

Quilting the Hoffman Dream Big Panel

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There are several ways you could start this panel there is no right or wrong just what you are comfortable with.

* If you load your Panel so that the words are on the bottom it will be as it is in this publication which will make it easier for you to follow the placement.

* I would start by stabilizing the panel across the sides and the top and bottom. I have 4 of these panels and I measured them at 43 x 43 5/8. My patterns will make the panel 42 x 42 . Measure 42 1/2 x 42 1/2 and put your basting stitch on those measurements on the outsides.

* I would look at this like a paint by number and start with number 1 and so on saving the middle for last so that you can pull your spikes where you need them. **Slow down as slow as you can so you can help manipulate it when you come to the edges. It will be worth it!

* I would use 1 layer of bamboo batting and 1 layer of wool, and Glide thread. I have 3 clamps on each side of my machine. I do not believe you can stabilize too much. It takes time but is worth it.

- Keep the numbered diagram on page 6 and the layout on page 5 and the picture of the patterns on page 2 and 3 in front of you by your machine and check it often, so you get the right pattern in the right place.... I keep a magnet board by my machine for things like this.
- Here is a hint for placing the patterns; Because of the different panels you receive to quilt and not knowing if they have been shrunk or stretched, make an outline of each individual leaf with your laser light or however your machine allows you to do it. Then enlarge the quilting pattern for that outline as you do each one. Only enlarge from a corner where it enlarge all directions at the same time. if you have a nodes feature use nodes to bring each edge of every leaf right to the edge of the leaf you are putting the next one against... slow your speed of the machine way down when quilting at the edges so you can manipulate the quilting if you have to right to the edge.

We would like to encourage you to quilt this up and send us in the pictures...

We will keep updating these instructions with thing we learn from our customers from time to time and add their comments...