

Swirly Heart Feathers

STEP 1

Make an out feather and retrace the top.

STEP 2

Start to stitch a return feather, but instead of making a feather, making a small curl that will fit in the top of the feather.

STEP 3

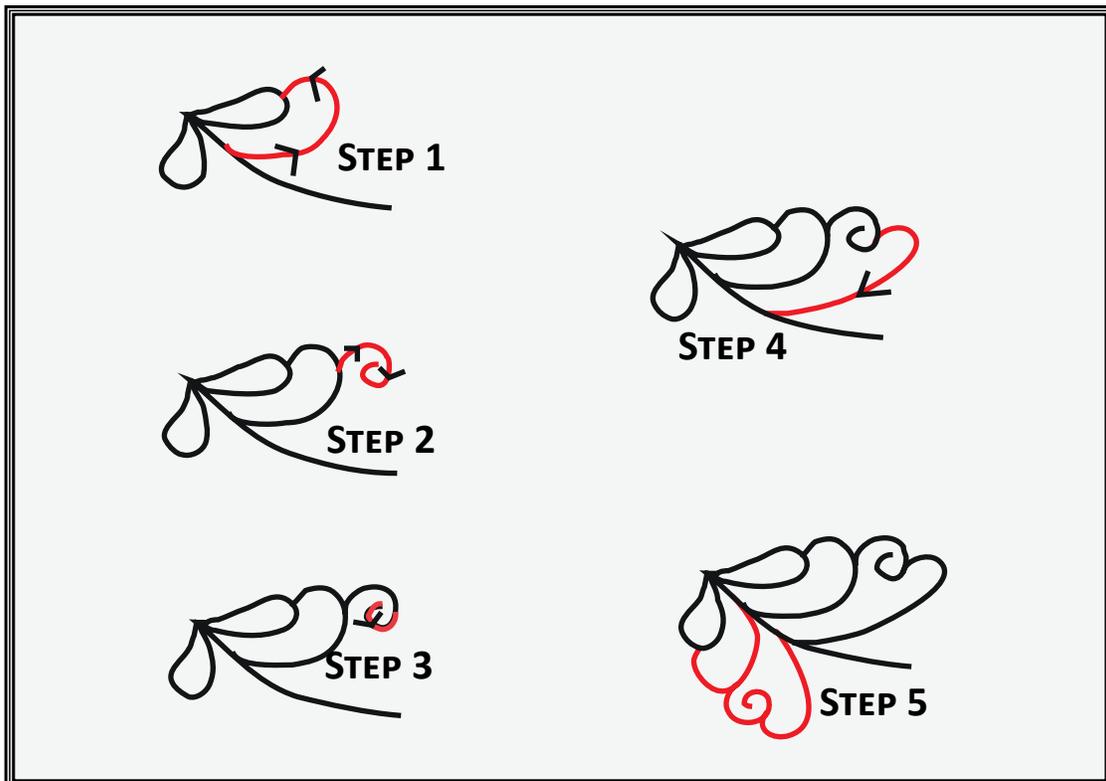
Echo back to what would be the deepest part of the cleft of the heart.

STEP 4

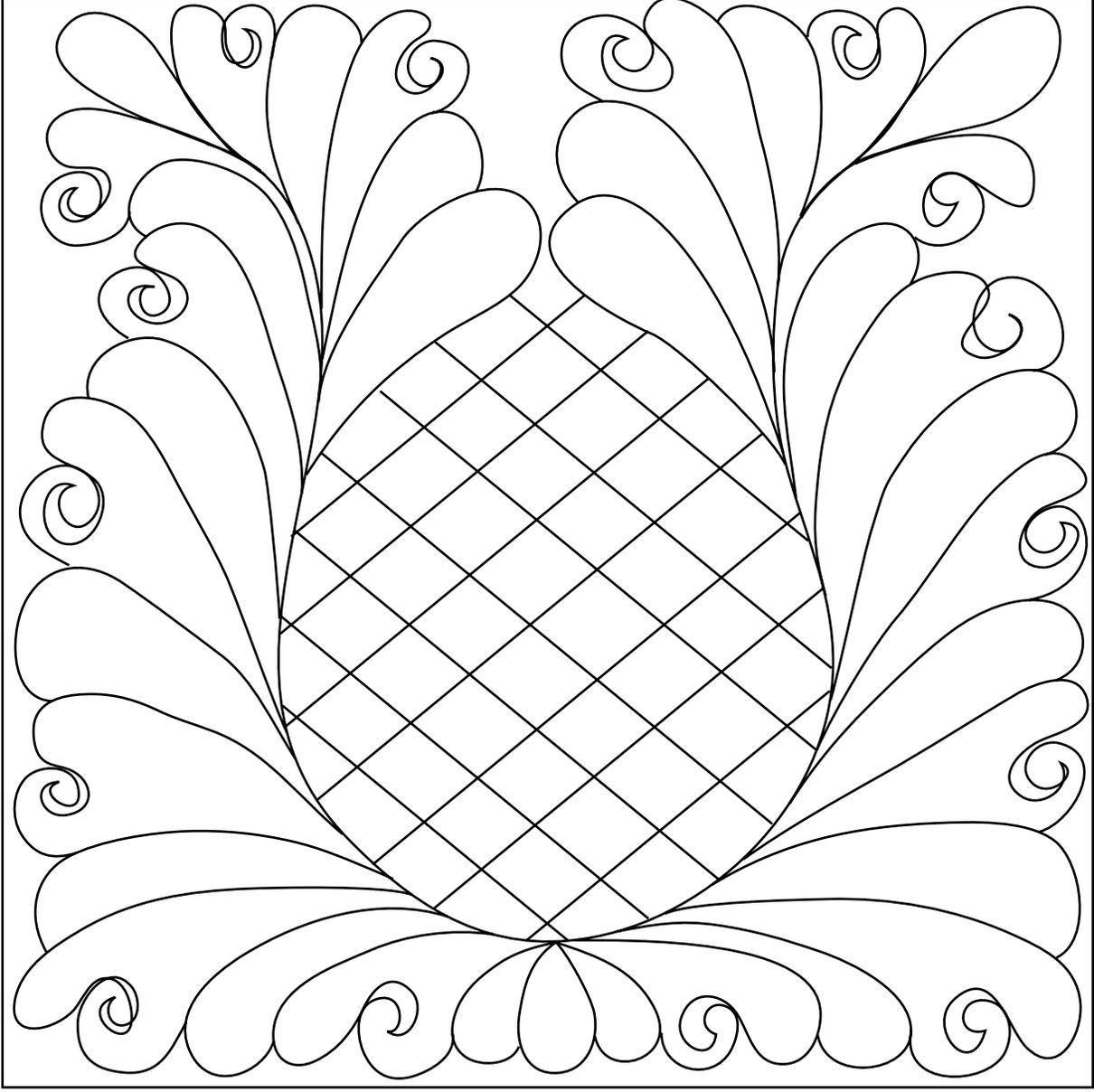
Let your momentum carry you into creating the second “hump” of a heart, returning to the spine as if you were stitching a regular return feather.

STEP 5

Switch to the other side of the spine and repeat.



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Carwash Feathers

Like most designs, these feathers look better stitched out than they do in a line drawing. I think the squared off tops add an interesting geometric note to the design, providing a look that is a little more masculine than some of the other shapes.

STEP 1

Make a regular out feather and retrace the top.

Return to the spine with a gentle c-curve. Echo the shape of the previous feather to return to the spine.

STEP 2

Stitch a short straight line to a point. This point should be nearly straight, if it curves at all, make sure it curves towards the BOTTOM of the feather.

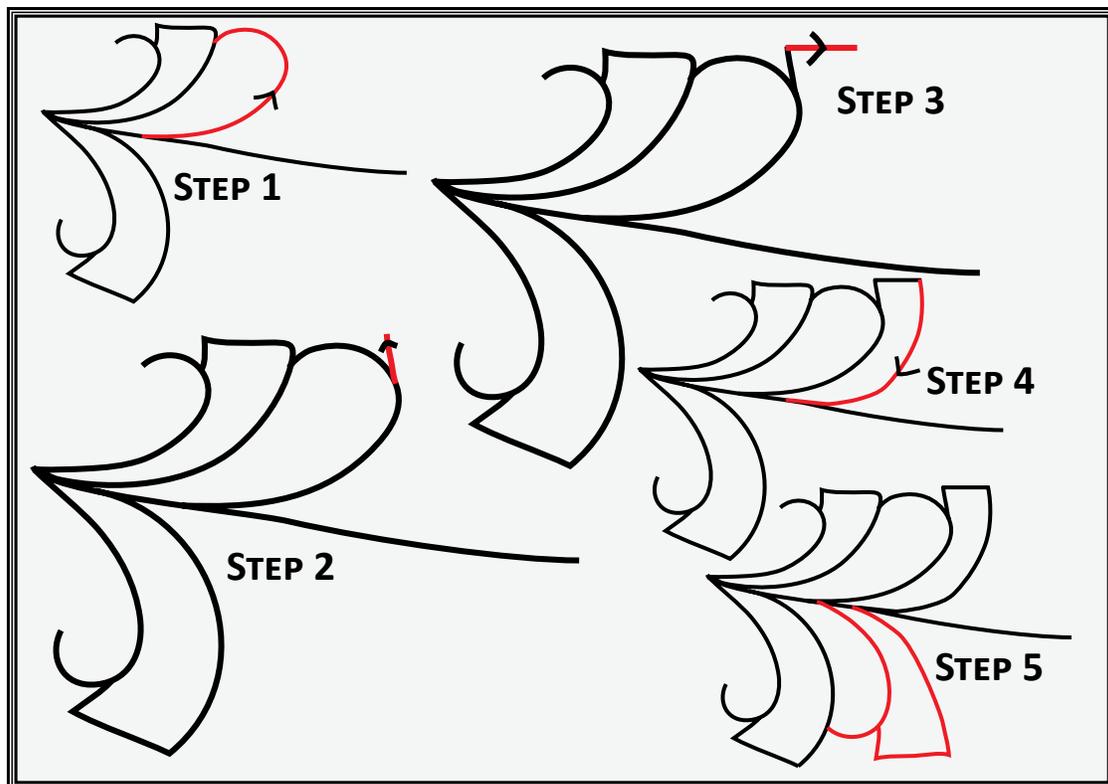
STEP 5

Switch back and forth from side to side and repeat.

STEP 3

Stitch a second straight line to create the squared off top.

STEP 4



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Teardrop Feathers

This variation is subtle, but I think it adds a little something extra and interesting to the feather. It might not be noticeable from far away, but it will be an interesting detail for viewers when they get up close.

STEP 1

Make a regular out feather, but instead of stopping to change direction, add in the teardrop. As you return to the feather, you will wind up almost at the point in which you will change direction for the second feather. This step is done as one fluid motion.

STEP 2

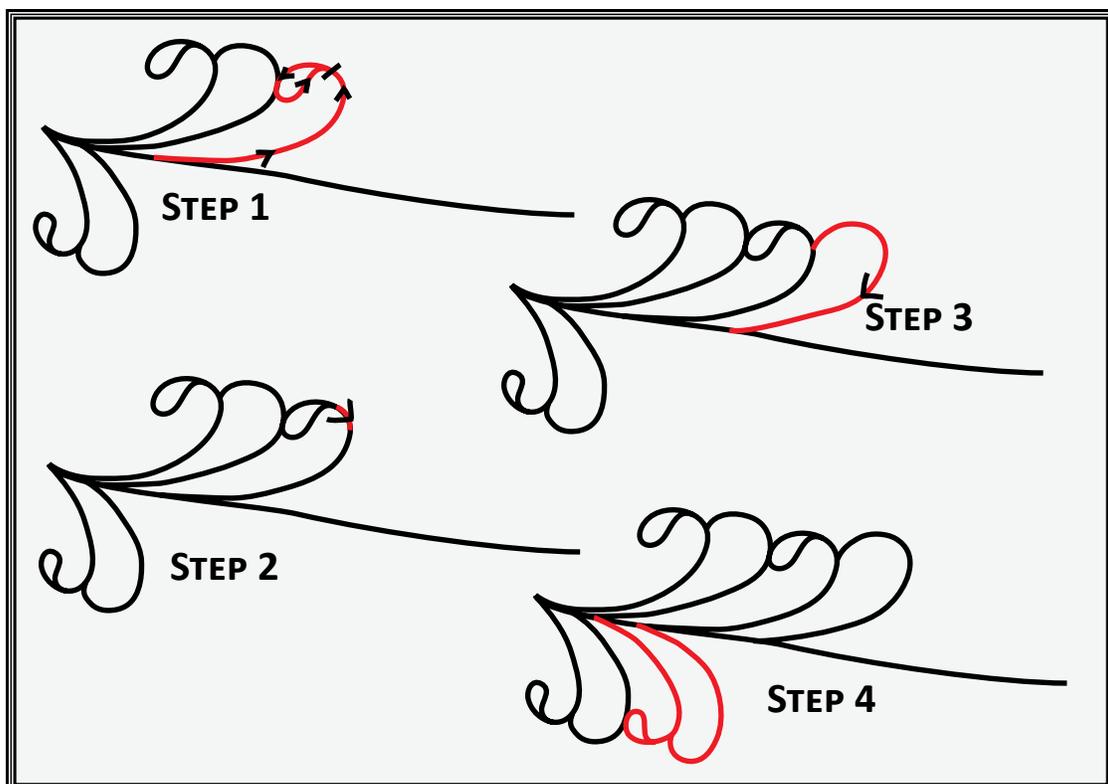
If necessary, retrace the top to approximately 1:00/1:30 (or 10:30/11:00).

STEP 3

Make a regular return feather.

STEP 4

Switch to the other side and repeat.



Inner Pearls

This is another little extra detail that gets added to the out feather. There are two directions in which you could stitch the pearl, and I have written out instructions for both directions.

Even though the instructions for Variation 1 look longer, it takes less time to stitch than it does to explain. Try it both ways to see which is more comfortable for you.

VARIATION 1

STEP 1

Begin making a regular out feather, but do not stop when you touch the previous feather, instead, let the momentum of your movement carry you into the small circle that will be the pearl.

STEP 2

After you finish the whole pearl, stop, change direction and retrace the top.

FOR BOTH VARIATIONS:

STEP 3

Make a regular return feather.

STEP 4

Switch to the other side and repeat.

VARIATION 2

STEP 1

Make a regular out feather.

STEP 2

Change direction and stitch the pearl (a small circle). As you finish the circle, let the momentum of your movement carry you into the retrace of the top of the feather.

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