The Nautilus Long Tail Tools are easy and versatile tools to work with, but as with any new tool or technique, practice is encouraged before you start quilting. Template testers* may have been included so you can practice drawing new designs**.

If you are quilting on a quilting machine, the appropriate template foot for your machine is required and using an extended base is recommended.

If you have trouble with the tools slipping while you are quilting, try using Grip Stop Dots (available from Quilter’s Rule) or 505 Temporary Adhesive Spray.

Directions for the border design can be used with either size of the Nautilus Long Tail Tools.

The Nautilus Long Tail Tool is etched with registration lines that divide it into 8 sections. They are numbered starting from the open or tail end. These are used to help you keep the baseline even.

Borders -
Mark a line in the lengthwise center of the border with an appropriate marking tool (my favorites include Hancy’s Ultimate Iron Off Chalk Powder that I put into a chalk pen - the kind that you can refill and has a wheel on the bottom, or a blue water soluble marker). ALWAYS test your choice of marking methods. I also mark the center of each border and the diagonal of each corner.

*Template testers are also available from Quilter’s Rule (Free) - send a self-addressed envelope to Quilter’s Rule, Nautilus Tools, 817 Mohr Avenue, Waterford, WI 53185.

**For more block, border and corner designs check out the instruction booklet, which will be available soon where you purchased this tool, or from www.whiterobindesigns.com.

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1. Place the Nautilus Long Tail Tool on the lengthwise center marking of the border, as shown above. Anchor the stitching line and stitch around outside edge of the tool to center of the tool.

2. Back track stitching out to #7 registration line. Drop needle.

3. Move Long Tail Tool up the border, placing tail at the needle and top of tool as shown on the border center line. Stitch around the outside edge of the tool until you reach the center of the tool. Back track stitching out to the #7 registration line.

Continue stitching in this pattern until you reach the end of the border or you need to reposition the quilt.

Leave plain or Embellish as desired.
Place Nautilus Long Tail Tool on center line of block as shown. Anchor thread, stitch around outside of Long Tail Tool to the center. Back track out to center line. Drop the needle.

Flip tool over, lining up tail and top as shown. Stitch around to center of tool, then back track out to center of block. Stitch around tool to tail.

Embellish as desired.
Divide square into quarters as shown.

Place center cutout of Long Tail Tool on diagonal line of square as shown. Anchor thread and stitch around outside edge of tool to center. Back track to center of block.

Embellish as desired.