

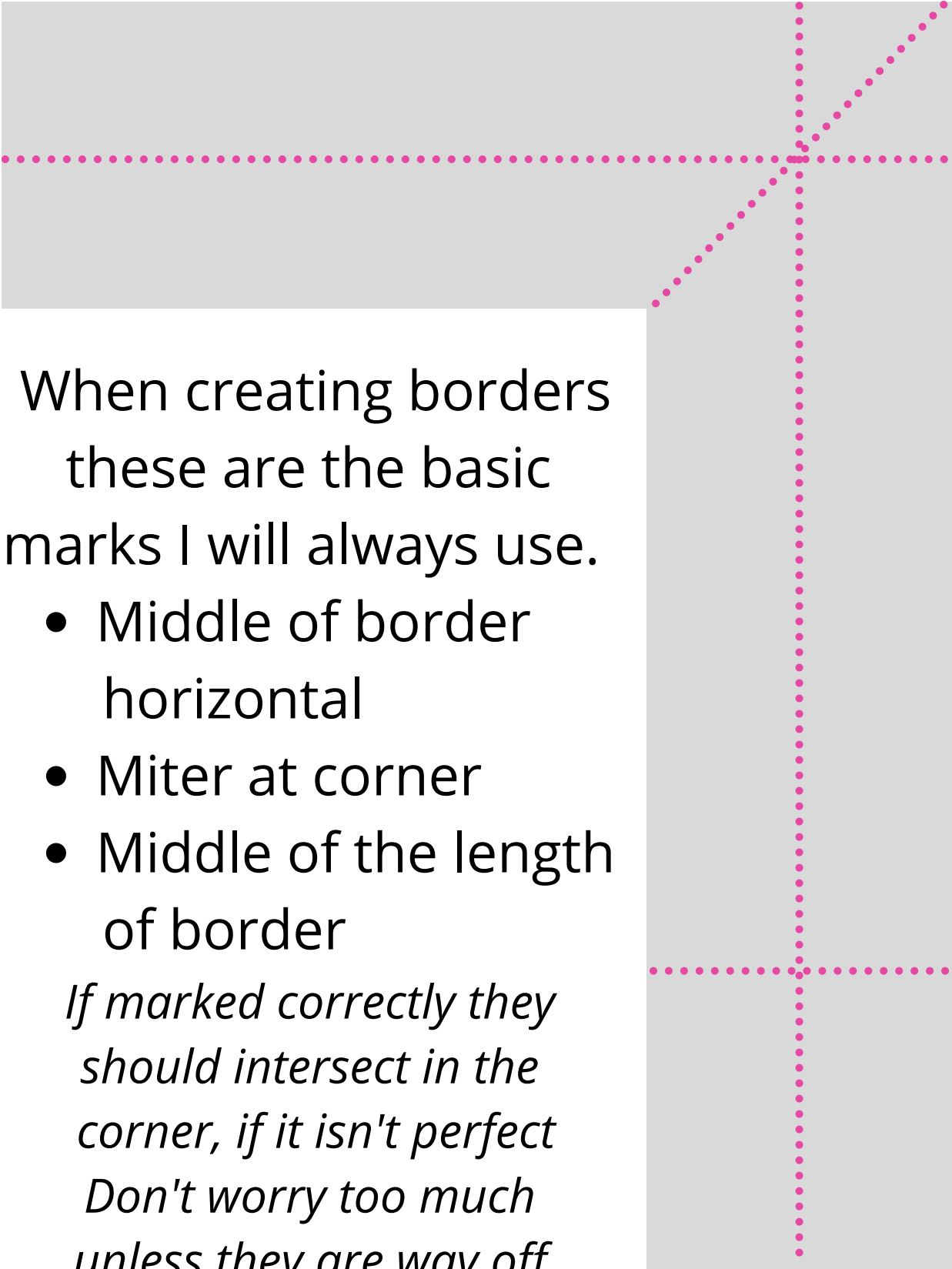


# BREAKING DOWN BORDERS 1

5 DIFFERENT BORDER  
DESIGNS



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When creating borders  
these are the basic  
marks I will always use.

- Middle of border  
horizontal
- Miter at corner
- Middle of the length  
of border

*If marked correctly they  
should intersect in the  
corner, if it isn't perfect  
Don't worry too much  
unless they are way off.*

# The Undulating Spine

This goes around the entire quilt



1. Figure out which circle ruler gives you the corner you want. I usually use a smaller circle. Look to make sure you have enough room on the outside of the circle to put your feathers/ferns or fill. Also make sure it comes to the 1/2 way mark that cuts the length of the border in half. Mark your corners.
2. Now measure the area in between the marked corners and divide by an odd number. So if the you have 60" in between your circles and divide by 5, you get 12.. this means you will have 5 undulations and each will be 12" long.

# The Undulating Spine

3. This does not mean that you will use a 12" circle.... it means that you need to choose a circle or arc that gives you the depth you like and it needs to be at least 12" long.

Once your spine is marked, you are ready to get stitching!

Start in the lefthand border as far down as the bed of your machine allows, stitch your design (feathers ferns, flowers, loops) all the way to the right hand side of the quilt as far down as your bed allows. Advance the quilt and continue til your border is complete.

*Note: As you advance your quilt, you will want to quilt the interior as you go along. You can't do the whole border then go back to do the interior as it will get pleats and tucks.*

Example: 10" x 60" border

- choose ruler for corner and mark
- Measure between corner marks 50"
- $50'' \text{ divided by } 7 = 7.14''$
- 7 undulations that are roughly 7" long (this one you would have to fudge a little)
- choose a ruler or arc that gives you the look you want and make sure it is roughly 7" long.

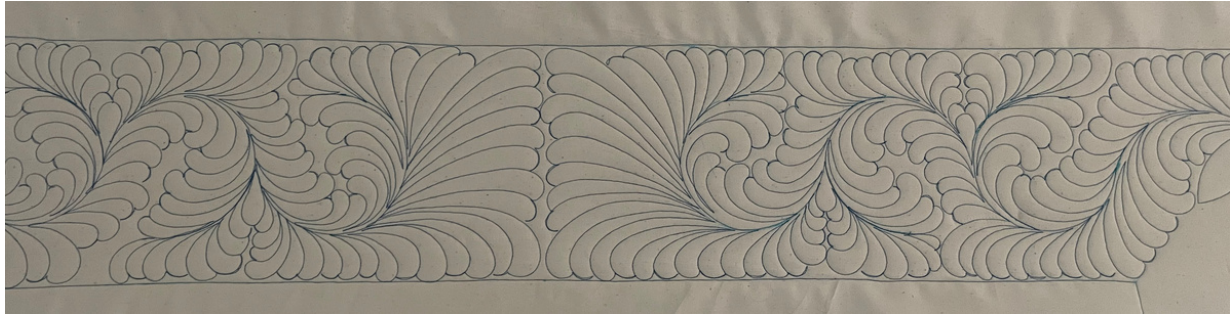
**Note:** choose an odd # for the undulations. This ensures they will go the correct way to match up with your corners.





## The Undulating Spine with Bead Board

1. Create and stitch your spine as per the previous directions.
2. Grab your ProLine 1 or your straight edge.  
Starting in the outside border align your foot with the interior of the quilt... stitch til you hit the spine, quilt over  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", back up to the outside of your border then over 1". Repeat til you fill the border to the interior of the quilt. Stop a little before that and measure to see if you need to "fudge" the measuring to ensure you stop there.
3. At the corner, you will create half squares.
4. Repeat for all borders.



## Curling Amish Feather

Mark this border off the frame.

1. Create your preliminary markings as discussed on page 2.
2. Choose your circle for your corner making sure there is enough room for for feathers, ferns or whatever motif you are using.
3. Mark your circle til you come to the center markings.
4. Using the same circle, mark your 3/4 circles til you come just shy of the center marking of your border.
5. Mark down the left hand side of your border as well.
6. Repeat this for the remaining 3 corners.
7. Stitching this out, you will start in the corners and meet in the middle of the border.



## Broken S Border

1. Create your preliminary markings as discussed on page 2.
2. Measure your border and divide it by how many broken S's you want. Remember to leave at least an 1 1/2 - 2" in between your broken S motifs for your ferns or feathers.
3. Choose your circle that you will use for your c's. A border that isn't wide will use a smaller circle than one that is wide. You will join them with a straight ruler.
4. Mark your C's the appropriate distance apart and join with your straight edge.
5. Repeat on all borders.
6. Choose your motif and stitch out.





## Arched Border

1. Create your preliminary markings as discussed on page 2.
2. Measure your border from the interior of the quilt (without the corners) Choose the size  $1/2$  circle you want. Divide the border measurement by the width of your circle. If you get an odd number, start in the center of your quilt with the center of the ruler on your center line and work towards each corner.
3. If you have an even number the edge of the circle will start on center and work your way out in each direction. Repeat for each side of your border.
4. The corners... wherever your  $1/2$  circles end... use an arc or circle to go out to the corner. Stitch out your markings and motif.