



Feathered wreaths

- Symmetry hasn't been a big consideration.
- When you are feathering the inside of a circle, you want your feathers to be approximately the same size, and to fill the inside fairly symmetrically.
- The problem: No matter how hard I try the ANGLE of the first feather is always wrong. It is wrong whether I draw or stitch it. The result is wonky and awkward looking.
- The solution: I MARK the first feathers and then IGNORE the "wrong" ones when I actually start stitching.



Stitching order

- Here's the basic sequence to follow in order to mark and then quilt a feathered wreath.
- Mark the spine.
- Mark 4 feathers (2 over the top feather pairs)
- Stitch the spine.
- Stitch feathers on the inside of the circle, beginning with the THIRD marked feather. Erase the first 2 if you feel they will distract you.
- Stitch the feathers on the outside of the circle.



Some other notes

- Don't alternate
- Don't squish if you don't have room
- Confine your feathers with drawn guidelines
- Use your deep curve guidelines to make feathers on unconfined wreaths
- Make sure your feathers really LAY down on the spine
- Retrace a smaller part of the top of the feathers on the inside
- CLOCKWISE



Today's Tasks

- Your handout includes samples of 2 feathered wreaths: one squared off, one constrained. You'll get to watch videos of me drawing both kinds.
- Your handout also includes some squares and circles drawn out to use for your own.
- Experiment with your own feathered wreaths – play with different size circles for your spine and guidelines!!