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# Floral FRAMES

Free-motion Challenge Quilting Along

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***Week 4 Quilting Diagrams & Tip Sheet***  
*For more information about the challenge, visit [FMQchallenge.com](http://FMQchallenge.com)*

We have covered a lot throughout the last few videos in this series. We've learned border motifs, how to break borders into chunks as well as how to turn the border corners with some of my favorite designs. In this week's video tutorial, we are bringing everything together and learning an elegant border design that is easier to quilt than it might look. I am talking about the swirl chain, of course.



We've seen this design before as an all-over design, but now we are going to see just how amazing it looks in borders. Not only will I show you how the swirl chain goes together, you'll also learn how to turn the corner, how to embellish it as well as how to pick out filler designs to quilt around it. When we are finished, I think you are going to love this beautiful design as much as I do!

Scan the QR code to rewatch the Week 4 video tutorial.



### Your Challenge

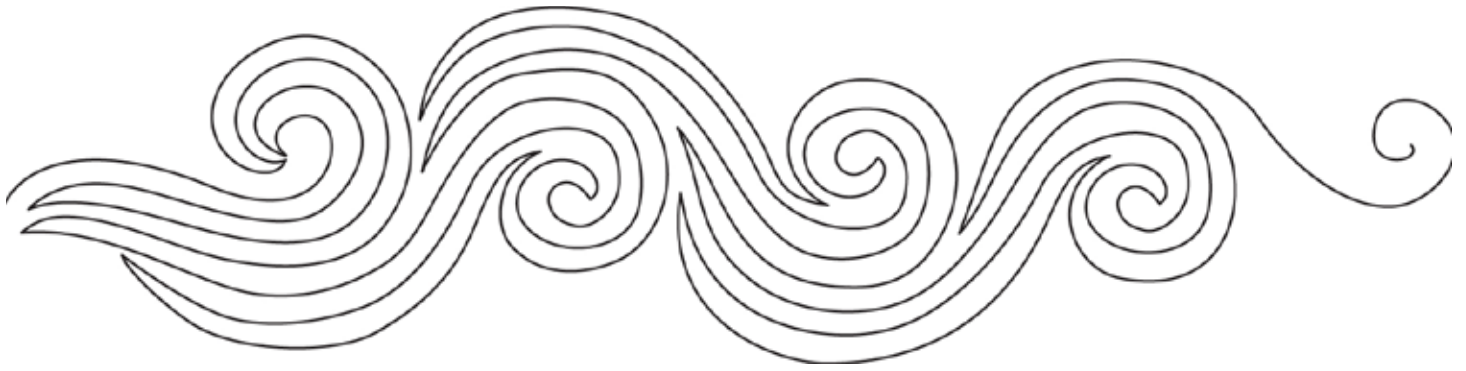
If you are quilting along with me on the custom panel designed for this challenge, quilt the swirl chain design in the areas highlighted in red. If you purchased the coordinating thread collection, use the Linen or Pale Mist threads in this area.





## About the Swirl Chain Design

I like to say that quilting the swirl chain is like a party trick. It's impressive to look at but easy to quilt (once you get the hang of it!) It gets its elegant look from elongated swirls and lots of echo lines. But this design isn't just pretty to look at, it's so versatile and easy to customize. You can use it in wide or narrow borders, and it can go around the border corner easily.



## Turning the Corner

Quilting the swirl chain so that it wraps around the border corner isn't too difficult at all, thanks to echoing!





## Swirl Chain Variations

Once you're comfortable quilting the swirl chain, it's easy to create different variations! Not only will these add more variety to your "quilting design toolbox", it also helps this design work in different areas of your quilts.

### Slim Swirl Chain

The swirl chain can get big pretty quickly! But it's easy to use in thinner borders, simply omit the echo lines to create a thinner version. This is also a great way to learn how the design goes together, since we are stripping it down to the basics.



### Embellished Swirl Chain

For larger borders or a more ornate looking design, try incorporating other designs into the swirl chain. Embellish it with several different designs or keep them all the same, it's totally up to you! Try quilting paisleys, feathers, leaves or even a combination of the three.

