

Flora & FOLIAGE

Free-Motion Challenge Quilting Along

Week 5 Quilting Diagrams & Tip Sheet

When it comes to quilting designs, the swirl is one of the most versatile! This week, we are going to take the basic swirl and stretch it out to create a design that is quick and gorgeous.

Quilting Elongated Swirls

It might not look like it, but the elongated swirl filler is made up of only one shape and echo lines. It's super easy once you get the hang of it! Here are a few tips to help you get gorgeous elongated swirls!

- **Change up the direction for gorgeous texture.**

If quilting the elongated swirl as an all-over design, be sure to quilt the swirls so that they extend out in different directions. Quilting echo lines will also help you move around the area.

- **Fill in the gaps**

The trickiest thing about this design is that it's elongated shape means that you will end up with irregularly shaped areas in between the swirls. To fill it in, either quilt echo lines or smaller swirls. Then, once it's filled in, you can move onto the next elongated swirl.

- **Aim for Smooth**

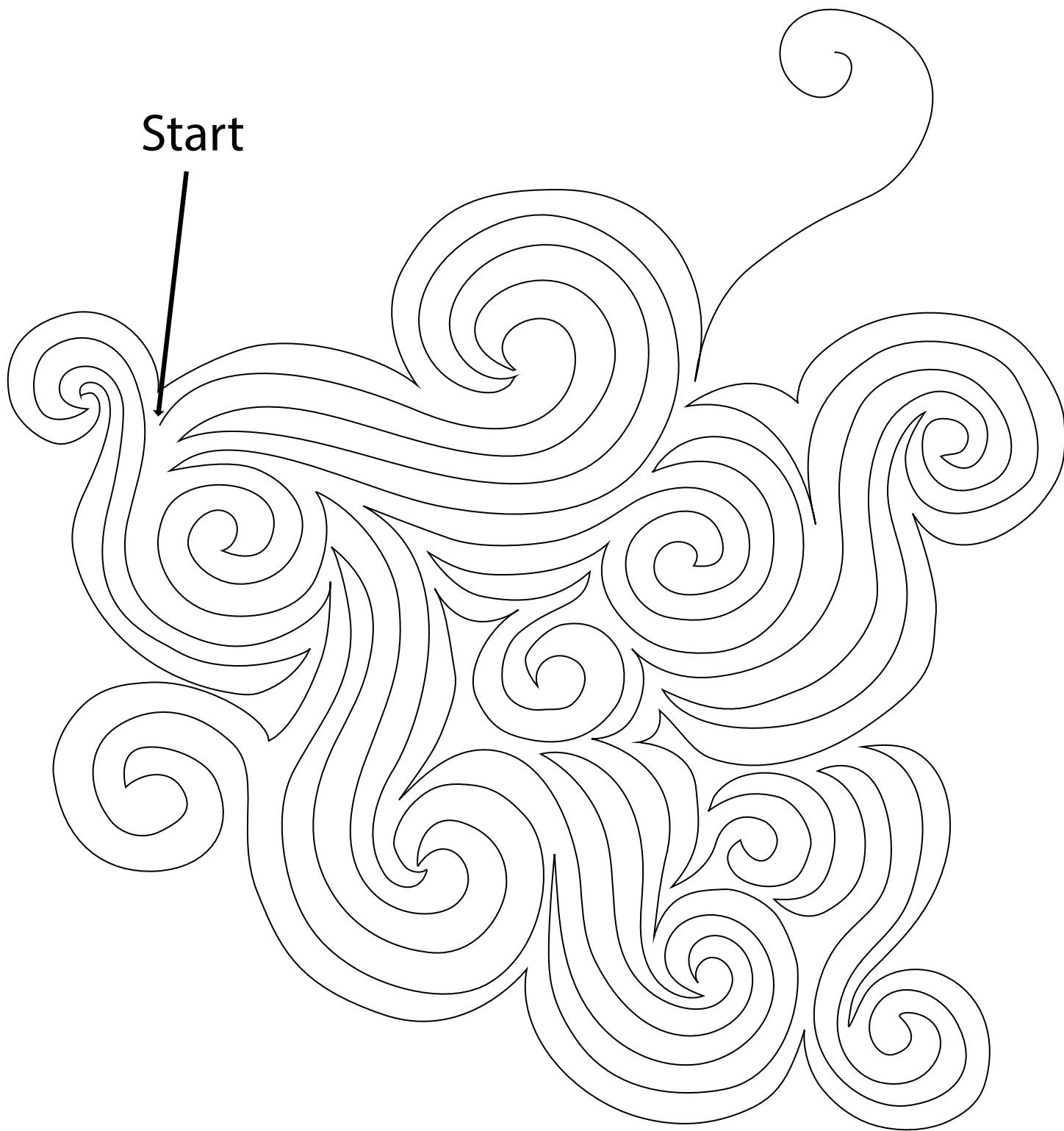
When echoing the elongated swirl, don't stress about getting the line perfect. Instead, focus on quilting a smooth line. The smoother the echo line, the more perfect the design will look, even if it isn't!





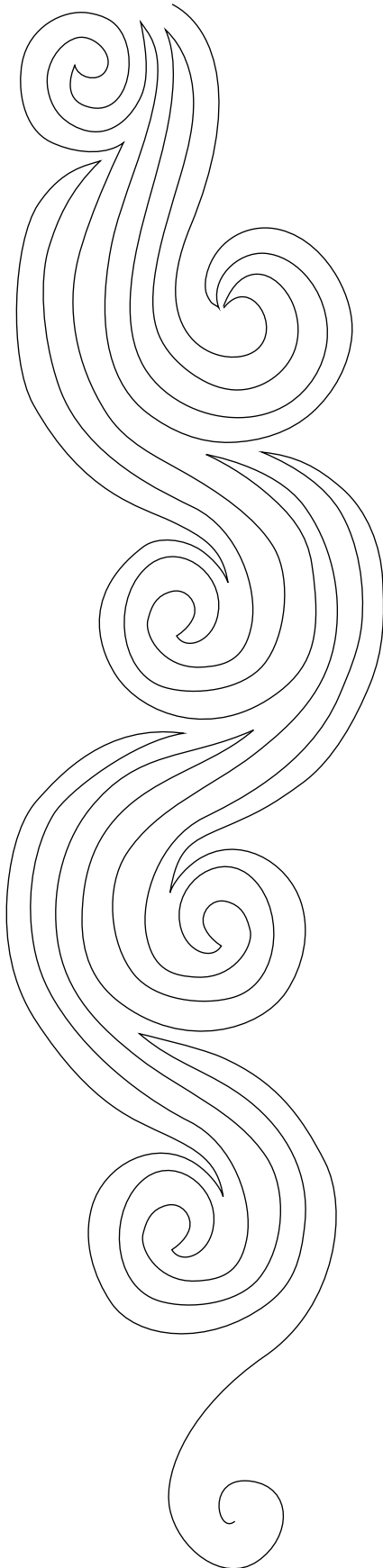
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If you are having trouble quilting the design, practicing tracing along the lines until you feel comfortable with the path of the design, then try quilting it on your quilt sandwich.





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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 elongated swirl. You can quilt it as an allover, or quilt a couple of swirl chains and fill in the space between them!

