

Flora & FOLIAGE

Free-Motion Challenge Quilting Along

Week 6 Quilting Diagrams & Tip Sheet

I like to think that quilting the paisley feather is like a party trick. It's really easy to do, but looks impressive on your quilt. You can use it in so many different ways, I think you are going to love it!

Paisley Feathers

Quilting the paisley feather is as easy as echo, echo, echoing. Below are a few tips to ensure that you have paisley feather success!

- **Start with a curvy elongated swirl**

I think that the paisley feather looks best when the spine consists of a curvy, elongated swirl. But, it could be any shape that you want. Once you quilt the first swirl, echo around it a few times to build up the shape.

- **Extend the Paisleys**

It's common for newer machine quilters to quilt the paisleys so that they are short. However, this design looks a lot better if they are quilted so that they extend out into the unquilted area. This will allow the feather to take up as much space as possible, making the quilting go fast!

- **Blend them in or show them off.**

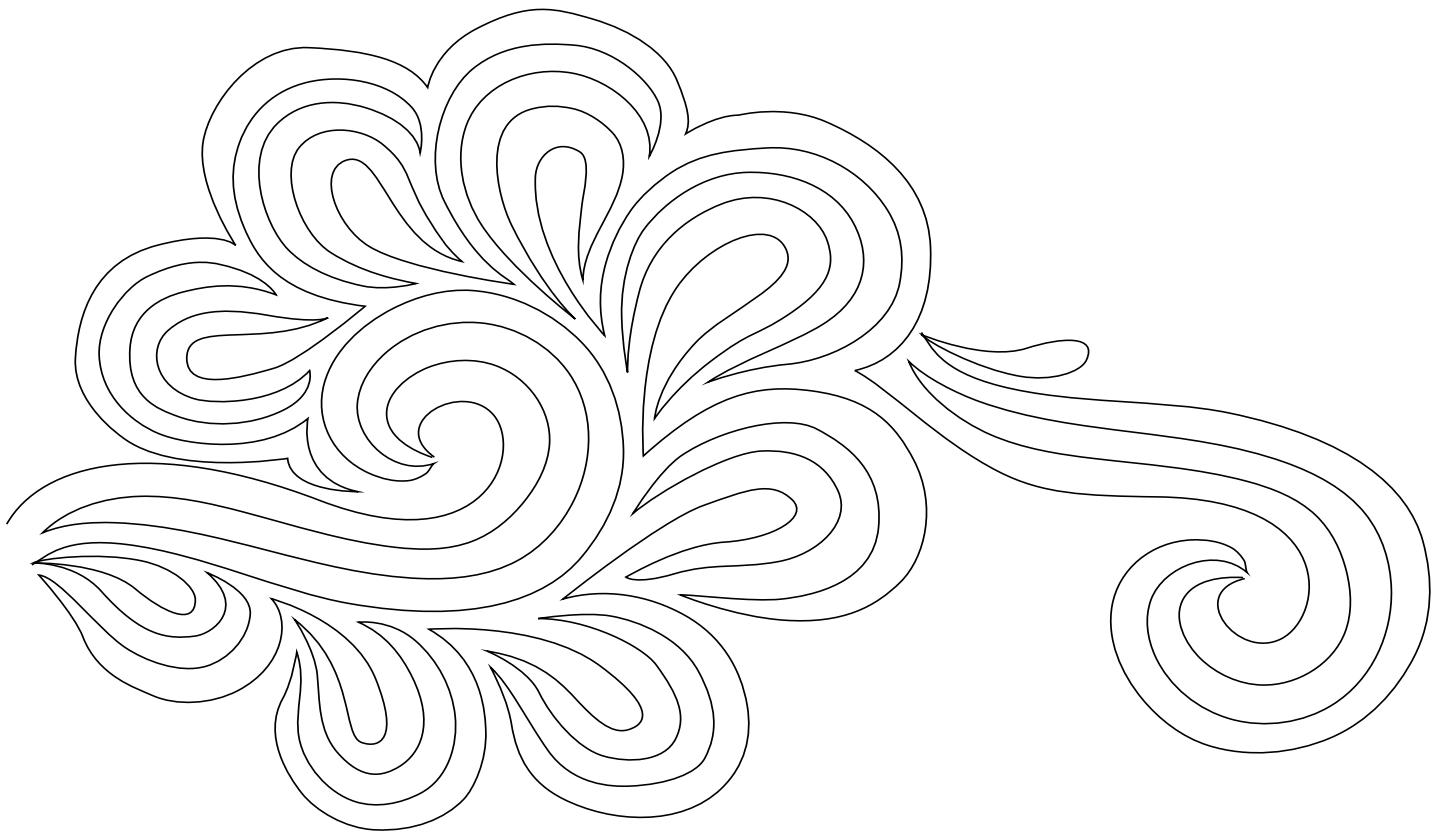
While quilting the paisley feathers, be sure to fill in any gaps before you move on. If you want the individual feathers to show up, use a contrasting design such as pebbles. If you want them to blend in with each other, quilt echo lines or more paisleys.





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.



Your Challenge:

If you are quilting along with me on the custom challenge panel, fill in the area highlighted in red with Paisley Feathers.

