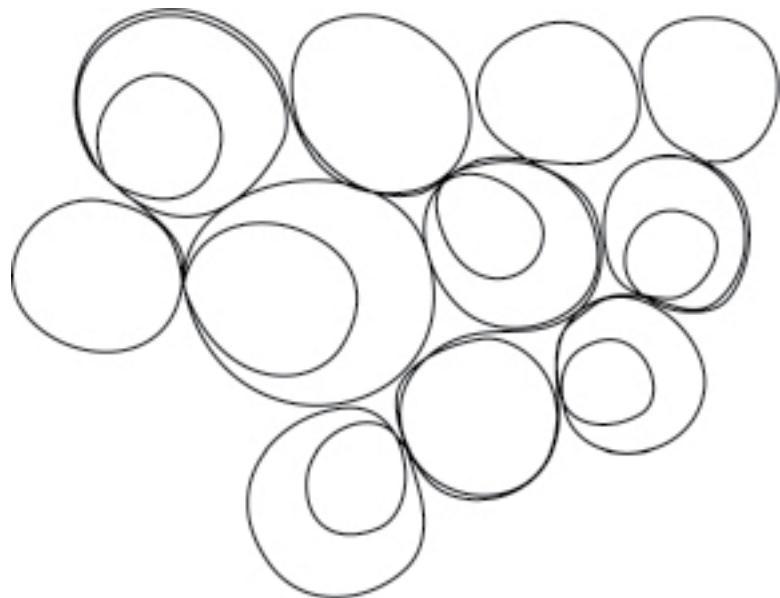
For an added touch of whimsy to your quilt, try overlapping your circles. This filler creates a completely different texture and can really draw attention to an area.



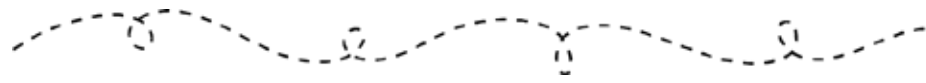
Echoed Pebbles

Circle Filler #4

Incorporate a little echoing to add emphasis to your quilting! Echoing the inside of your circles is not only fun, it looks great as well!

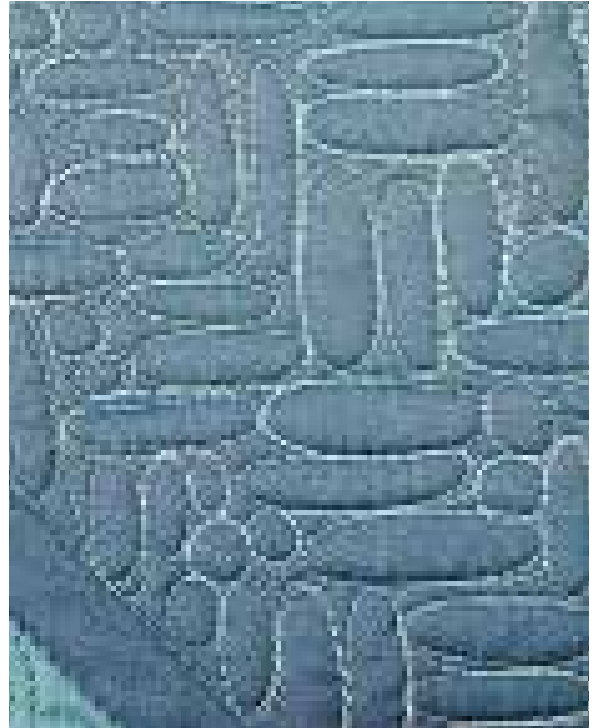
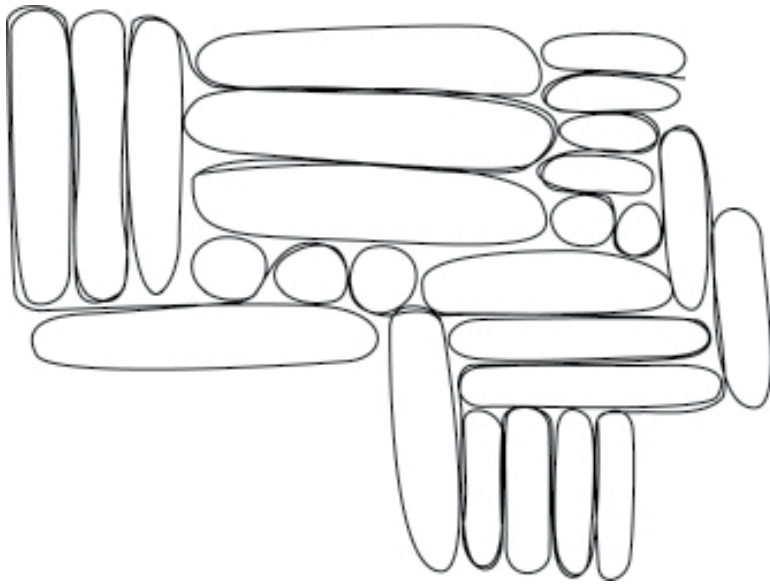


Ovals



Circle Filler #5

For this design, we are changing up the shape! Going from round to oval creates a completely different look.



Circle Filler Designs



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Week 2: Circles

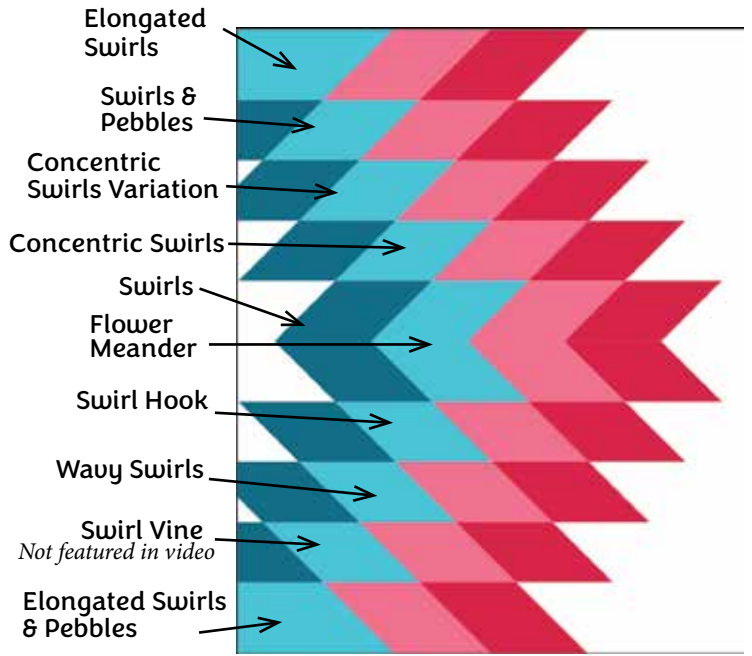
In this week's Fillers Free-motion Challenge, we are going to explore swirl designs. This video tutorial is packed with several different designs, but don't let that overwhelm you! They all start with the same basic shape and can really add a dramatic impact on your quilts. As you practice the designs, try to come up with your own design variations!



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Design Placement Suggestions



Your Challenge

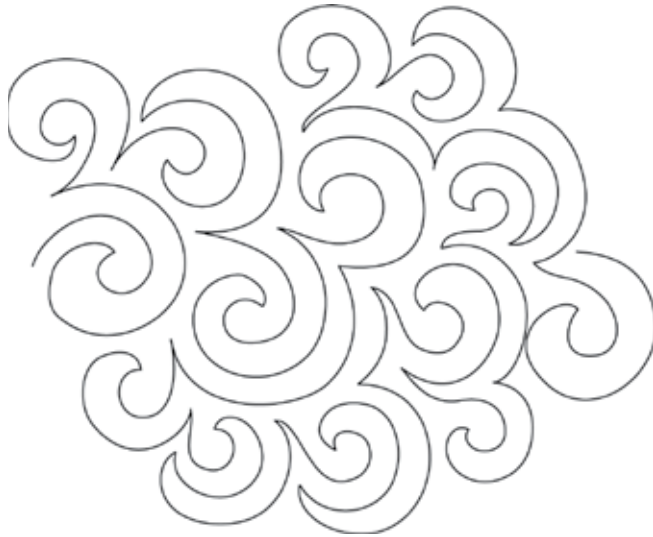
If you're quilting along with me on the custom challenge panel, fill in the sections highlighted in yellow with the swirl fillers of your choice. You can use the design placement suggestions to the right or come up with your own placement ideas!



Swirls

Swirl Filler #1

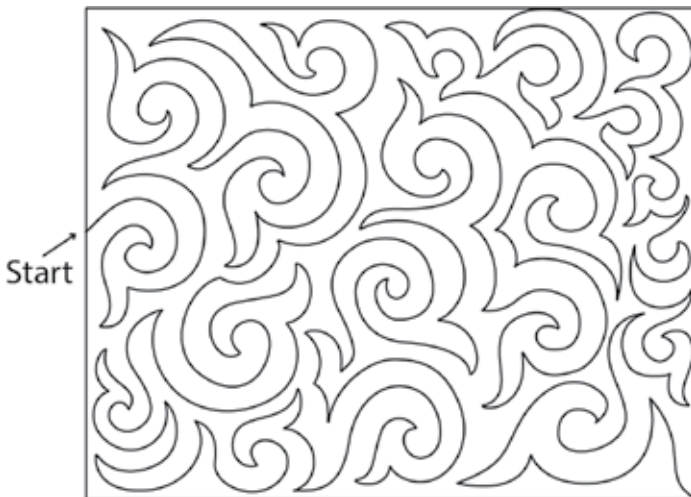
The most versatile of quilting designs, the swirl meander looks great on any quilt. If you only learn one quilting design, this would be the one to master!



Swirl Hook

Swirl Filler #2

Once you have got the hang of the swirl meander, try throwing in a little hook for a design that can fit into tight spots.

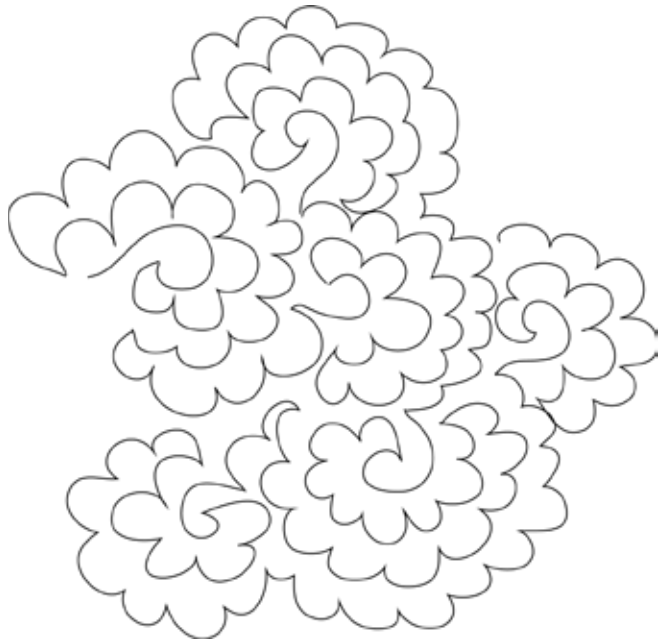


Flower Meander

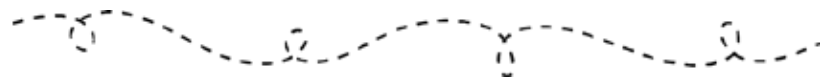


Swirl Filler #3

For a softer, more “feminine” looking design, try the Flower Meander. It may not look like a swirl, but it starts out the same way as the swirl meander.



Wavy Swirls



Swirl Filler #4

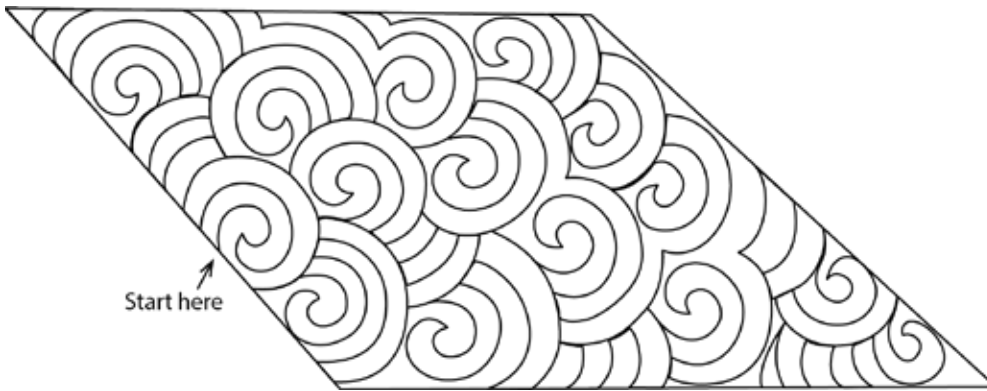
Sometimes you just might want to let loose with a design that’s puts a wavy spin on the classic swirl design.



Concentric Swirls

Swirl Filler #5

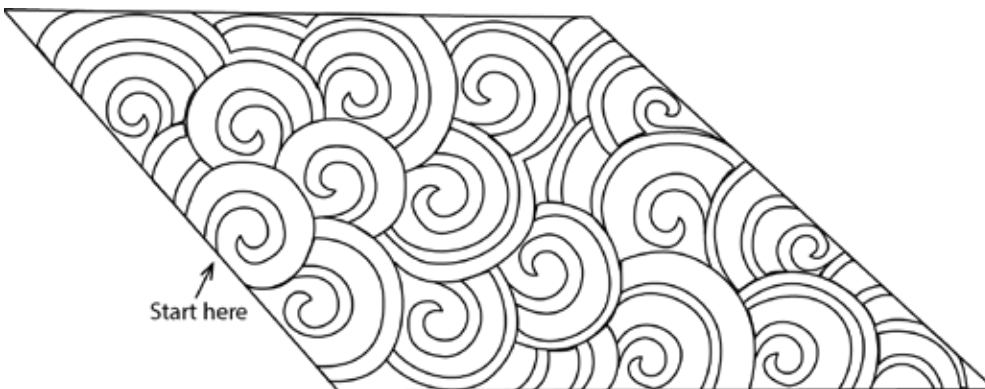
Add a little bit of traveling to the swirl meander to create a design that can add depth to areas of your quilts.



Concentric Swirl Variation

Swirl Filler #6

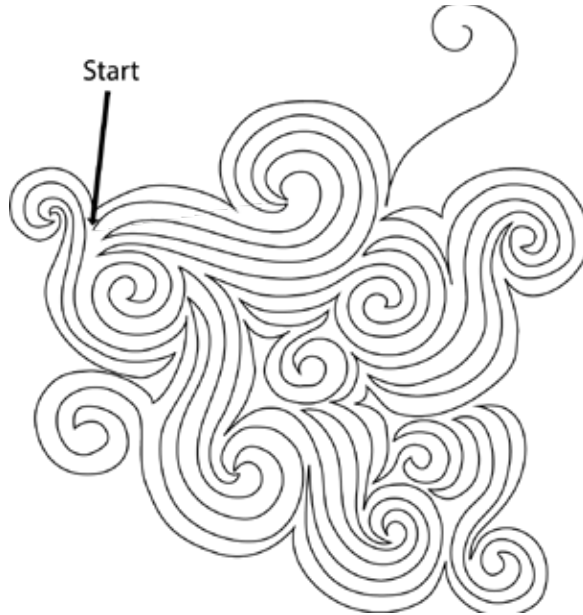
Changing up the spacing of the echo lines is an easy way to create a softer variation of the concentric swirl.



Elongated Swirls

Swirl Filler #7

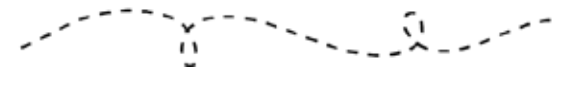
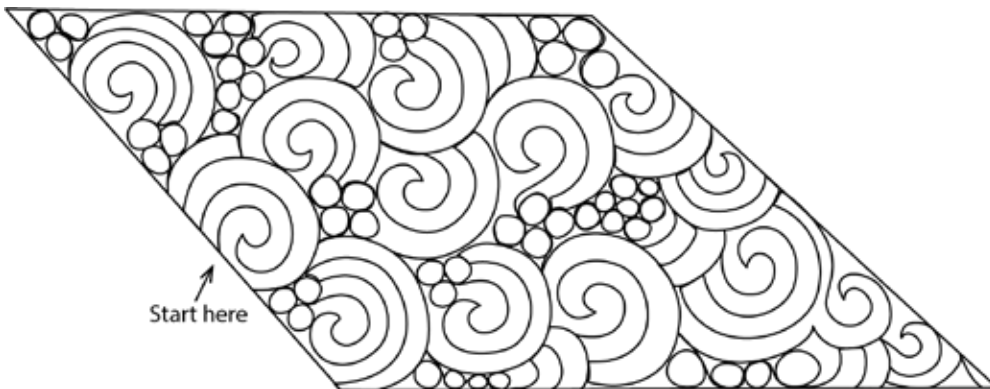
For this variation, we are stretching out the swirl to create a design that can add movement or texture to your quilt.



Pebbles and Swirls

Swirl Filler #8

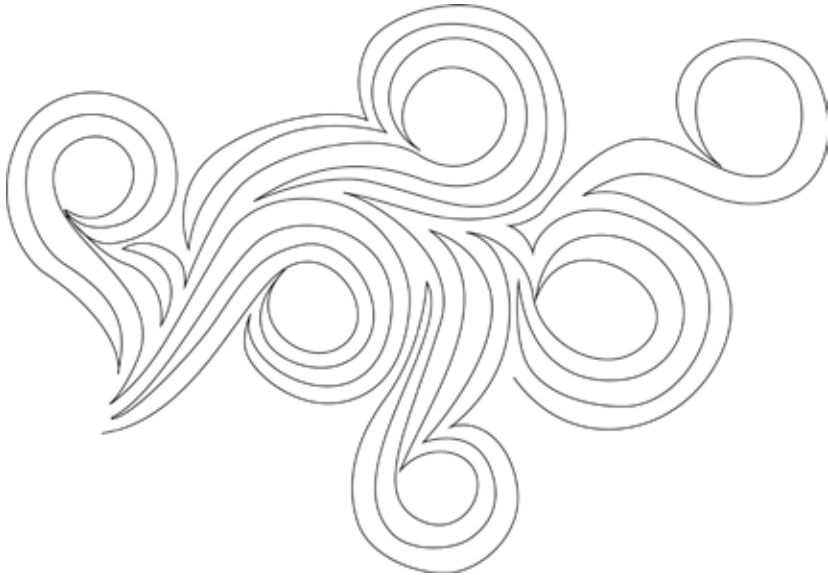
Combining two different designs can result a completely new look. Since swirls and pebbles are the same basic shape, they work really well together.



Elongated Swirls & Pebbles

Swirl Filler #9

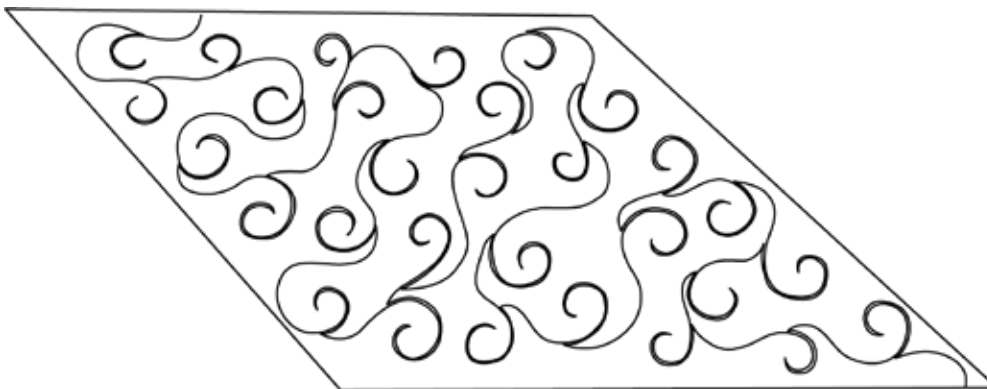
Combining elongated swirls and pebbles is a fun way to create a design that draws attention to areas of your quilt.



Swirl Vine

Swirl Filler #10

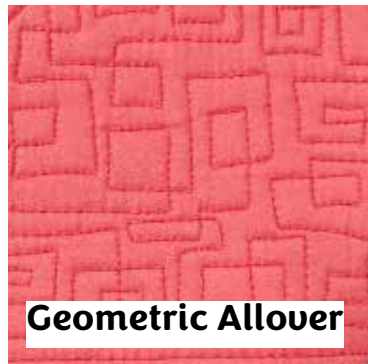
This swirl variation replaces the echoing with traveling to create a less dense option for your quilts.



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Week 3: Geometric Fillers



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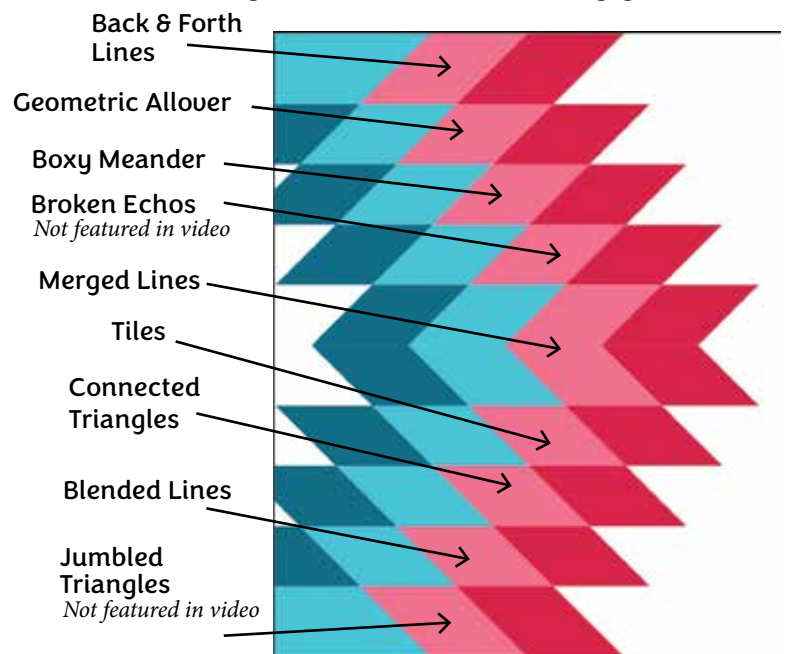


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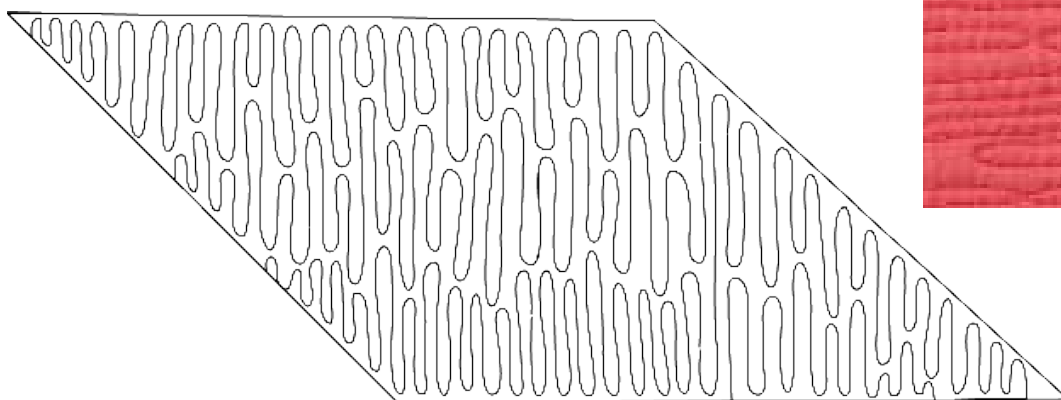
Design Placement Suggestions



Back & Forth Lines

Geometric Filler #1

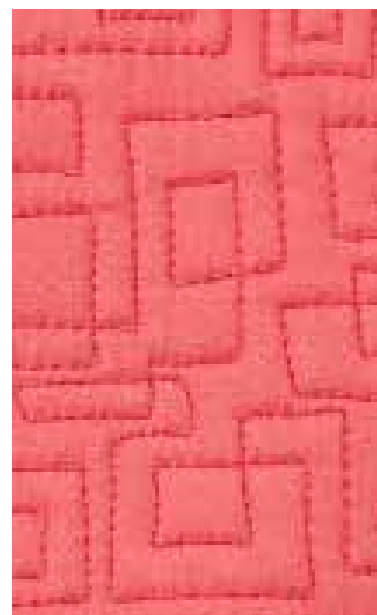
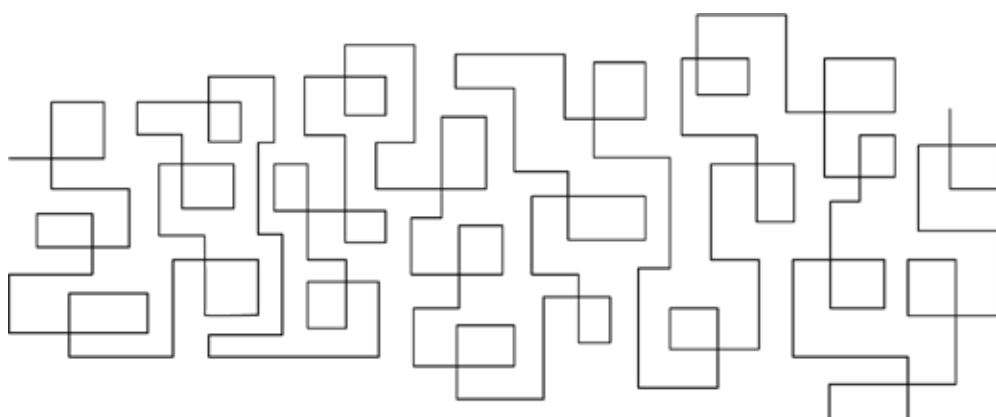
This design has the same look of matchstick quilting, but instead of quilting straight lines across the whole area we're breaking them into columns.



Geometric Allover

Geometric Filler #2

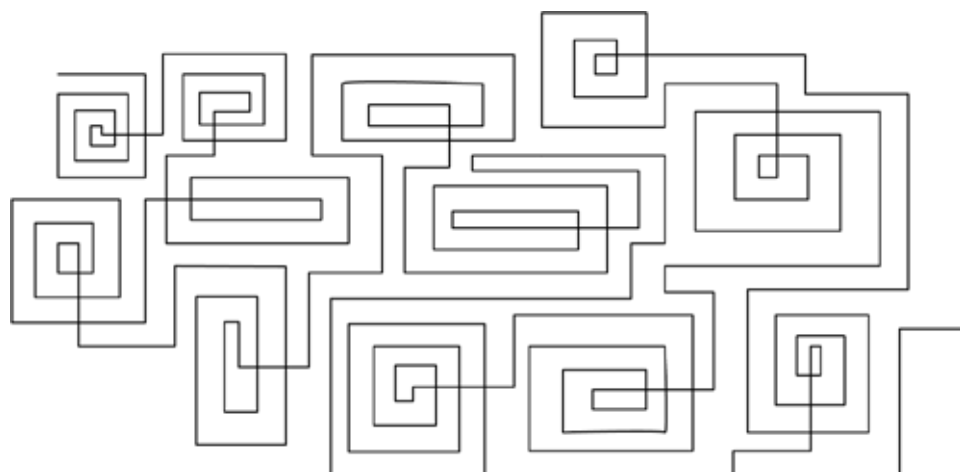
Add a geometric texture to your quilt by quilting this box-shaped design!



Boxy Meander

Geometric Filler #3

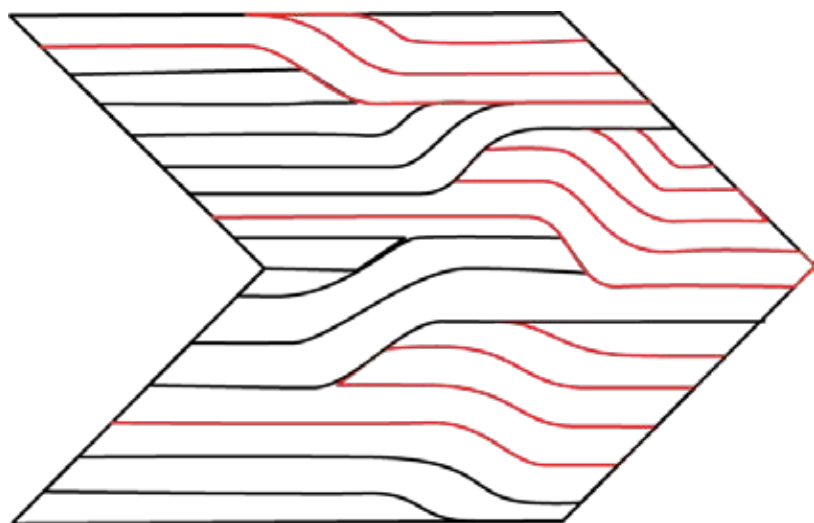
This variation of the geometric allover creates a more uniform, geometric look by quilting bigger boxes and incorporating echo lines.



Merged Lines

Geometric Filler #4

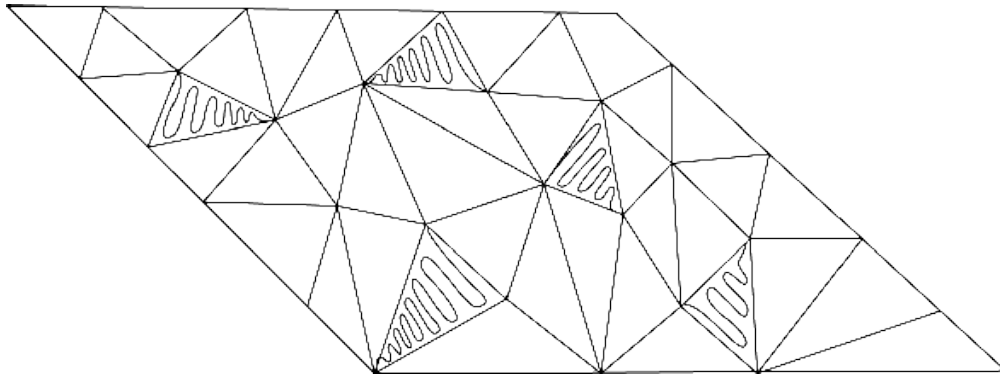
Add a straight, yet curvy, look to your quilt with this stunning design. Don't let its complex look fool you, it's actually easy to quilt once you get the hang of it!



Connected Triangles

Geometric Filler #5

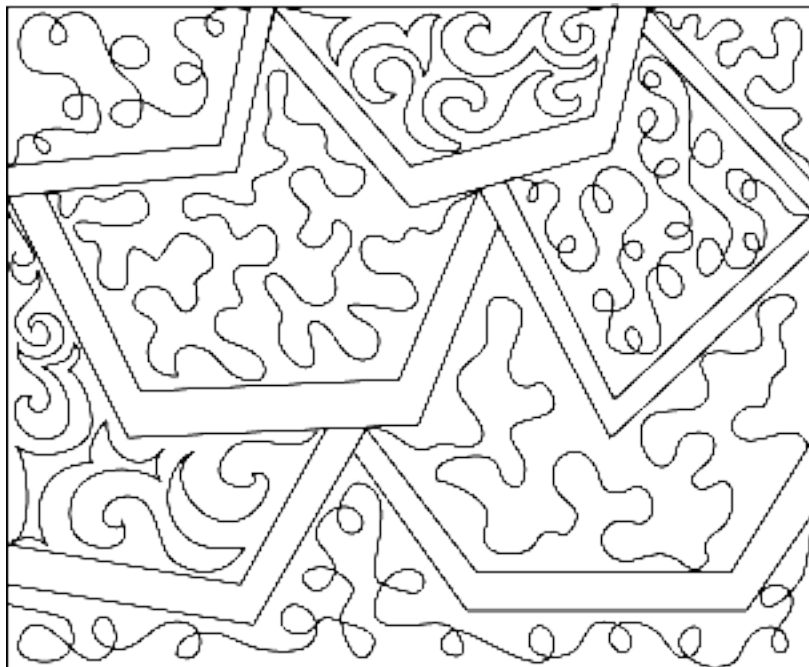
Create an “improv” look to your quilting with this design by “connecting the dots” with added pops of texture.



Tiles

Geometric Filler #6

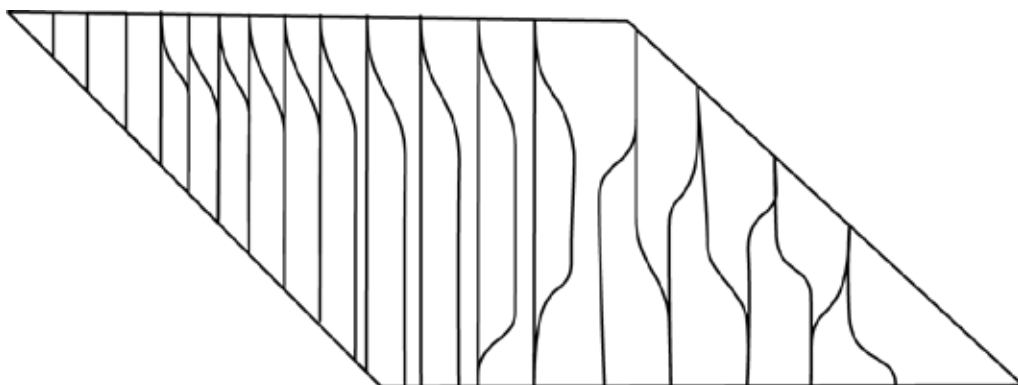
Break up larger areas by combining straight lines with curvy filler for a design that will really add interest to your quilt!



Blended Lines

Geometric Filler #7

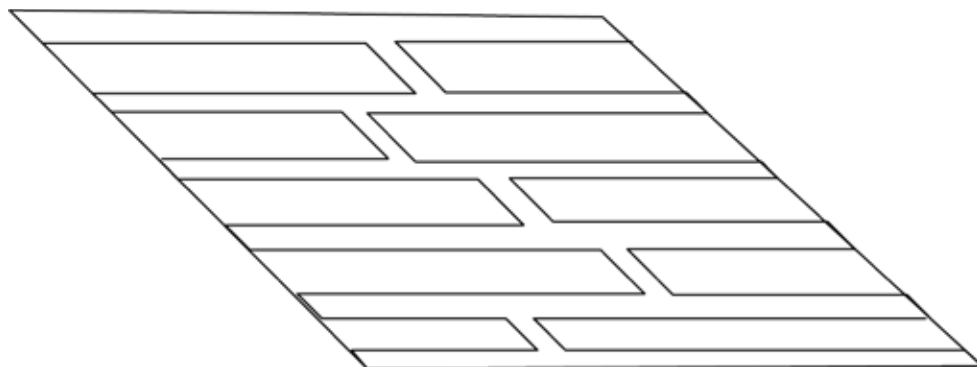
This design blends straight and curvy lines while throwing in a little traveling for good measure! The result is a textured, interesting design. Plus, you can create several different variations.



Broken Echos

Geometric Filler #8

This basic technique uses echoing as a filler design to highlight the spaces in between straight edge shapes.



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Week 4: Other Favorite Fillers

In this week's challenge, we are going to explore even more of my favorite free-motion filler designs. They range in shape from the pointy leafy design to the smooth arcs of the clamshells. With so many fun, versatile designs to work with this week, it will be difficult to pick a favorite. The good news is that you don't have to! Try them all out and see if you can come up with your own variations for some of them.



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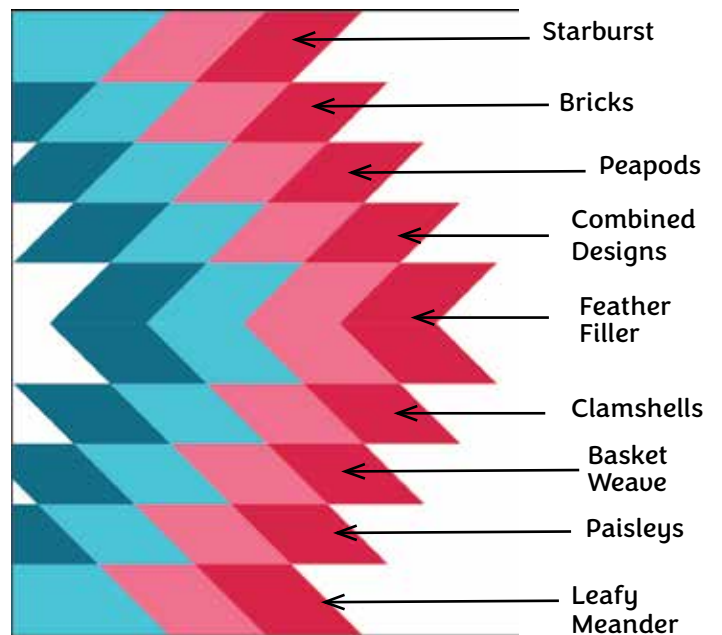


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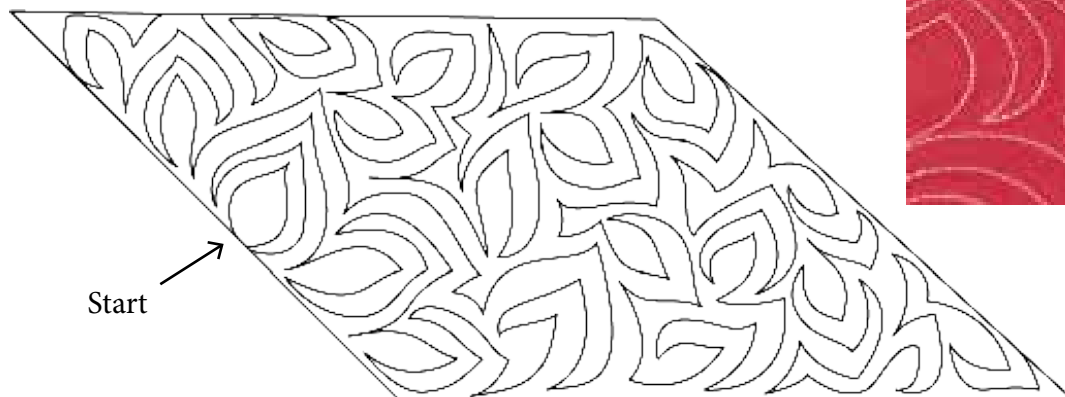
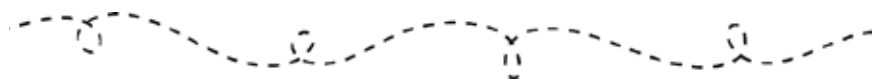
Design Placement Suggestions



Leafy Meander

Favorite Filler #1

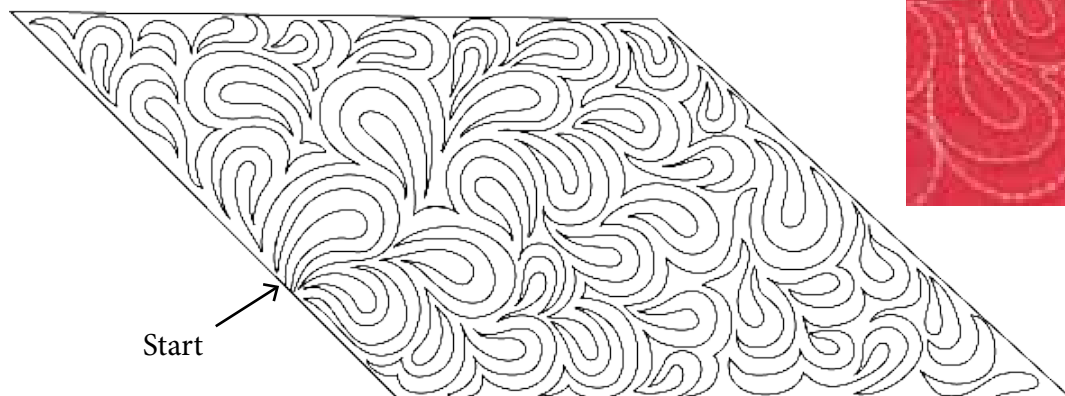
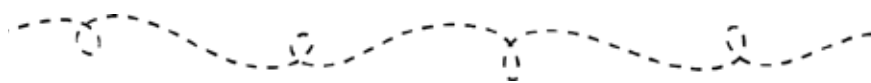
Add a curvy, pointy texture to your quilt with the leafy meander.



Paisleys

Favorite Filler #2

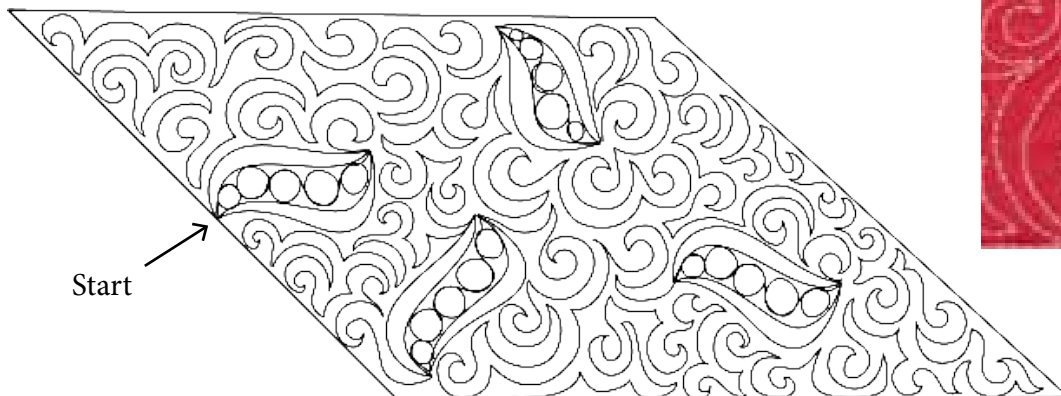
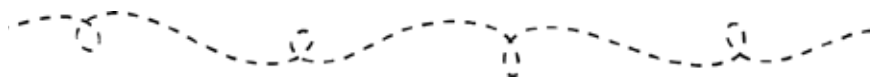
This curvy, round versatile design is a softer alternative to the leafy meander.



Peapods

Favorite Filler #3

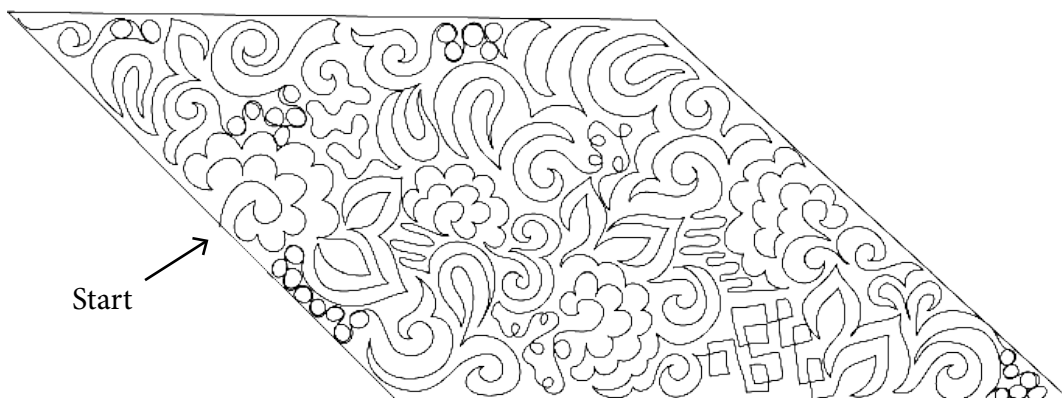
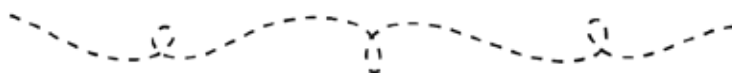
Add interest to areas of your quilt with the Peapods design.



Combined Designs

Favorite Filler #4

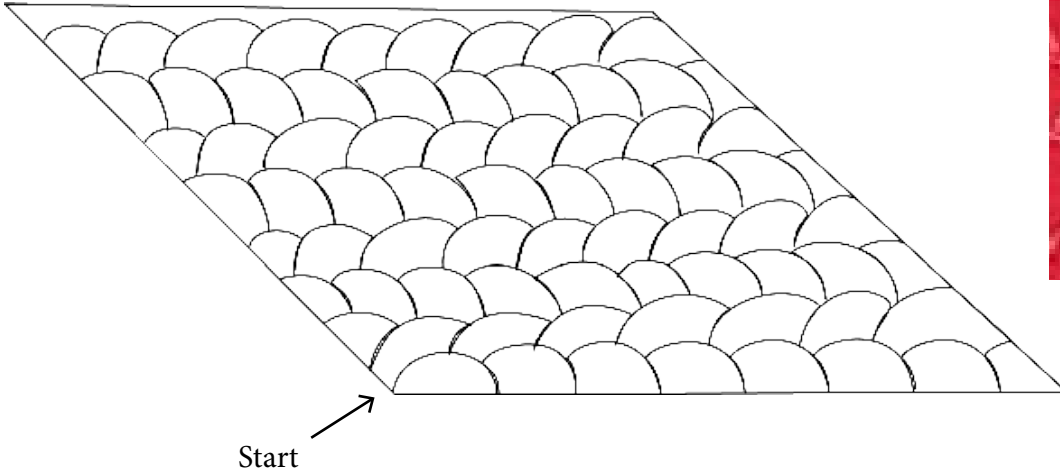
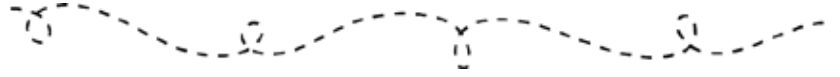
Sometimes picking just one filler is too difficult! Combine several different designs to create a whole new look that adds interest to your quilt.



Basket Weave

Favorite Filler #5

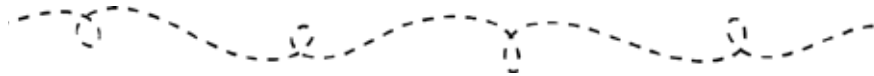
Add detail and texture to your quilt with just a little traveling.

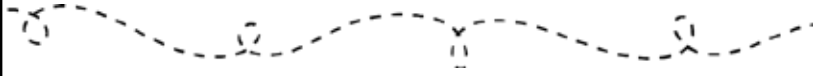


Clamshells

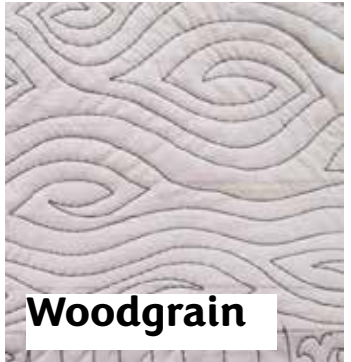
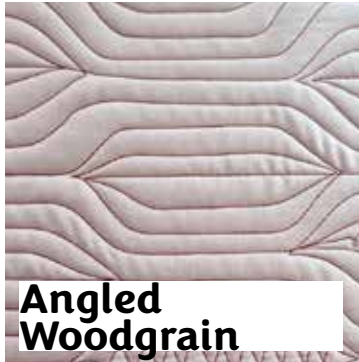
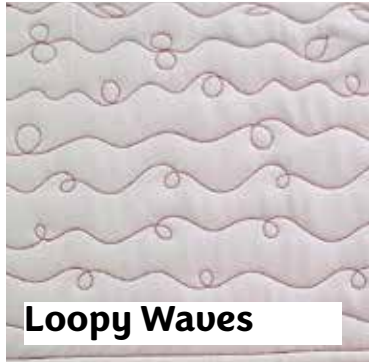
Favorite Filler #6

Combining clamshells and different fillers is an easy way to use arcs to add interest to larger areas of your quilts.





In the last video in this Free-motion Challenge, we are going to use wavy lines to create filler designs that add movement to your quilts. From a basic wavy line to some fun variations of other fillers, these designs should help you get into the “flow” of quilting!



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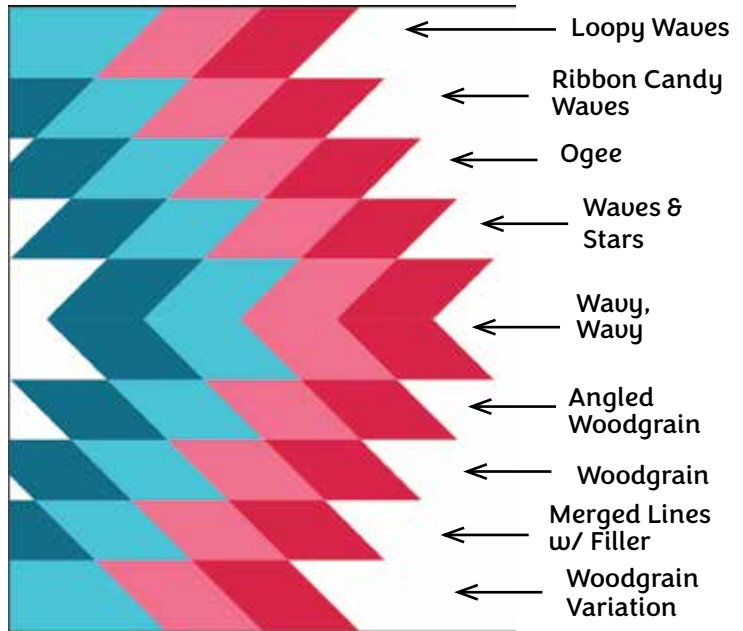


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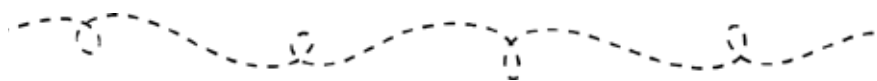


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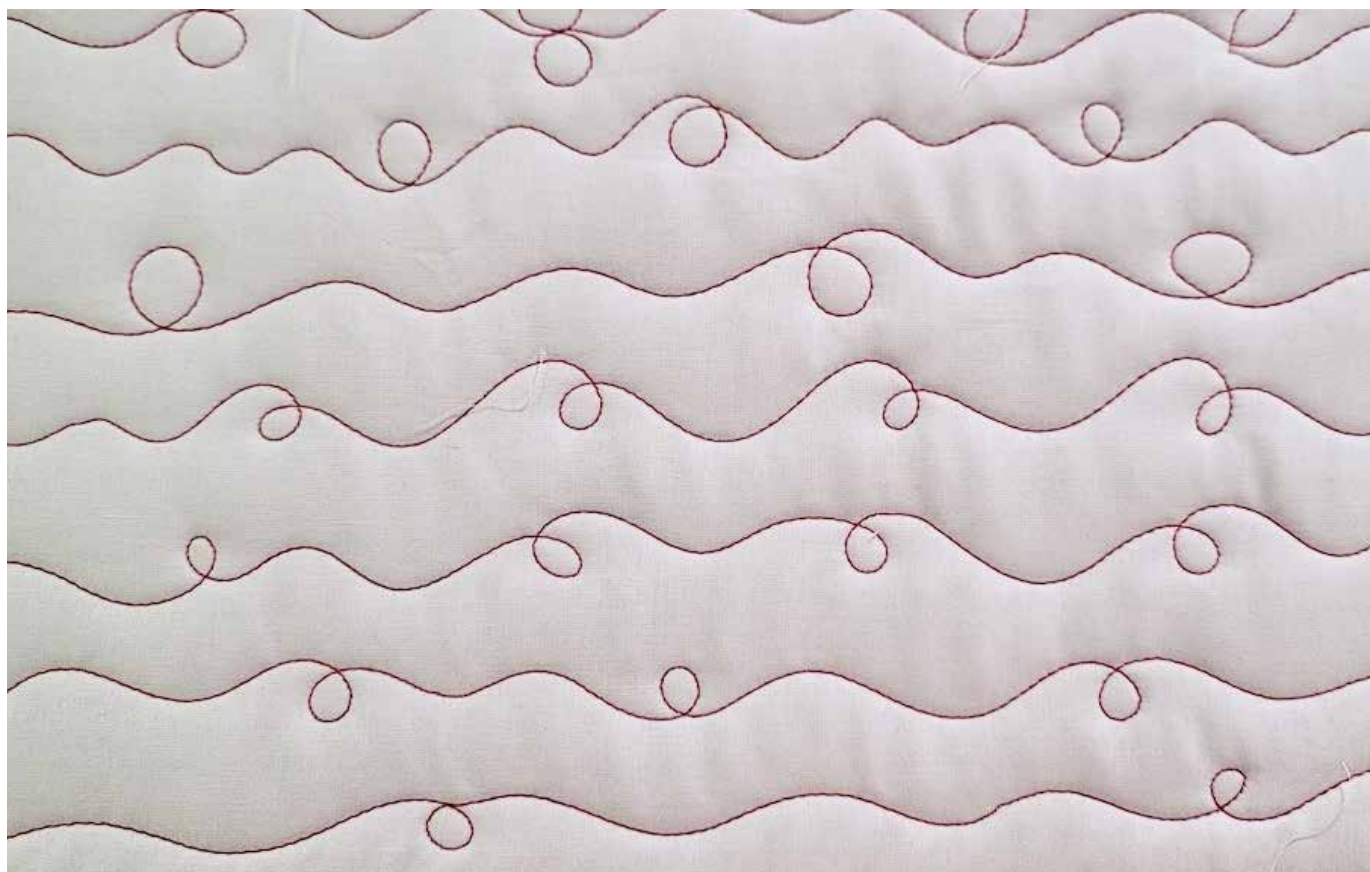
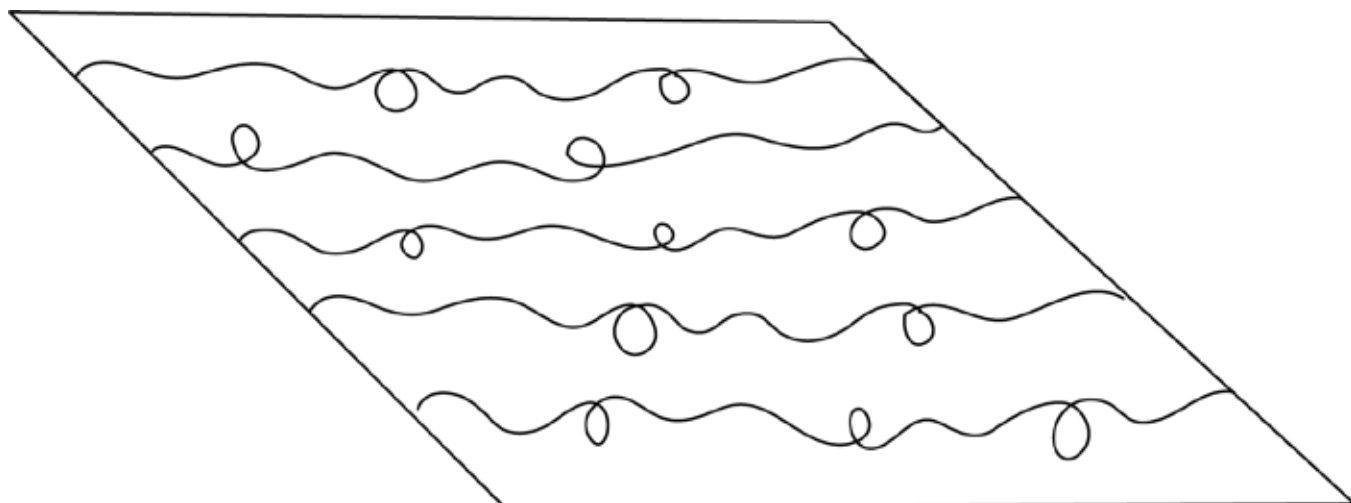


Loopy Waves

Wavy Filler #1



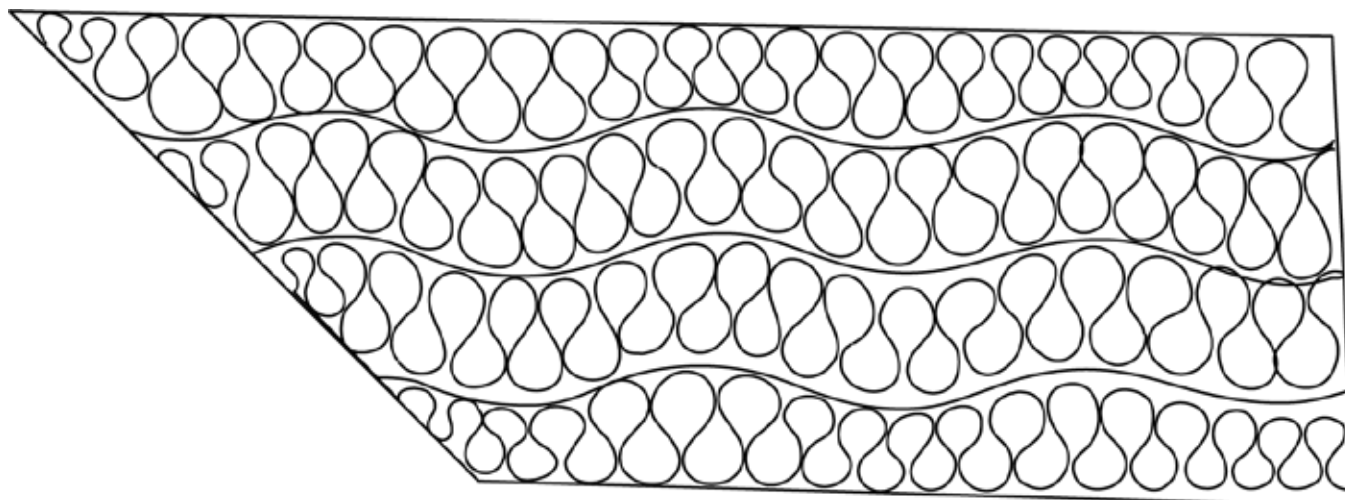
Combining wavy lines with random loops not only adds movement to your quilting, it also helps hide any “wobbles”.



Ribbon Candy Waves

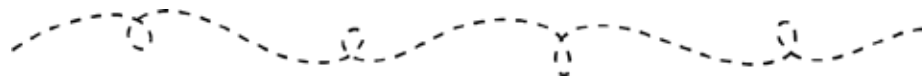
Wavy Filler #2

This versatile design isn't just for sashing or borders! Quilting the Ribbon Candy in between wavy lines adds a soft, interesting texture to your quilt.

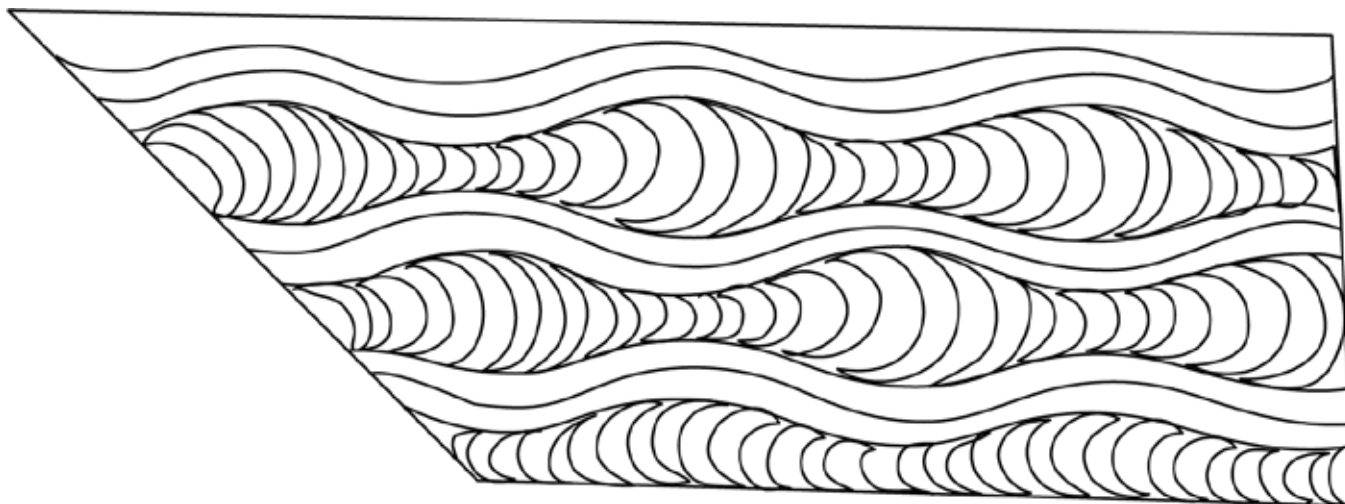


Ogee

Wavy Filler #3



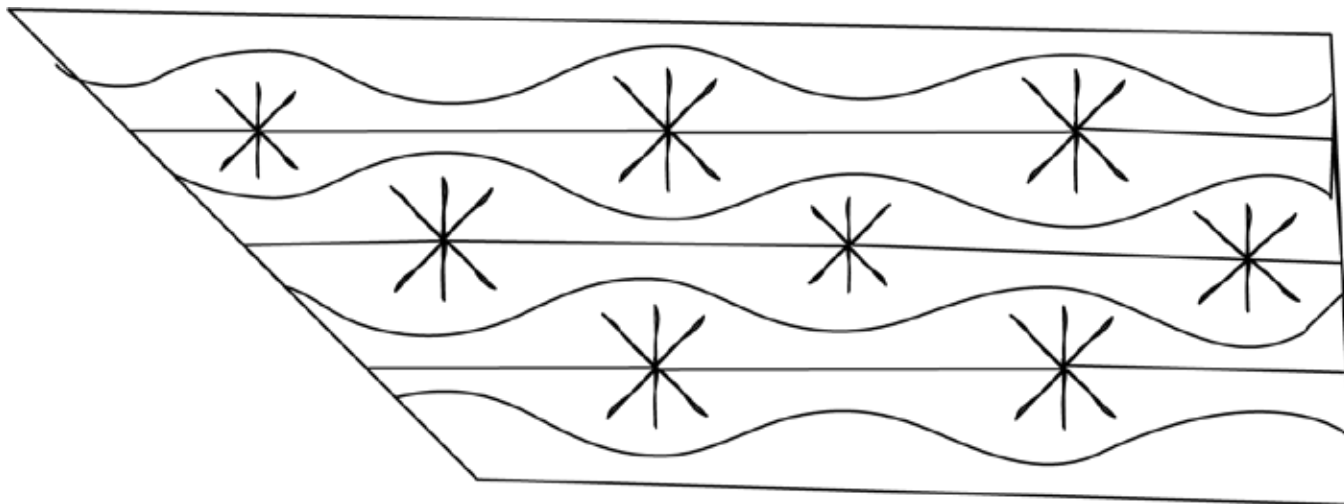
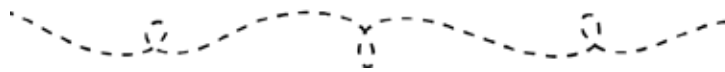
The Ogee design incorporates echo lines to add beautiful movement and wavy texture to your quilts.....all starting with a wavy line.



Waves & Stars

Wavy Filler #4

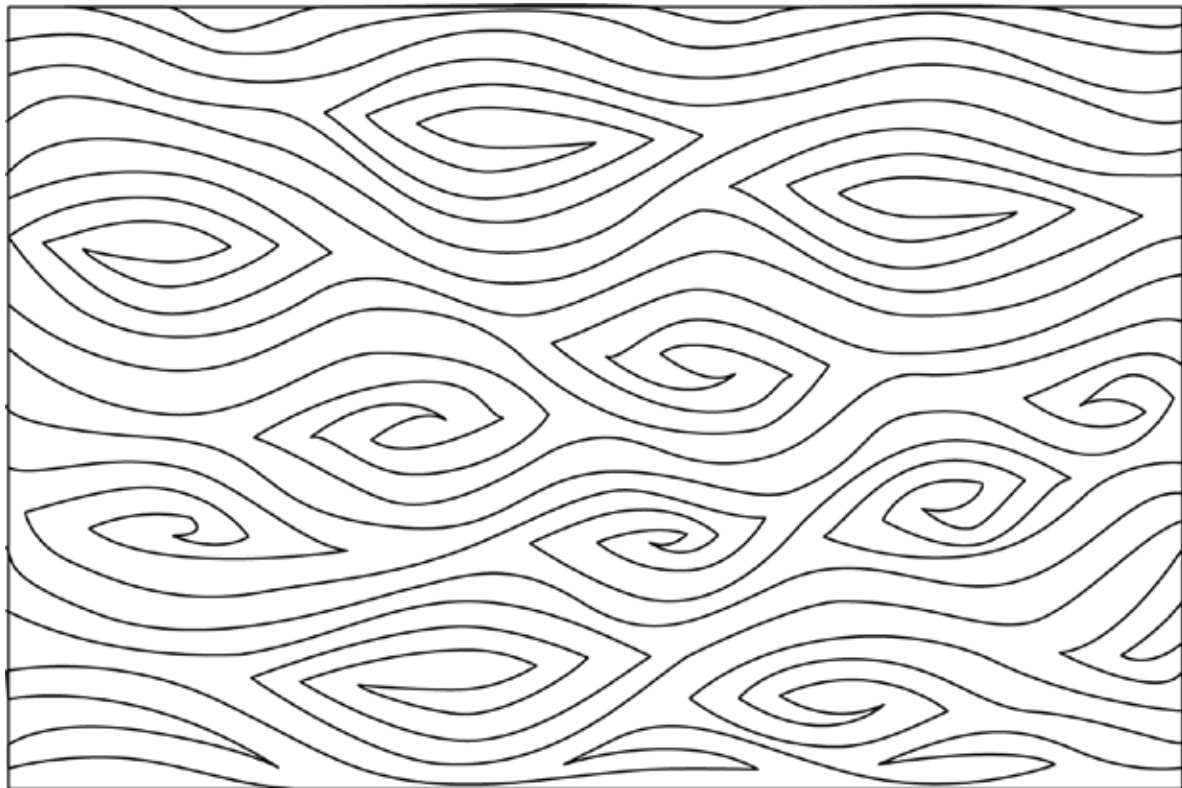
Combine wavy lines with the geometric starburst design for added interest and texture.



Woodgrain

Wavy Filler #5

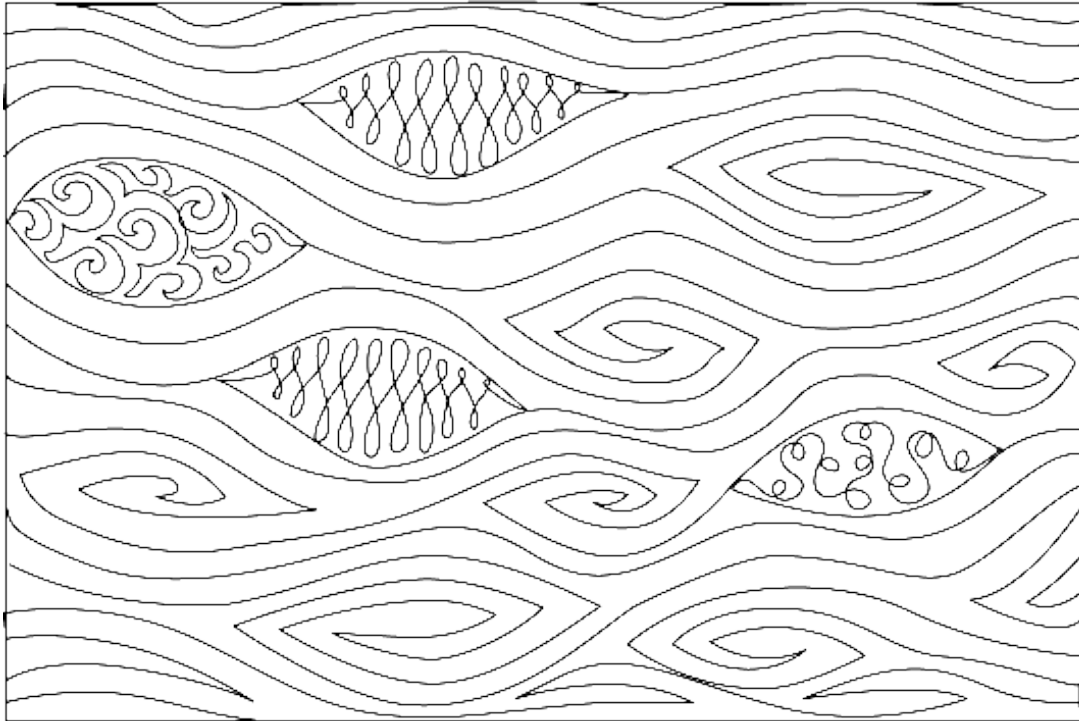
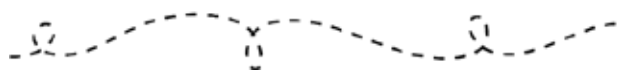
The Woodgrain is not only a versatile design, it's so fast and fun to quilt! All you need is a wavy lines and a few "knots".



Woodgrain Variation

Wavy Filler #6

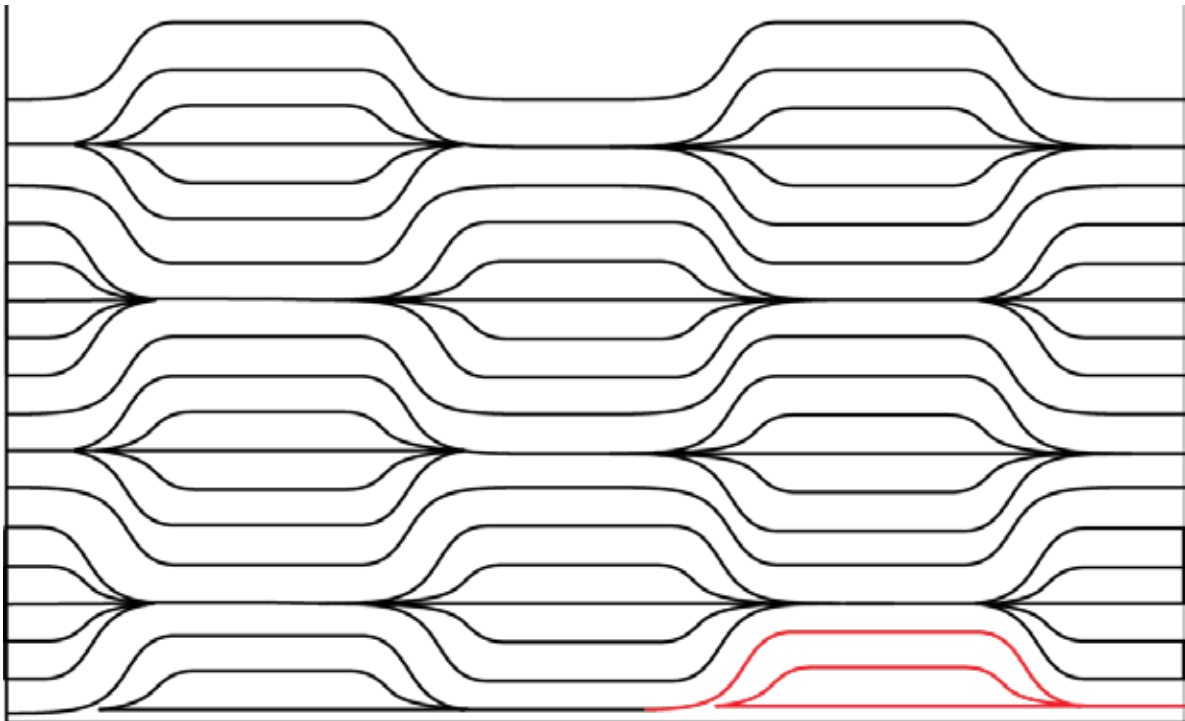
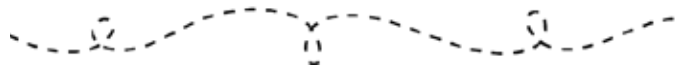
Combine the woodgrain design with different filler designs to draw attention to areas on your quilt.



Angled Woodgrain

Wavy Filler #7

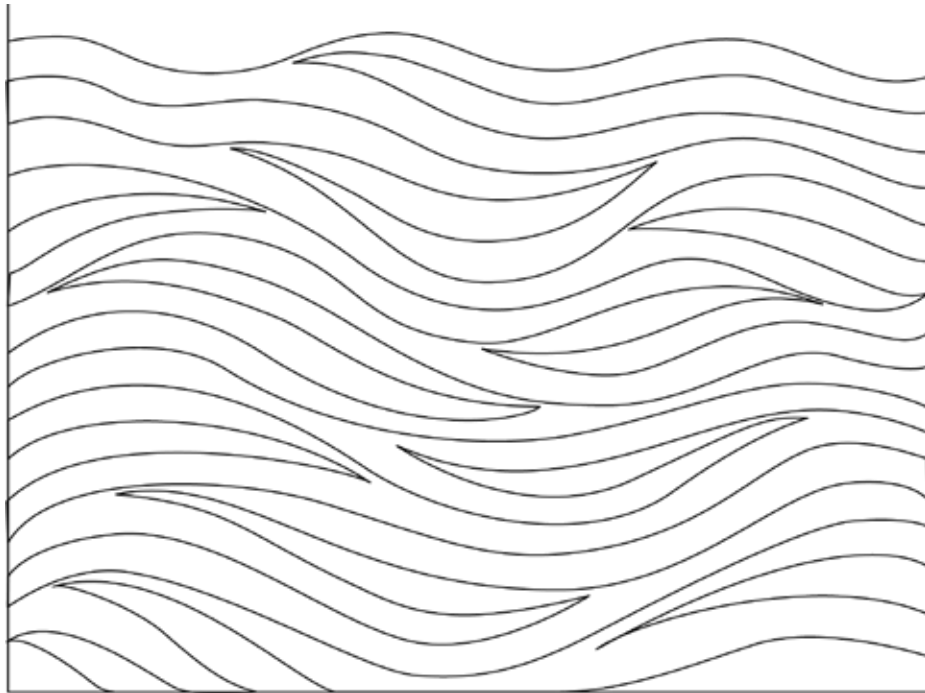
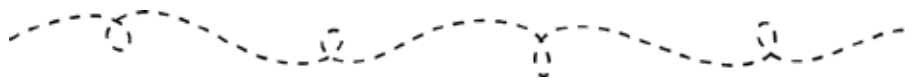
Quilt a geometric version of the Woodgrain with the Angled Woodgrain Design.



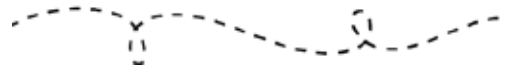
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Wavy Filler #8

Quilting wavy lines that “touch” in random places creates a filler that’s perfect for areas of all sizes!



Merged Lines w/ Fillers



Wavy Filler #9

Combining different free-motion fillers with the merged lines design creates a stunning design that adds a ton of interest to your quilts!

