

## How to Quilt ITH

- To get your "Spacing" number for Quilting ITH
  - place 2 paper templates side by side on a table, and measure the distance between the Center's.
  - Let's say it's 7½".
  - You can do this on a computer screen as well, or you can just estimate it (Design Width + ½").
- On your Quilt, draw a Horizontal Line across the entire Center of the Quilt.
- Then draw a Cross Hair on that Line, in the Center of the Quilt, where your first hooping will be.
- To hoop the Quilt layers, you can tape your Plastic Template on your Quilt, on that Cross Hair, or just use the Plastic Template normally, or place the Acufil Template down, and hoop the fabric as straight as you can (or just clamp it or pin baste or use magnets).
- On your machine, for your first hooping, insert a Cross Hair object as your first object. If you can't do that, then just load a Cross Hair by itself. (If you need a Cross hair, just let me know.)
- Then, on your first hooping, since most machines start out in the center of the hoop, if you dial the needle down, it should land right on your Cross Hair that's on the Quilt.
  - If it doesn't, use your jog keys to move the carriage till you are in the center of that Cross Hair that's on the Quilt.
- Then you need to check for "rotation".
  - So Fast Forward through the Cross Hair in your machine to check and see if you are on the Quilt's Cross Hair and Horizontal Line.
  - If you are not, you will have to use your Rotate buttons on the machine, and then keep checking it by FF-ing through the Cross Hair/H. Line again.
- Stitch the first Hooping.
- You will follow that Horizontal Line as you re-hoop.
- The Cross Hair and that Line will help you stay "rotationally" in line.
- Then, to hoop the second time, just measure 7½" from your first dot, and mark it on the Horizontal Line.
  - Again, you can tape or place the Plastic template on the Quilt.
- Hoop the Quilt.
- Again, use your jog keys to fine tune your center.
- Then again, FF through the Cross hair to check for rotation.
  - However, if, after you have secured the hoop, you find that your Plastic template is lined up on your Quilt correctly, then you really don't need to check for Center or do the Rotation check.

NOTE: the designs in the pics are not Edge to Edge so you don't have to match up your first node with the last node of the previous hooping. Each hoop just ties on and ties off. It makes Quilting ITH so much easier and relaxing.

