

Instructions for Marian's Floral Strip Whole Cloth Quilt

These patterns can be used in dozens of different combinations to create a custom sized quilt. Instructions for an average queen and king quilt are included. Please read through all of the instructions before starting your quilt. The king and queen are basically the same, but the queen has the narrow x-hatch row instead of the wide one. You are not limited to large quilts with these patterns, just freeze the aspect and reduce the length to make lap and full size quilts.

Queen size 96X102: set length to 102" on all patterns: (use freeze aspect)
Pattern order 2038A-2038D-2038B-2038D-2038-2038D-2038B-2038D-2038A

King size 102X102: set length to 102" on all patterns: (use freeze aspect)
Pattern order 2038A-2038C-2038B-2038C-2038-2038C-2038B-2038C-2038A

You can increase the length on both the queen and king quilts. The width will increase proportionally. Pattern #2038 is the widest pattern, be sure it will fit between your rollers at the increased length.

- Cut your fabric larger than the desired quilt size. To minimize shrinkage after quilting, pre-shrink the fabric first. I like my backing to be at least 6" larger and the top at least 4" larger. If it is not square, allow even more extra fabric. Load as usual. Thin batting is recommended for this quilt to minimize shrinkage for accurate stitching of the pattern.
- Check for fullness in backing and then baste around the outer edges in the first section. You will need several clamps per side for this type of pattern. *****It is very important to use the appropriate amount of side tension to keep the quilt from shrinking up during the quilting of each row.***** You can make temporary "clamps" from strips of heavy fabric or selvedge and use pins to attach to your quilt edges. They can be wrapped around the frame and pinned to secure them. Concentrate the clamps in the area where the quilting will be taking place. I can't stress enough the importance of the side tension.
- Open and stitch the first section. There is a no sew line at the beginning of each segment, keep this in mind when positioning the very first row. The no sew line is to give you accurate spacing between each row. Advance the quilt when necessary.
- Using a long arm centering tape, or other method, make sure that you use enough tension on the clamps closest to the take up roller to pull the quilt back to the desired quilt length after each advance. This is **VERY** important to keep your quilt square and pattern rows lined up.
- Line up your long straight lines with the channel lock and the edge of your foot after each advance. Manipulate the quilt on the rollers to line it up. This will eliminate the need to square up the pattern.
- Repeat these instructions for the remaining rows.

To come up with your own custom sized quilt, follow these instructions. Open each pattern and use repeat block mode. Freeze aspect and set your desired length, save settings. Do this for all of the patterns that you are going to use for your quilt. *****Make sure that the widest pattern # 2038 will fit between your rollers at the length you have selected.***** Write down the widths and determine how many of which pattern will give you your desired quilt width. (Remember to allow for about 5% shrinkage for a large quilt.) It is a good idea to sketch the layout and write in the pattern numbers for reference during quilting. Follow the instructions above for stitching the quilt.