



Fabulous FEATHERS

free-motion challenge quilting along

Week 4 Quilting Diagrams & Tip Sheet

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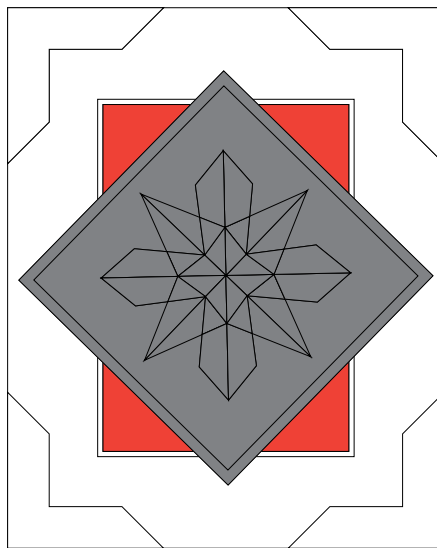
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I love that a feather motif sounds so fancy, so artsy. But it's only the name that sounds complex, this design actually goes together quite easily. In this week's Fabulous Feather Free-motion Challenge we are learning how to quilt several different feather motifs. Let's get fancy!

This Week's Challenge:

Are you ready for this week's machine quilting challenge? If you are quilting along with me on the custom challenge panel, fill in the triangles (highlighted in red) with feather motifs. Try the ones featured in the video or create your own motif variations!



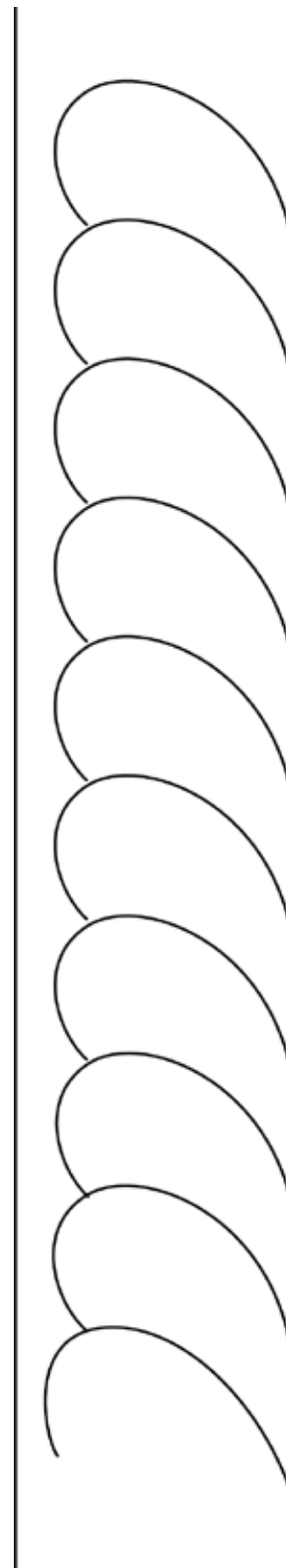
Thread Color Suggestions

When quilting the motifs on the challenge panel, I opted to use the pink lemonade thread in two of the triangles and the haze thread in the opposite two triangles. I love how it allowed them to show up just a bit on the quilt. However, if you are a little nervous about quilting the motifs, trying using a light gray thread so that the design blends in a little more.



Optional Border Diagrams

In one of the samples I quilted for the Fabulous Feathers Free-motion Challenge Quilting Along, I quilted the inner gray border with half custom feathers using the inner boundary as the “spine” of the feather. This technique allows you to use feathers even in skinny borders such as this one.



The Elements of a Motif

All of the motifs in the video tutorial, no matter how simple or complex, have the same basic parts, the center and the sides.

Motif Center

For the most part, all the lines of the motif come back to the center which is why I like to quilt that part first. It's a basically a figure 8, but you can embellish it or switch it up in so many different ways. Make the top and bottom similar in size or not, make them pointed or curved, you can even add echo lines inside.....the choice it up to you!

Feather Sides

It wouldn't be a feather motif without feathers. Each feather radiates from the center of the motif, helping draw the eye to this elegant design. This is where you can really have fun coming up with different variations. They can be long or short, quilted with basic feathers or custom feathers, or even curvy or straight. This is what makes quilting motifs so much fun!

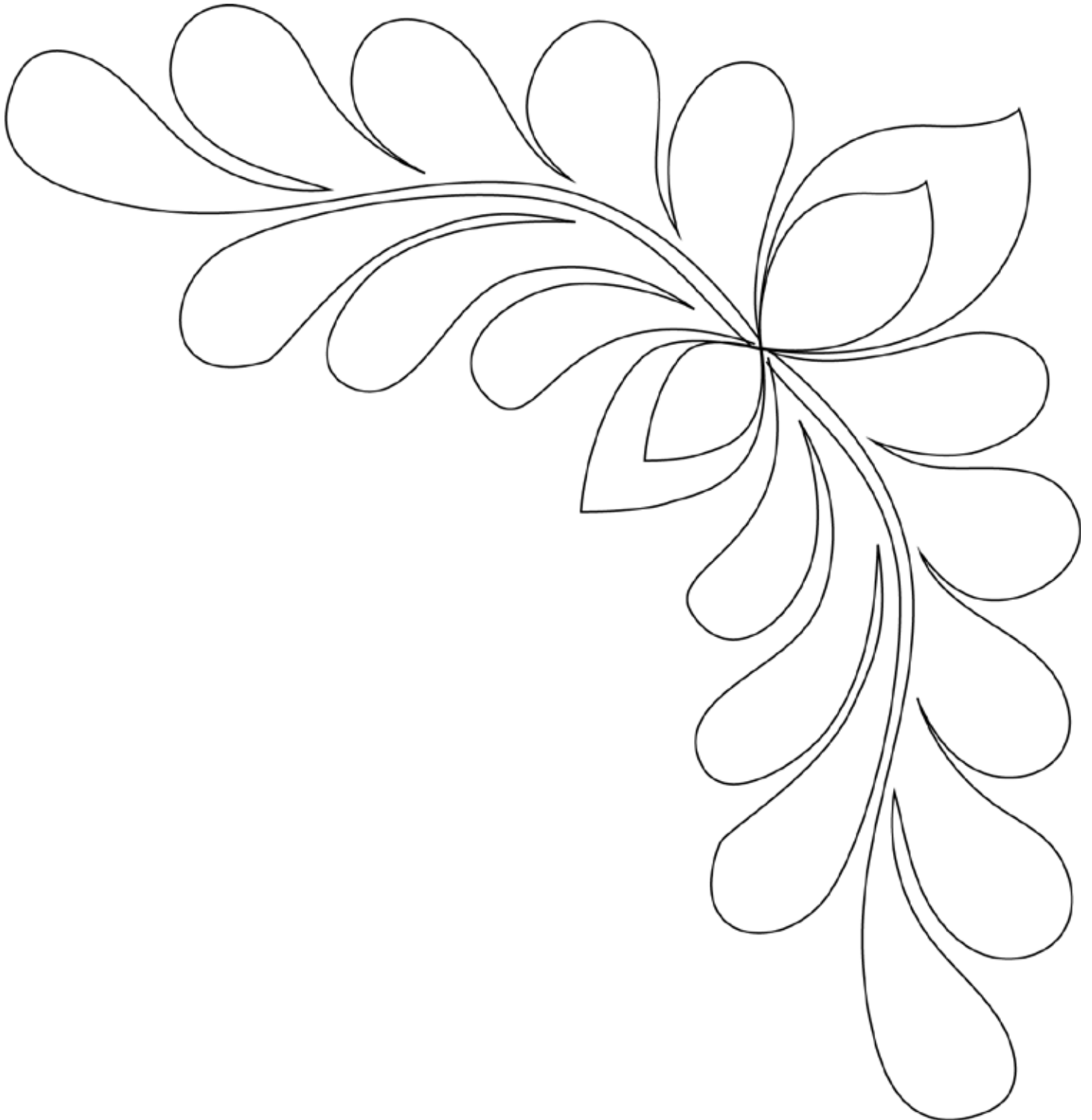
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Feather Sides

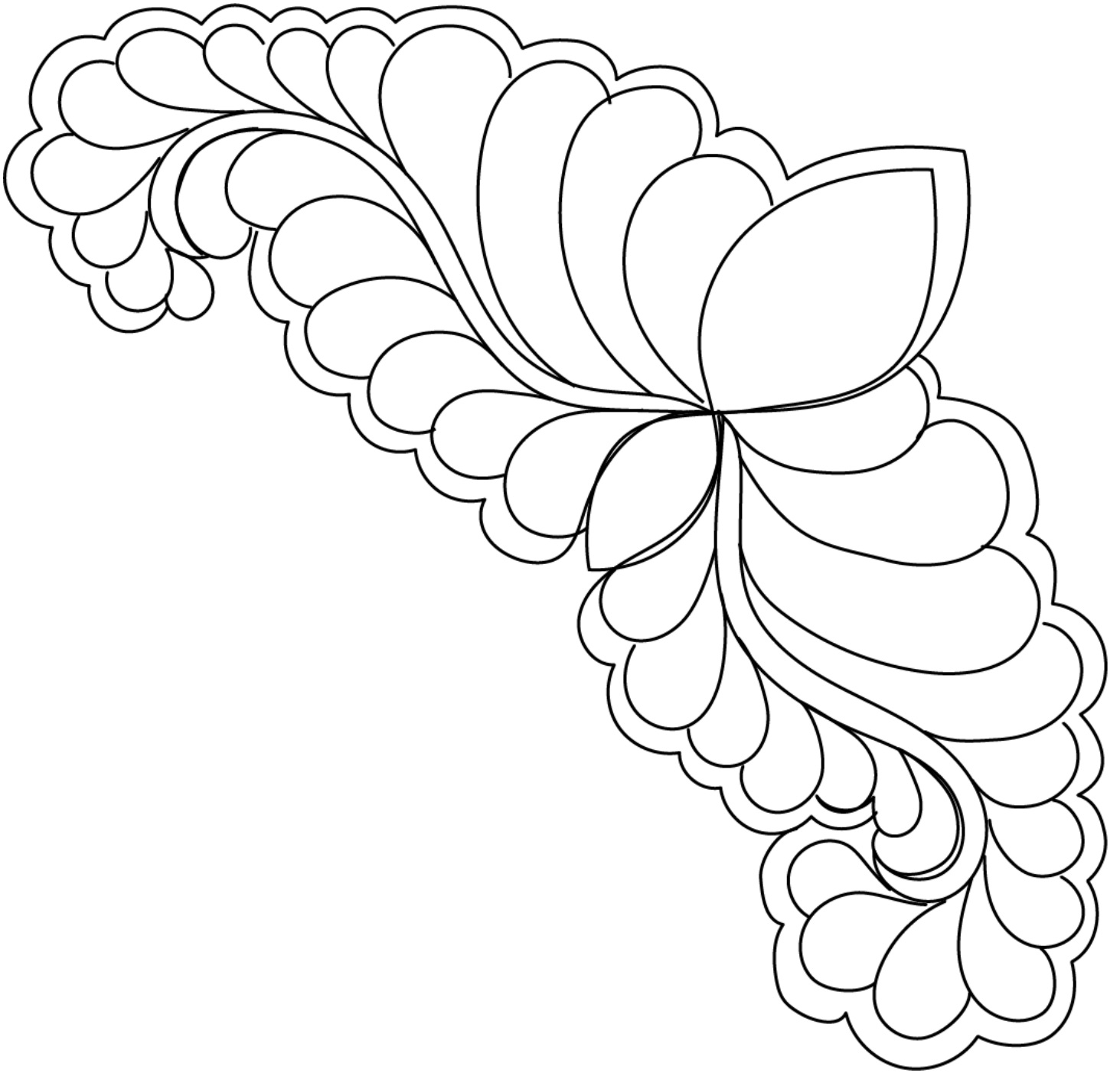
Give it a Try - Basic Feather Motif

Try tracing along the lines of the diagram below until it clicks!



Give it a Try - Custom Feather Motif

Try tracing along the lines of the diagram below until it clicks!



Give it a Try - Half Motif

Try tracing along the lines of the diagram below until it clicks!

