

Flora & FOLIAGE

Free-Motion Challenge Quilting Along

Week 1 Quilting Diagrams & Tip Sheet

We are getting this challenge kicked off with the woodgrain design, a curvy, wavy design that will add a beautiful texture to your quilts. Use it as an edge to edge design, or to fill in between elements of your quilt....either way, the result will be stunning.

About the Woodgrain Design:

Quilting the woodgrain design is a fast and fun design. Here are a few things to remember:

- **It Fills a Defined Area**

Woodgrain is an “edge to edge” design which means that you need to define your area before you start. The area could be the whole quilt, in between block or other elements or even marked lines.

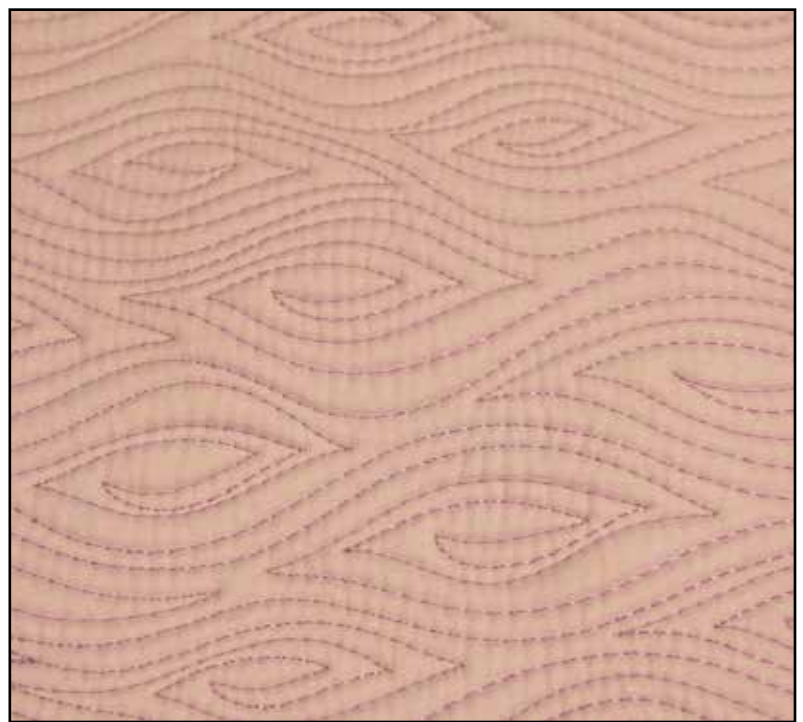
- **The Design Consists of Two Shapes**

What makes this design so appealing is that it's made up of two shapes, a wavy line and a “knot” (an oval shape that is wider in the center and pointed at the ends).

- **The Spacing Between the Lines Determines the Density.**

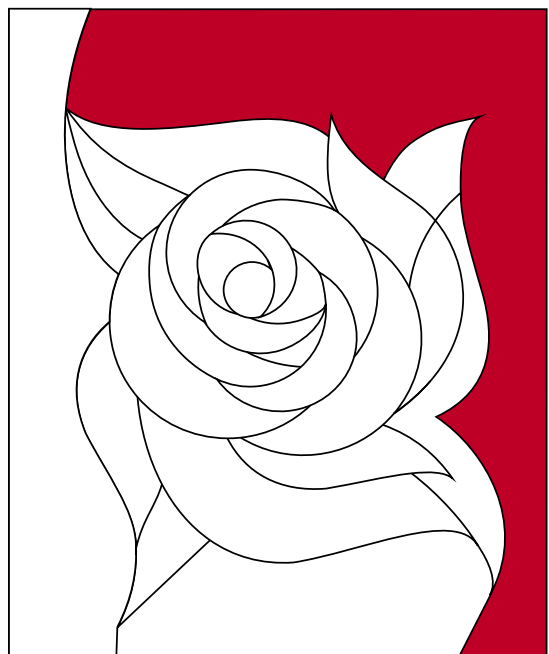
Since the spacing between the lines determines the density, that means that it doesn't matter how big or small you quilt the knots. Instead, focus on keeping the spacing as consistent as possible.

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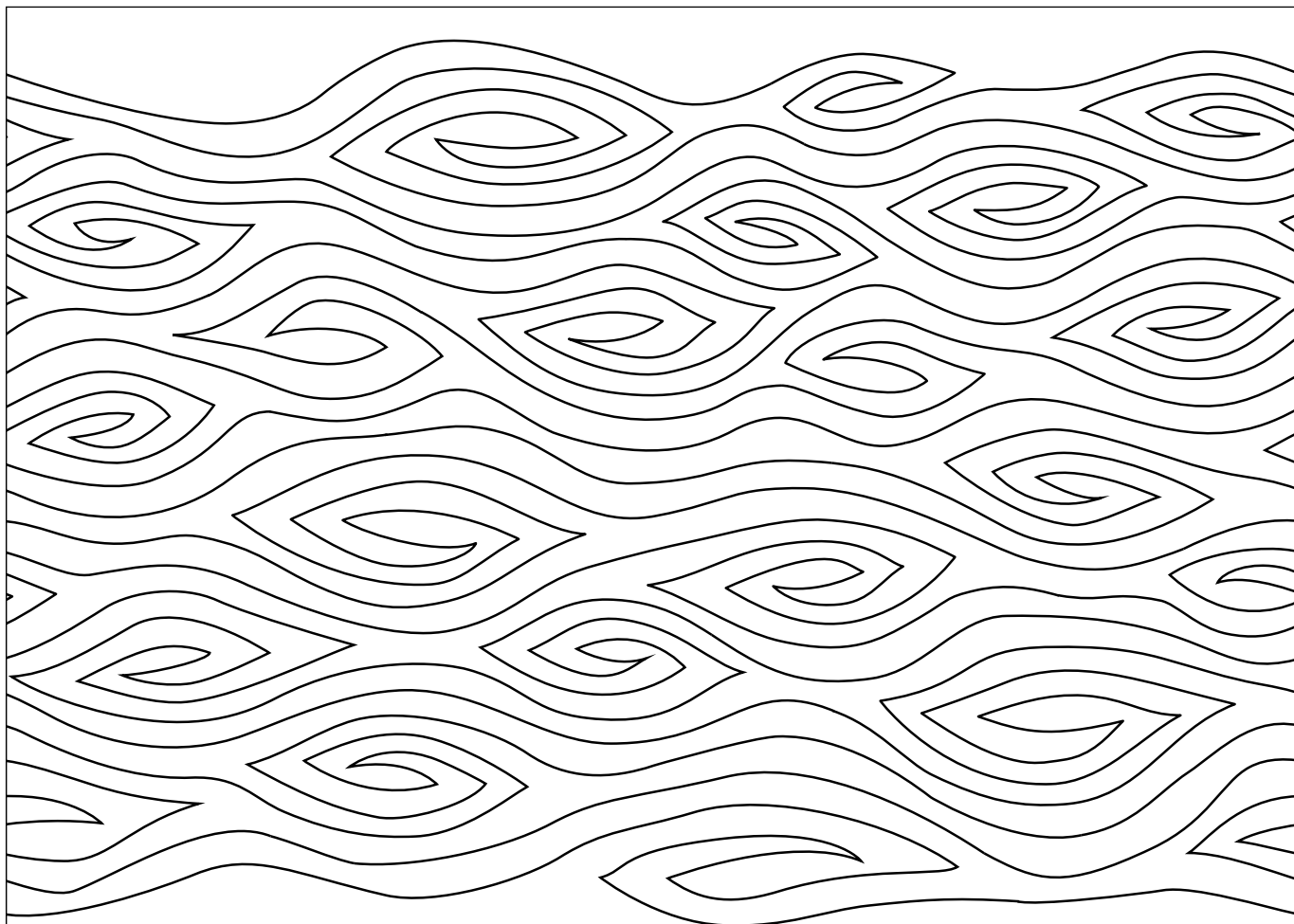
Your Challenge:

If you are quilting along with me on the custom challenge panel, fill in the area highlighted in red with the woodgrain design (or one of its variations.)





Woodgrain Quilting Diagrams



If you are having trouble quilting the design, practicing tracing along the lines until you feel comfortable with the path of the design, then try quilting it on your quilt sandwich.

Training Wheels for Quilters:



If you need a little more “hands on” assistance, check out my training wheels for quilters. Quilt along the lines of the design to get the hang of how it goes together. When you are done, you’ll feel more confident with the design AND you’ll have a pretty wholecloth quilt to hang on the wall or give as a gift! With three different color options, you’ll enjoy quilting it as well as the finished result!



Quilting Placement

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Use this graphic to audition the placement of your quilting designs.

