

Feather Wreath

The feather wreath is a well-liked traditional quilting design. Decorative designs such as this were used to fill in plain blocks in quilts and to be placed in areas of special interest in large, otherwise undecorated, spaces on quilt tops.

1. Paste feather design on cardboard.
2. Cut feather template out of cardboard.
3. To make a feather rib, use a compass or mark around a circular form such as a mixing bowl. (This size feather looks best with a circle that has a diameter of between 9 and 13 inches.)
4. Then make a slightly smaller circle about 1/4 inch within the first.
5. Mark around feather template inside and outside circles as shown. Face feathers in one direction inside the circle and then flip to make mirror image on outside of circle. Lay the template so that the notch down to the point lies on circle.
6. Fill in area inside feather wreath with crossed lines.

