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Pattern Technical Review and Testing

Pattern Technical Review: \$25/hour. Our technical review focuses on the accuracy and clarity of the pattern instructions from a logical and construction standpoint. **TAT:** Reviews are complete within five business days unless otherwise defined. Time needed to complete a pattern technical review varies by complexity of quilt pattern and our familiarity with the writer/designer and their patterns; approximately 2-4 hours. The time needed to review subsequent patterns, or patterns in a series using common parts and products, would take less time.

- **Math and Measurement Accuracy:** Verify all yardage requirements, cutting instructions, seam allowances, block sizes, and finished quilt/piece dimensions are mathematically correct.
- **Terminology and Consistency:** Review for consistent use of quilting terminology, units (inches vs cm), abbreviations, and formatting throughout. Ensure instructions are free of jargon. Verify that abbreviations are explained at the start of the pattern (e.g. table or glossary format). Identify missing or assumed steps in construction.
- **Diagrams and Illustrations:** Ensure diagrams accurately reflect the written instructions, are clear, and consistent in style and labeling. (block placement, fabric placement)
- **Grammar and Spelling:** Ensure text is professional, readable, and error-free.
- **Layout and Formatting:** Review font sizes and types, heading hierarchy, color coding, and spacing for readability and usability. Consistent use of branding (logos, color, font).
- **Fabric Requirements and Materials List:** Verify quantities are sufficient (or excessive) and match the design. Product/supply SKU verification against a source document or website.
- **Optional:** If included review quilt layout diagrams, color planning pages, binding and backing instructions, and quilting recommendations.

Pattern Testing: \$25/hour. Includes quilt top assembly only. If test piece is to be returned as a sample, see sample stitch-out pricing. If the pattern is complex or involves multiple block types, a \$20/block charge may apply. **TAT:** Testing is complete within ten business days of receipt unless otherwise defined. Time needed to complete pattern testing varies by complexity of quilt pattern. Testing of a single block with accompanying sashing takes approximately 1-2 hours.

- **Instruction Clarity:** Evaluate if a quilter can follow the pattern without needing additional clarification. Provide suggestions on changes in terms, abbreviations or assembly steps.
- **Construction Flow:** Assessing whether the steps follow a logical, efficient sewing sequence.
- **Specialty Rulers, Templates, Notions:** Testing completed using recommended/required notions and piecing techniques.
- **Timing Estimates:** Provide feedback on how long it takes to complete various stages. (cutting, piecing, assembly). Highlight pattern parts that may be too simple or too complex.
- **Error Catching:** Identifying any leftover errors that may have slipped through the technical review, such as incorrect piece counts, fabric requirements, or missing steps.
- **Photos and Feedback:** Provide photos of piece work or final quilt top along with detailed notes on any confusing or incorrect parts. (fabric placement, sizing, or layout)
- **Suitability for Skill Level:** Confirming that the difficulty rating is appropriate for the intended audience.

Time spent dialoguing with the pattern writer/designer via phone, text or email and the need to back check designer revisions are included in time estimates. When pattern testing / sample stitch-out we use fabric strike-offs or other fabric combinations supplied/recommended unless the sample is needed in the newest line fabrics. We don't post works in progress on social media that are under testing or as a sample stitch-out.