

# Feather and Curl

This variation is one of my all-time favorites. If you are having trouble keeping the backtracking of the Over the Top Feather neat, you might find that this variation is more forgiving.

## STEP 1

Stitch a normal **return** feather.

Start an out feather, but instead of stopping to touch the previous feather, create a curl. Really curl the line in on itself, you do not want it to look like a feather that did not stop when it should have.

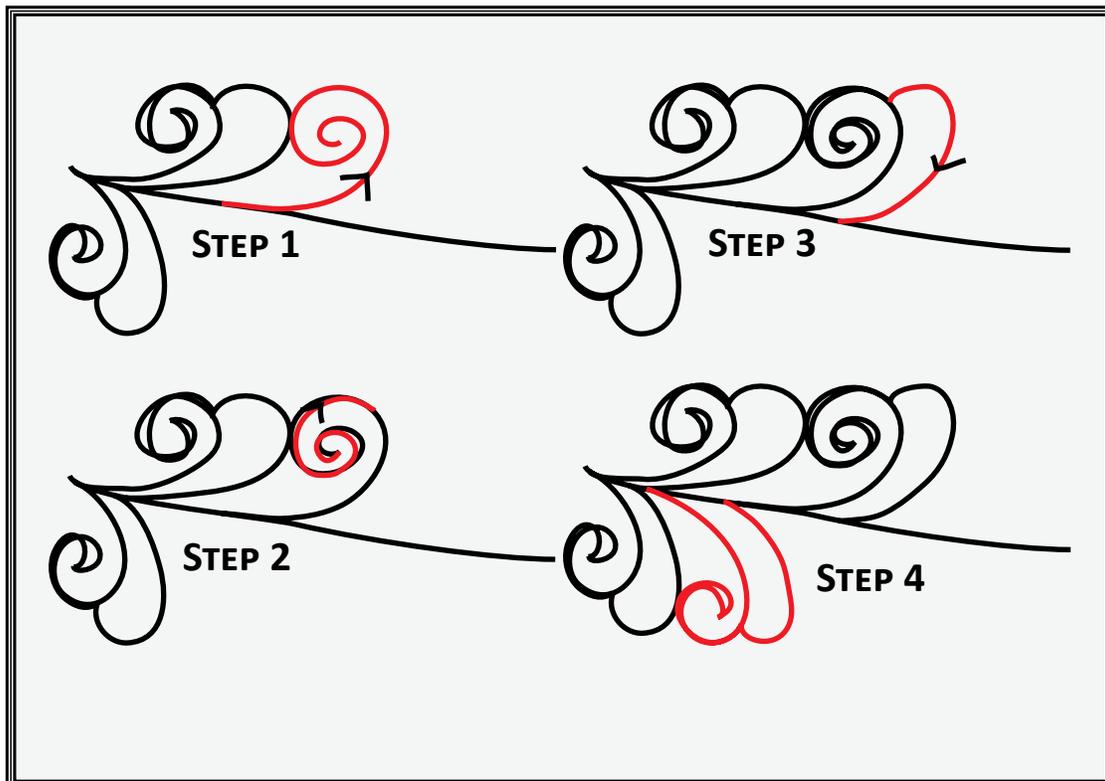
## STEP 4

Repeat on other side of spine.

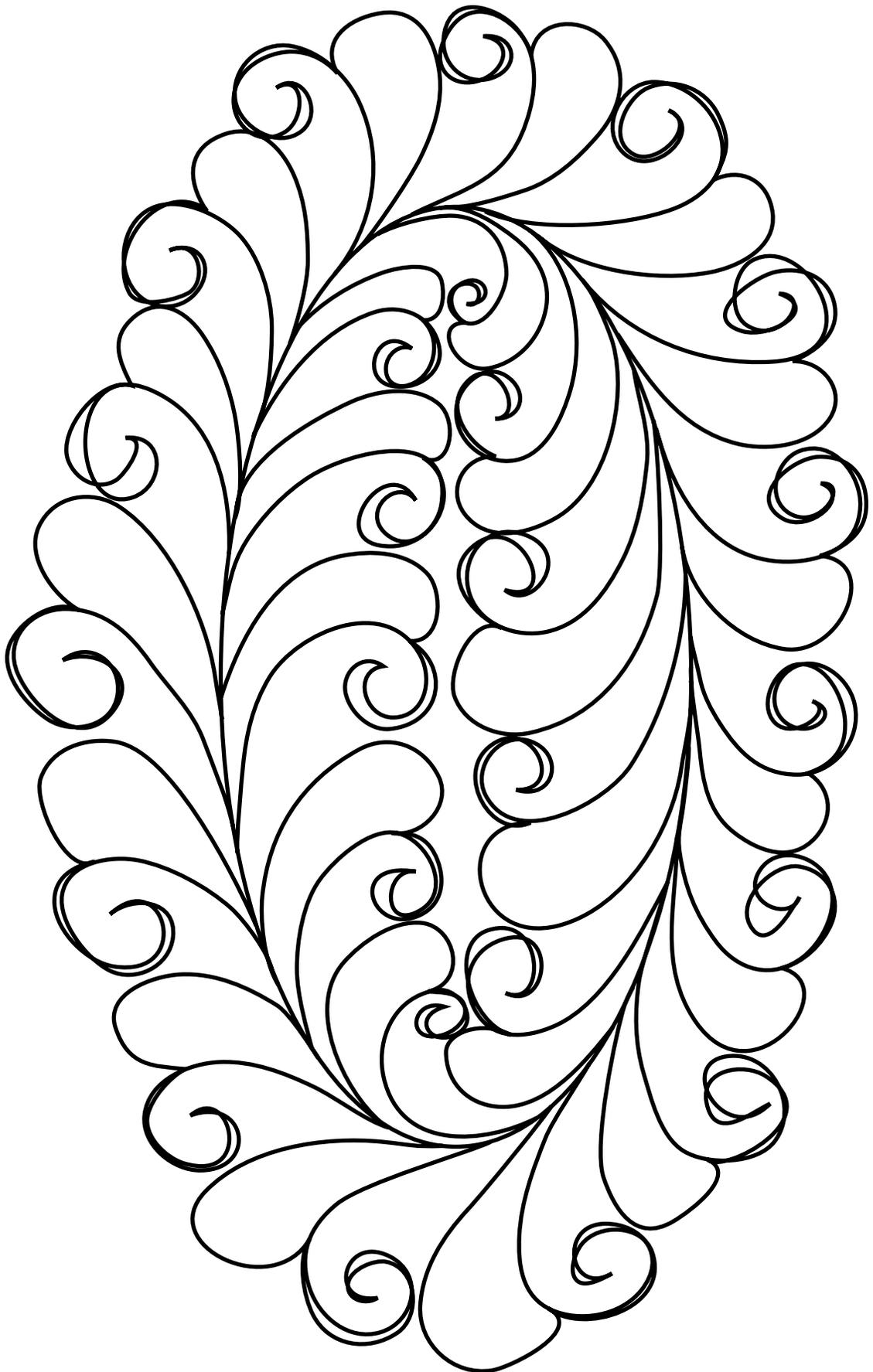
## STEP 2

Change directions and either retrace the original curled line as best you can, or offset the return slightly to create the appearance of a ribbon. Stop the retracing at the same point that you stop the retrace of a regular OT Feather.

## STEP 3



This wreath was created by using an oval for the center spine, as well as a larger oval to set a guideline for the outside feathers. To keep the center feathers the same size, draw a straight line down the center of the oval, and try not to stitch your feathers past this line.



# Rosebud Feathers

To create the rosebud appearance, make sure you that your curl really curls in on itself quite a bit. Do not just stitch a C curve and call it good. I find that the Rosebud feather winds up being a little fatter than a normal feather.

## STEP 1

Make a regular out feather and retrace the top.

## STEP 2

Change direction as if to make a return feather, and create a small curl that will fit in the top of the feather.

## STEP 3

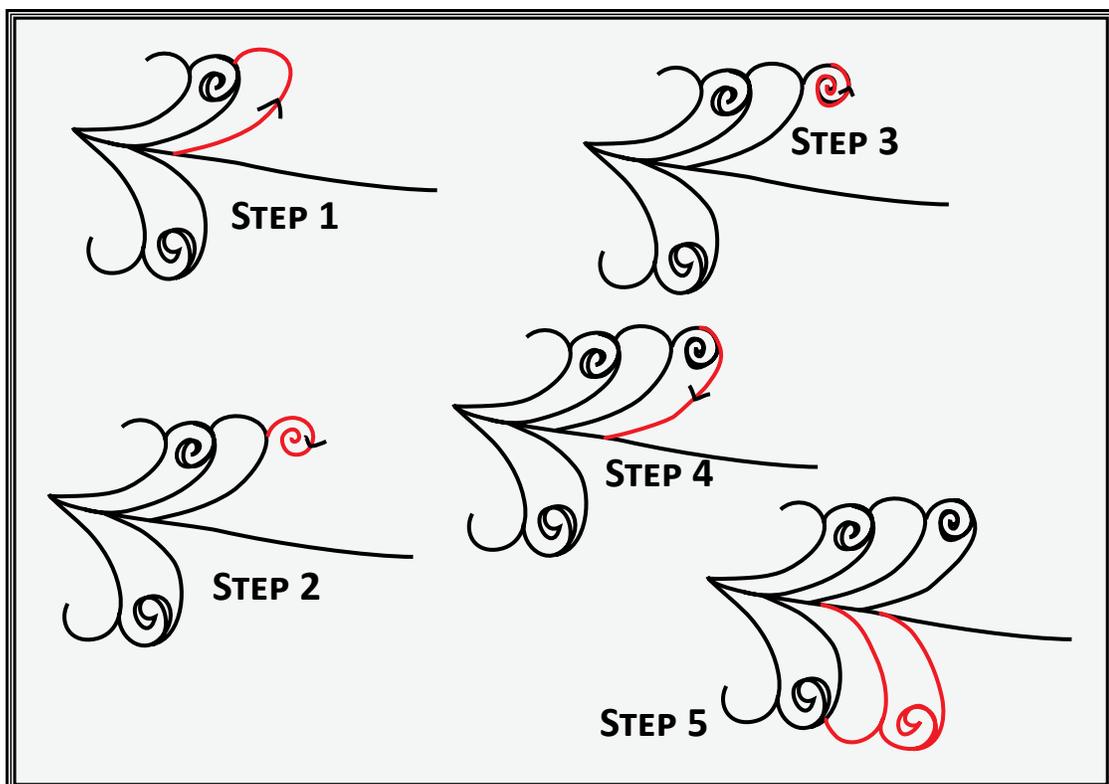
Echo back to what will be the center of the top of the feather.

## STEP 4

Change direction and stitch the rest of the feather back to the spine.

## STEP 5

Repeat on the other side.



**Decorated Feathers**

Mark the heart. Stitch from the point of the heart at the top to the cleft at the bottom on the right side. Add the leaves, curls and rosebud feathers to the right side of the heart. Repeat on the left side of the heart. Don't try for exact symmetry, though you do want your design to be balanced.

