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Welcome to the first week in the “Help! How Do I Quilt It?” Free-motion Challenge Quilting Along. In these videos I am going to help you build your machine quilting design library by showing you some of my favorite designs for a few common quilt blocks, including log cabin blocks, snowball blocks and curved blocks.

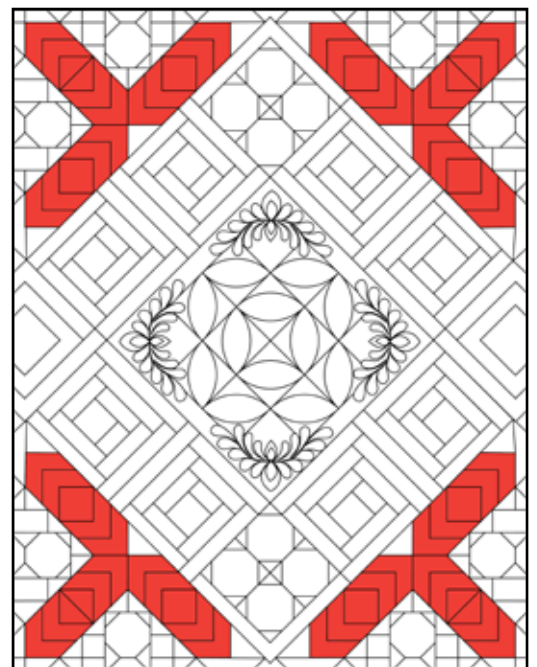
By the time we are finished, you will not only have learned some fun free-motion quilting designs, you’ll also have added to “quilting design library”. That way, you can refer to those designs the next you get stuck and can’t decide what to quilt!

In this week’s challenge, we are looking at machine quilting designs for chevron blocks. While at first, it might not seem like a common quilt block, the designs we are going to learn can be applied to other shapes as well!



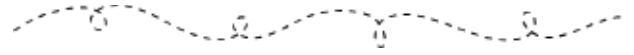
Your Challenge

Now, it’s your turn! If you are quilting along with me on the panel I designed exclusively for this challenge, quilt the areas highlighted in red with the designs of your choice.

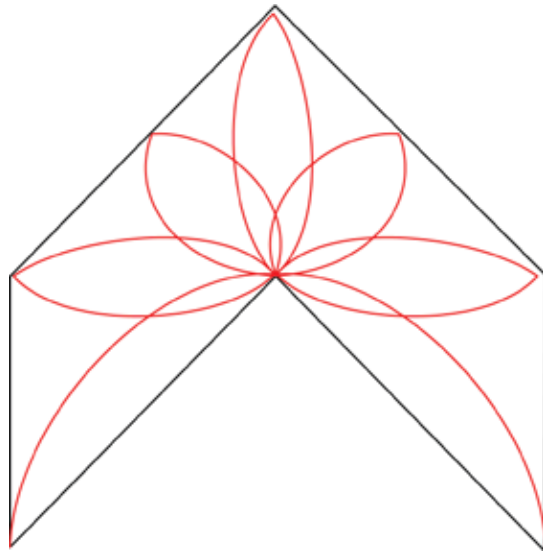




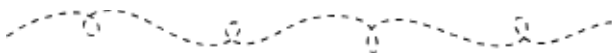
Design # 1 – Continuous Curve



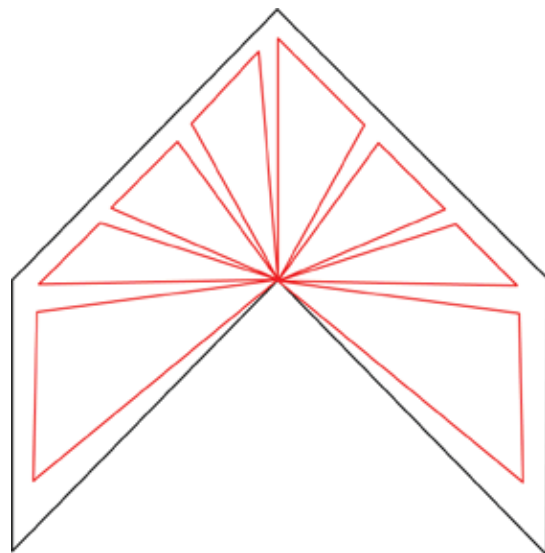
If there was ever a “MVP” of quilting designs, the continuous curve would definitely be it! It works in so many different shapes and is fun to quilt. In this example, we are starting at one side of the block and ending at the other side, which makes it perfect for chevron blocks that in a row.



Design # 2 – Dot to Dot

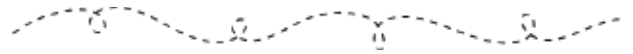


For the next design option, we are going to use the Dot to Dot method to fill in the block. We just learned this in the last challenge, but I couldn't resist including it in this one. This geometric-shaped design is going to highlight the inner corner of the block since all the lines come to this point, making it a perfect design for larger chevron blocks, or chevrons that are a part of a larger block.

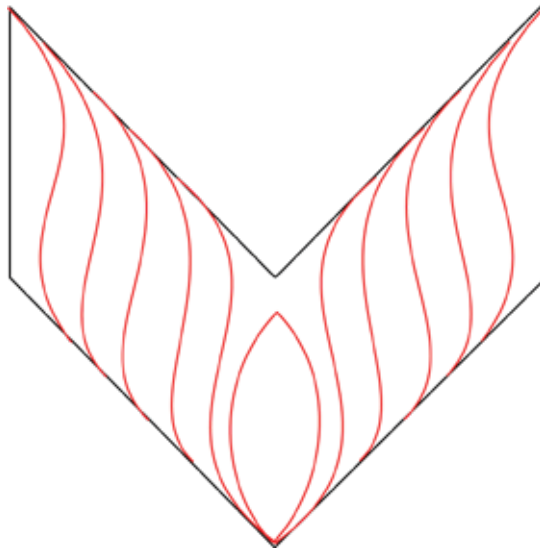




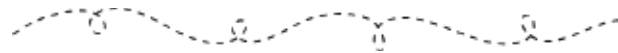
Design # 3 – Serpentine Lines



The next design uses serpentine lines to fill in our chevron blocks. While it works in almost any chevron block, I especially like to use in blocks that come together to make a star.



Design # 4 – “V”



For a more simple looking design, we can use a “V” shape. I like to use this in smaller blocks, where there isn’t room to add a more complicated design, or in chevrons that are stacked in a column, since I can travel to the next block.

