

**HELP!**

# *How Do I Quilt It?*

Free-Motion Challenge Quilting Along



## ***Week 2 Quilting Diagrams***

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In this week's "Help! How Do I Quilt It?" Free-motion Challenge Quilting Along, we are learning several design ideas for Snowball blocks. A snowball is a square quilt block with triangles in its corners that can be used as a stand-alone block or as a connector block in a quilt. These blocks can be used in so many different layouts, and can create secondary designs when combined with other blocks.

There are a few things to consider when deciding how to quilt a snowball block. The size of the block is probably the most important thing to take into consideration. There are designs that fit better in larger blocks and visa versa.

What kind of fabric the block is made with is also something I take into consideration as well. These blocks are fabulous for showing off your favorite large prints. But if it's made with a busy fabric, the quilting won't be as noticeable, so in that instance I like to opt for designs that are quick and easy to quilt.

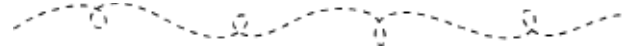
### Your Challenge

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.

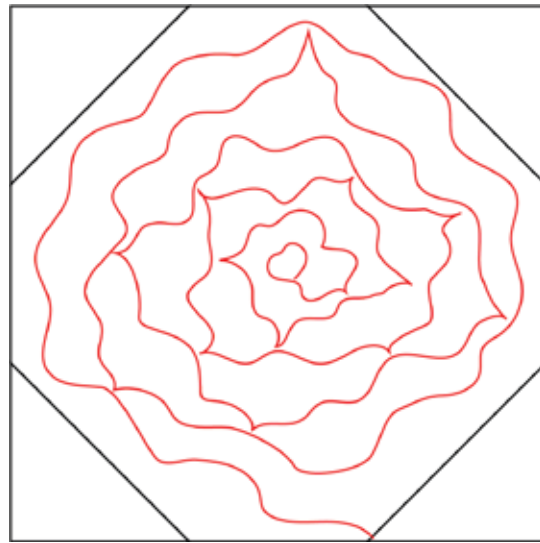




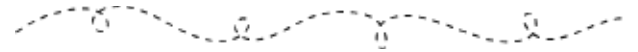
## Design # 1 – Wavy Swirls



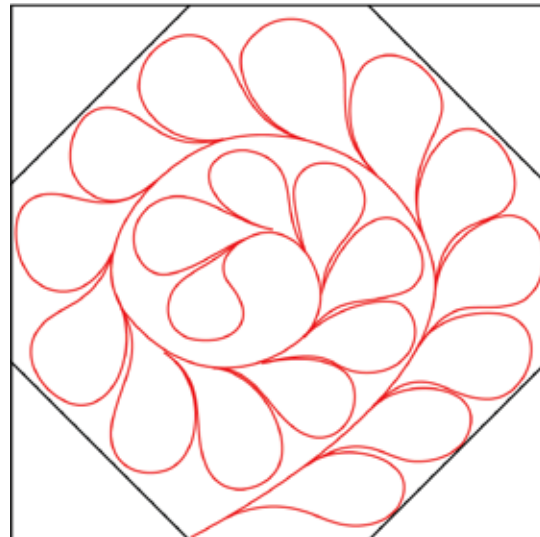
For a soft, wavy texture, try the Wavy Swirls design. It's quick to quilt and works in blocks of all sizes. I prefer to use this design in busier fabrics where the quilting doesn't really show.



## Design # 2 – Feathered Swirl



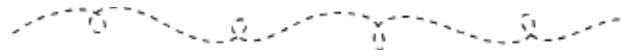
For this design option, we are going to add an elegant look to our snowball block by quilting a feather. This design can be adapted to fit snowball blocks of almost any size and is also a great way to practice quilting the feather design by using it in a contained area.



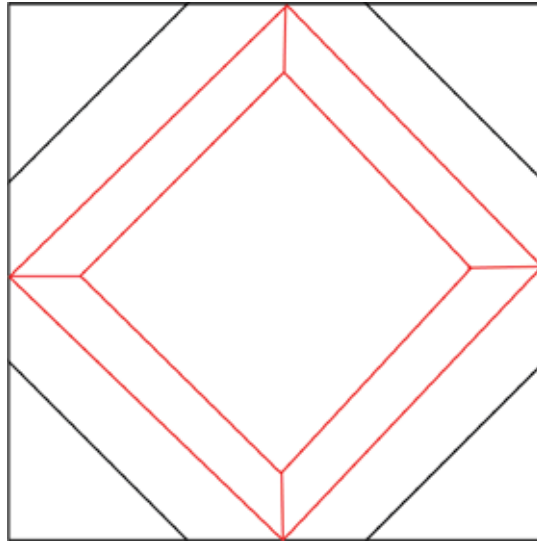




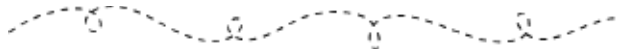
## Design # 3 – Filled Squares



This design uses the quilting to create a square area to fill in with a different design. Once the square is quilted, you can use any design you'd like whether its a filler design or a motif. Since this design takes a little bit to come together, I'm prefer to use it in blocks made of solid or tonal fabric. That way, it doesn't just disappear in the fabric.



## Design # 4 – Dot to Dot Motif



If several snowball blocks come together to make a larger block, I like to use a design that pulls them together, kinda like a motif. This design incorporates the same "Dot to Dot" wedges we saw in last week's challenge, but it also includes extra lines as a way to transition from one block to another.

