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Welcome to 2021



January 2021 Edition Issue 9

ALL new
layout!

ALL new
content!

So much
inspiration!

Adventurous Editorial

A new year brings new opportunities for creative and personal growth!

I love the feeling of being able to hit reset on my goals! Check out my goals on page 13 and some tips on how to set goals!

I have revamped the layout and the contents of my e-zine to suit my ever changing quilting style and interests, I hope you enjoy the new concepts.

Pandemic times will slowly recede in 2021 as the new vaccines become available! So this promises to be a fabulous year full of opportunity. Will the last year have changed your focus and planning? I think I became more focused on what I truly want for my creative future but that has been a slow continuous change the last few years not really attributable to Covid!



Make sure you check out pages 4 to 8 for a fun new Scrap Satisfaction challenge that will run all year!

This file is uploaded as a PDF to ensure the **file size isn't too large but for the quarterly** live links to all the websites mentioned in this e-magazine go to:

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Announcement



- The first book release I have planned for the first quarter of 2021 is my long awaited **Mystical Adventures!**
- Unicorn in 2 sizes
 - Mermaid
 - Dragon
 - 1 bonus mystery block!

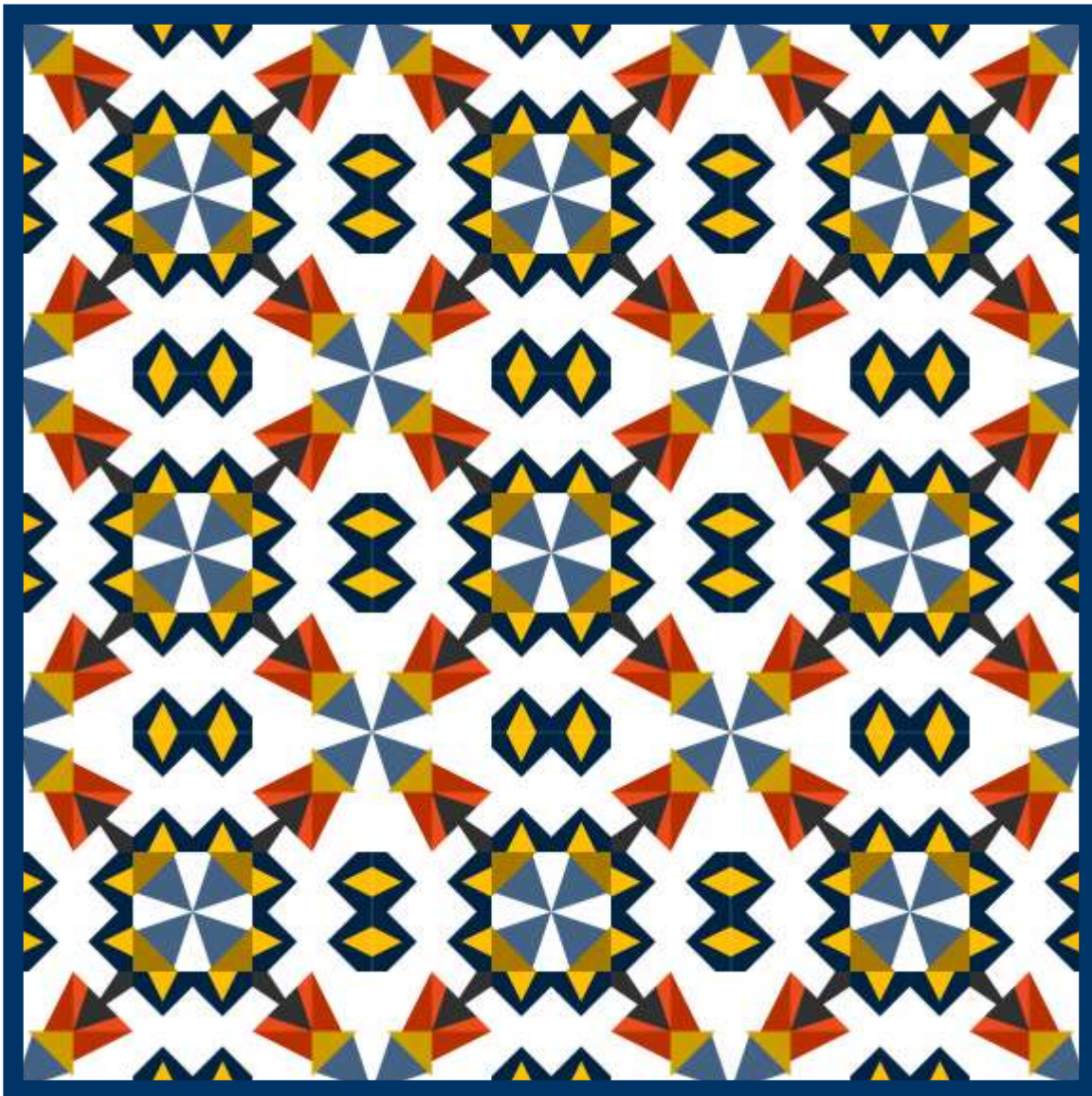


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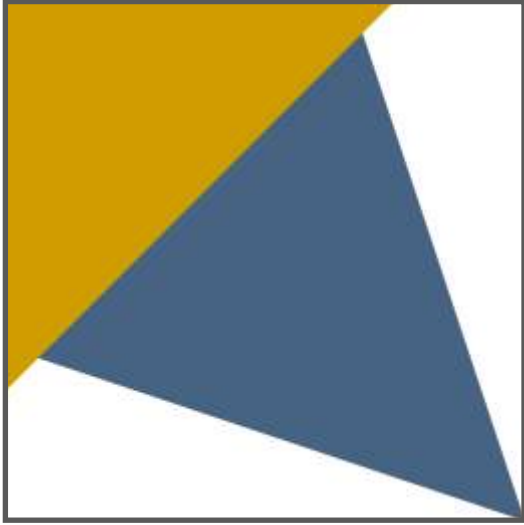
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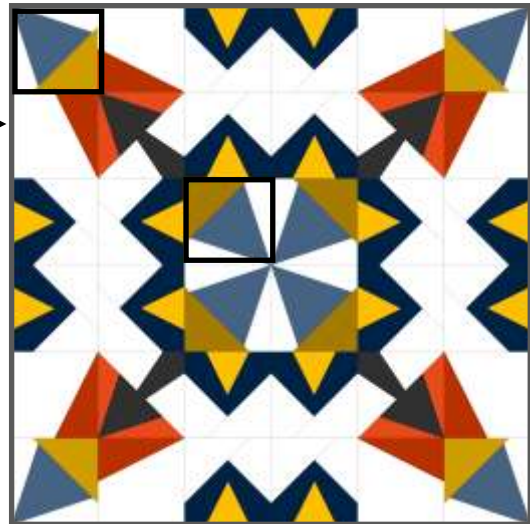
Work towards making this fun quilt or quilt block!



1st Quarter 2021
Muddy Yellows
and
Grey Blues

This is the 30" quilt block you can work towards making!

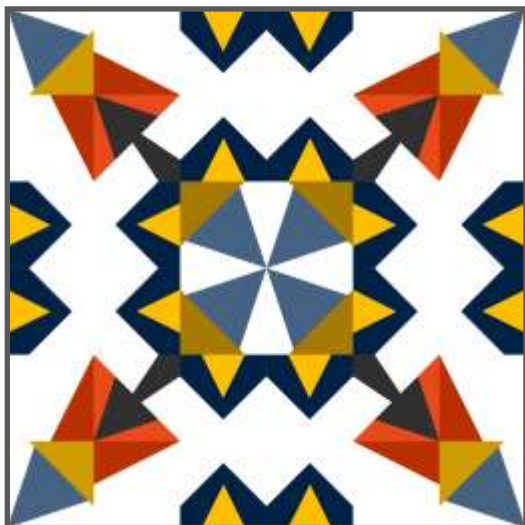
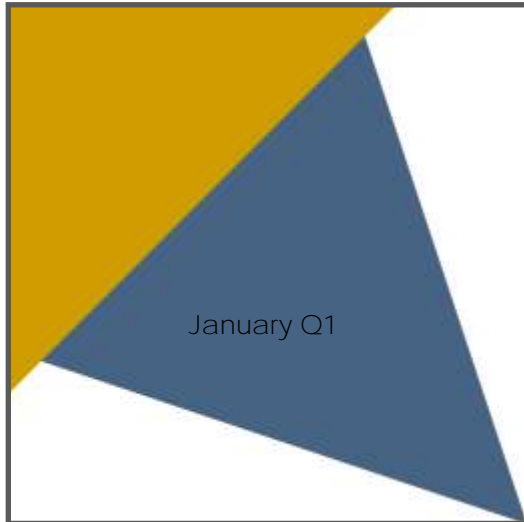
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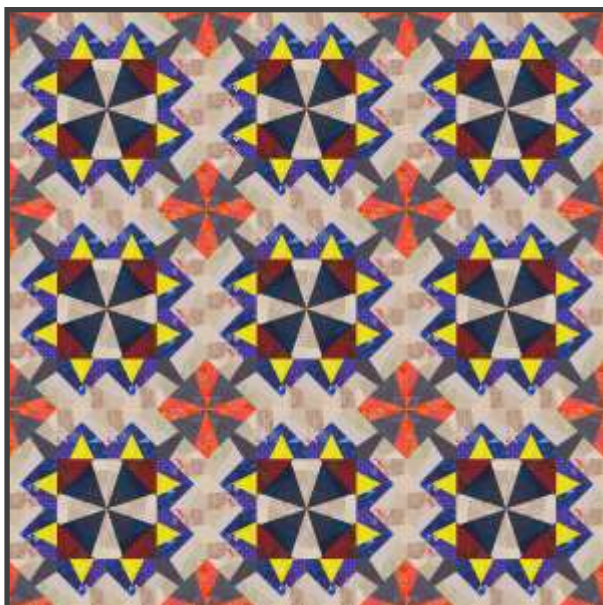
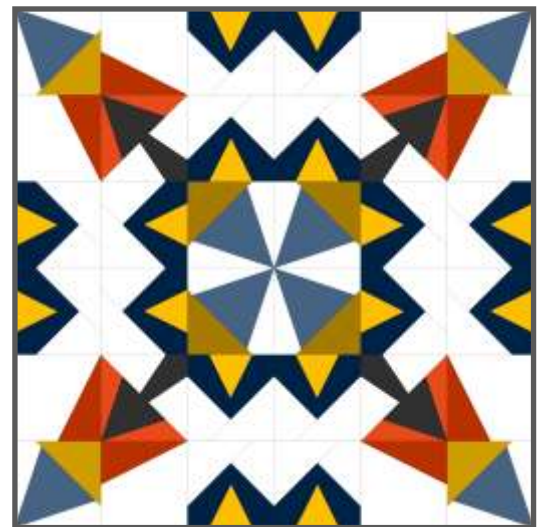
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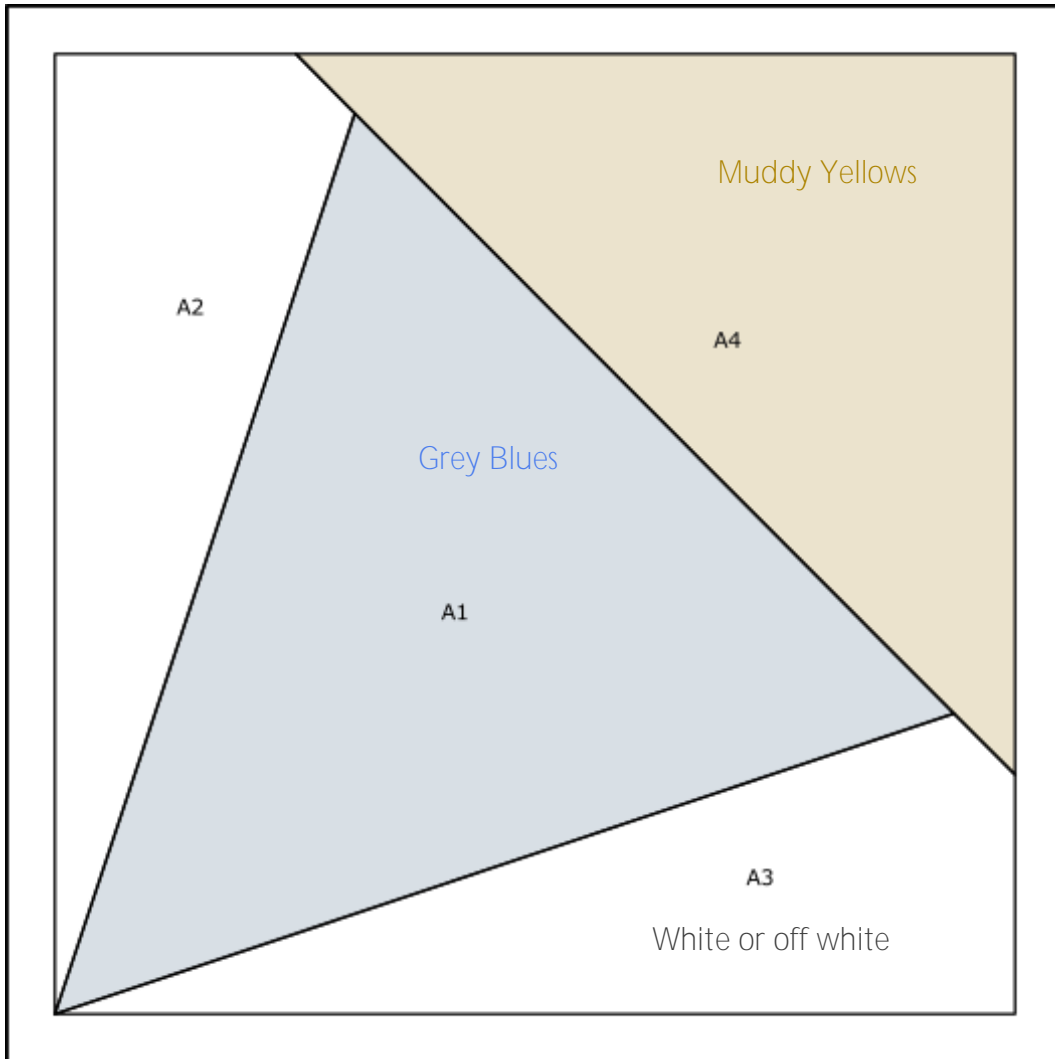
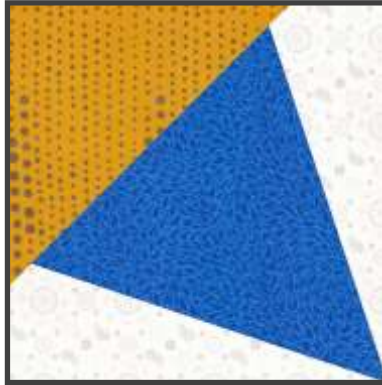
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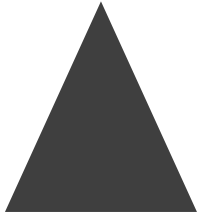
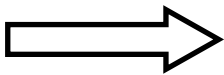
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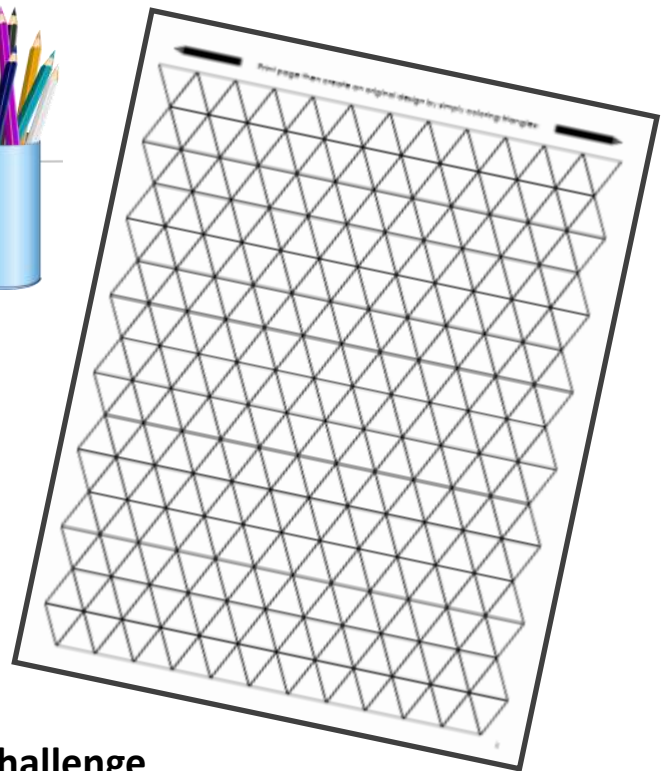
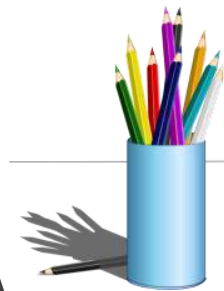
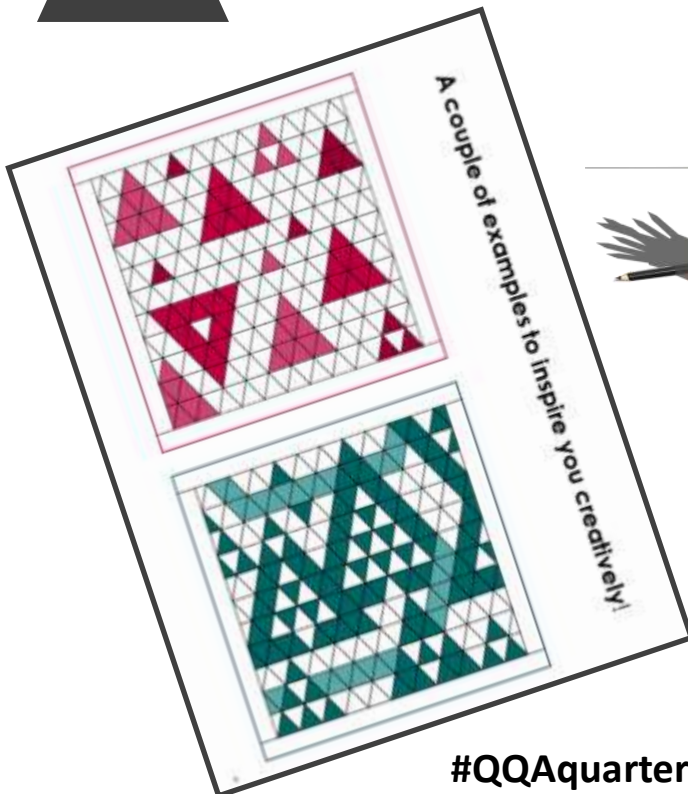
Broadening your experiences fosters creativity and fun!

Challenge



Design a triangle quilt! You don't have to make it!

I have a free tutorial available on my website that includes a must have page of triangle graph paper you can use to get you started!



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Monthly Photography Challenges



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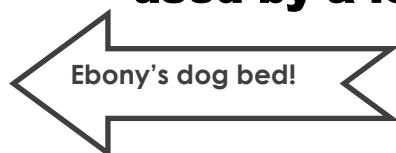
February Challenge

Photograph something from your sewing studio "up close"



March Challenge

Photograph an item you have made whilst it is being used by a loved one!

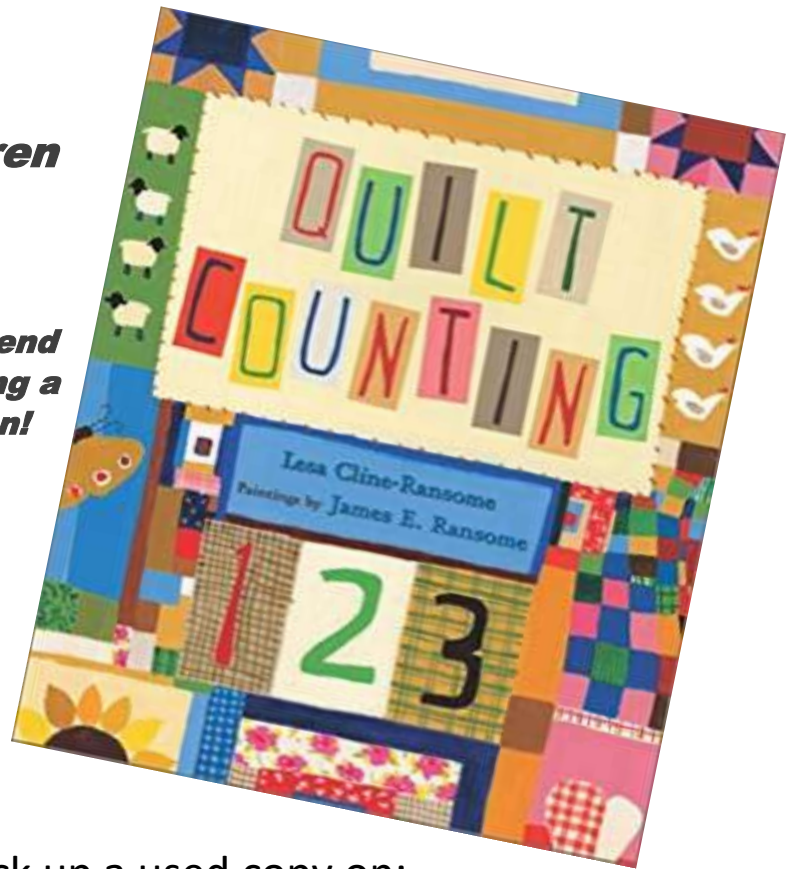


Spotlight on a Terrific Quilt Related BOOK

***Do you have young children
in your life?***

***This book is a fabulous way to blend
your love of quilting with fostering a
love of reading in young children!***

***A counting and quilting story!
What could be better?!***



You might even be able to pick up a used copy on:

<https://www.betterworldbooks.com/>

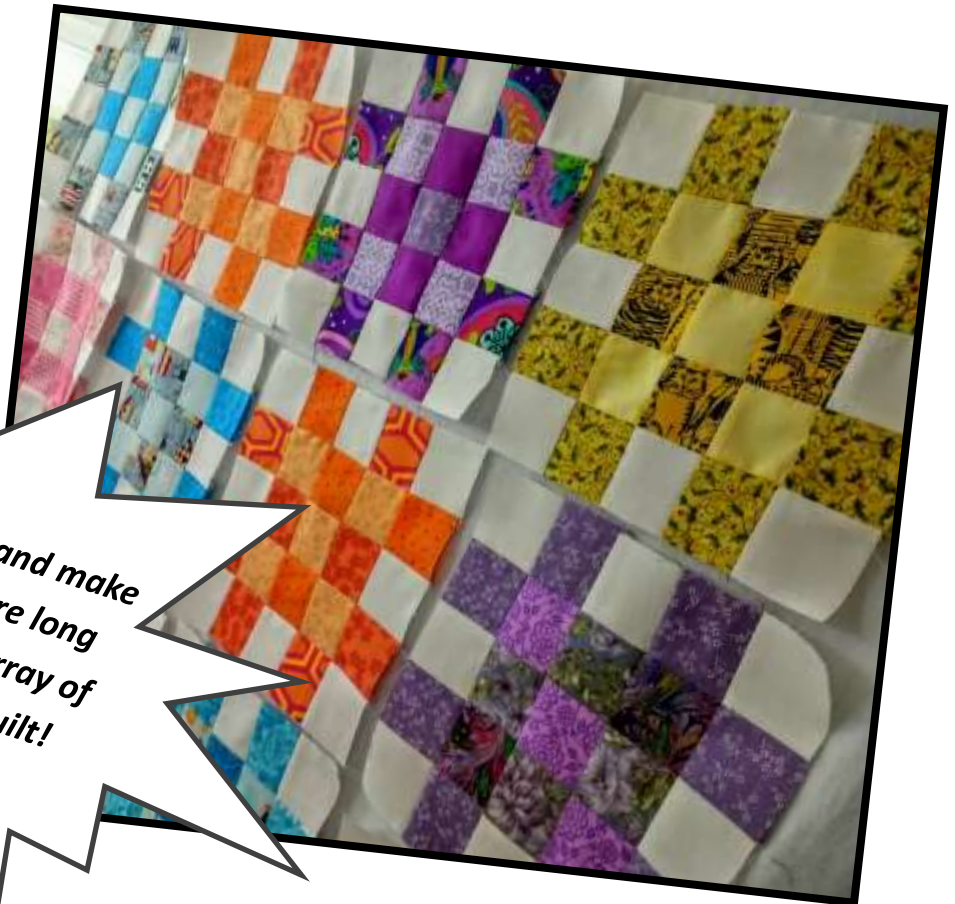


***I cycle on my indoor trainer whilst
reading this time of year!***

Quarterly Tips and Tricks



Organizing your stash by color helps you find fabric as needed! And that rainbow is a pretty backdrop for photos!



Pick a basic block design and make one block a month! Before long you will have a fabulous array of blocks ready for a scrap quilt!

Goal Setting

Goals can be separated into distinct types:

- Lifetime Goals
- Acquisitional Goals
- Professional Goals
- Creative Goals
- Annual Personal Goals



Setting Creative Goals

These goals help you to make sure every action you take helps move you towards where you want to be creatively.

Ask yourself:

1. What is the task I most want to achieve this coming year?
2. What am I currently working towards that I would like to complete?
3. What organizational tasks will help my productivity?
4. What are my current commitments?
5. What skill development will help me make the most of my current abilities?



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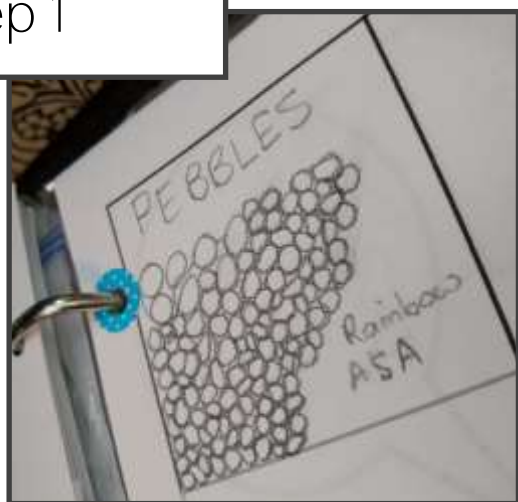
Free Motion Quilting Motif Focus

Most years I choose a free motion quilting motif to focus on, that way I slowly improve my FMQing skills and repertoire each year. But this year I am also planning to practice one motif each month.

On page 16 I have provided a tracking sheet that I recently created to help me make a list of fun FMQ motifs as this year progresses. Join the fun!

I am starting with “pebbles” because I am currently working on a quilt that I think pebbles would be great for!

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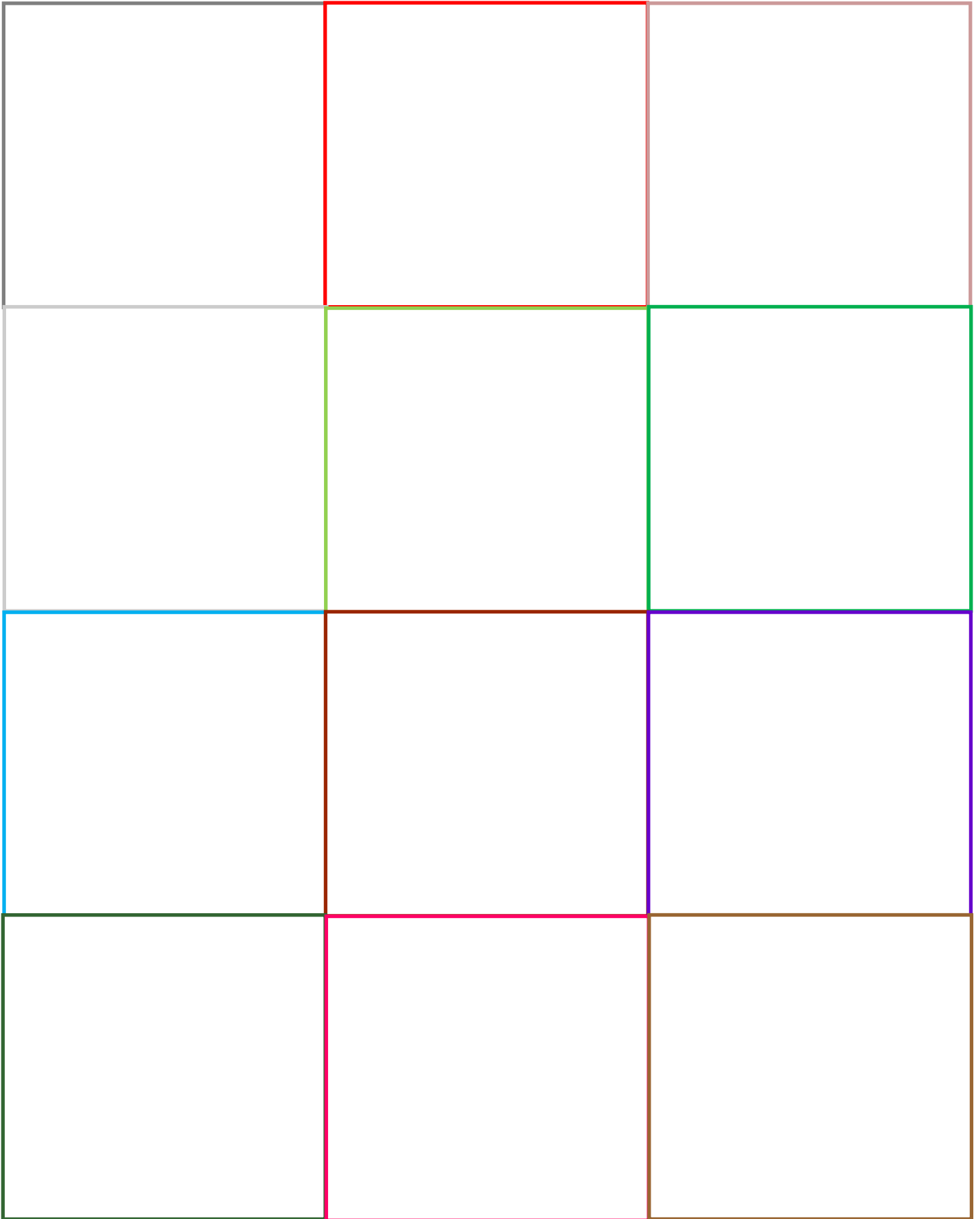


Choose a motif & practice drawing the motif by hand to ensure you fully understand the series of patterns of movement required.

Step 2



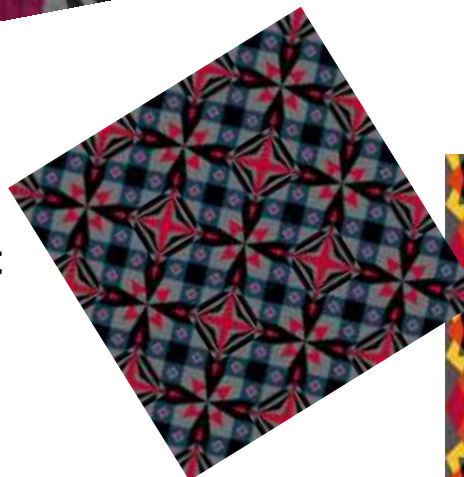
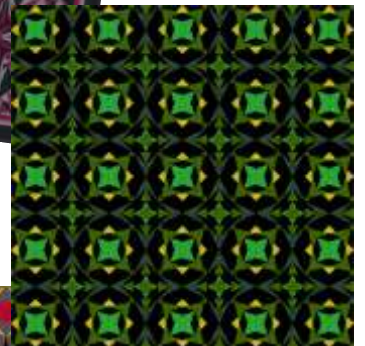
Prepare a mini quilt sandwich with white or black solid fabrics, 9 or 10 inches square. Practice free motion quilting the design you have chosen. Using a highly contrasting thread will ensure you can see your quilting very well and know what facet of your chosen design needs practice.



Free Motion Quilting Motif Monthly Focus

AQ Book Highlight!

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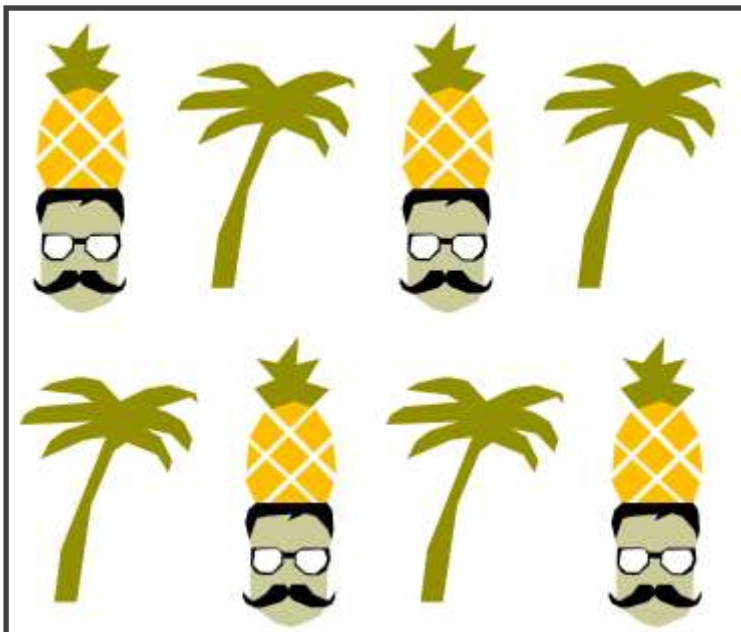
4 Elaborate quilt designs that are sure to WOW!



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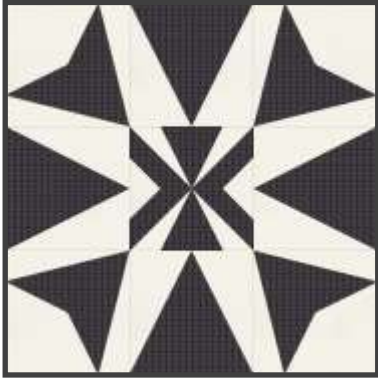
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Like this fun tropical inspired print,

I really LOVE!

Quick Tutorial — evolution of a quilt design

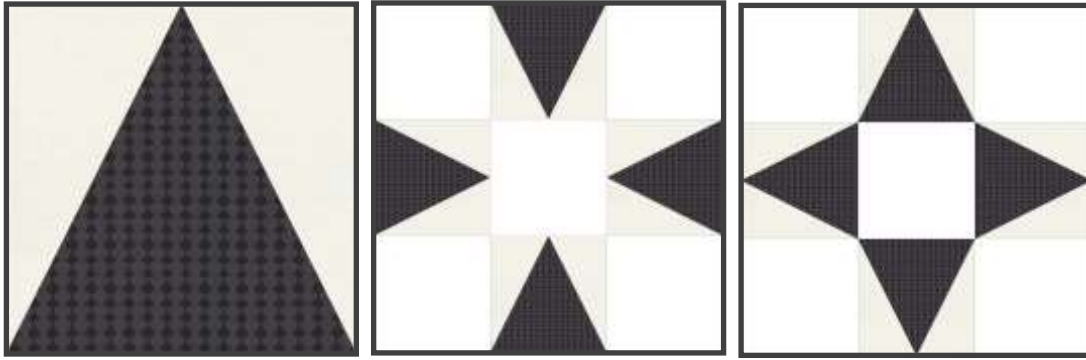
Quilt block design is relatively simple once broken down to its basic elements. Here I will show a basic 9 patch quilt block layout with only 3 simple elements and how it can be easily changed to give multiple options within your quilt design!



This one quilt block made of up three easy to construct elements can make a quilt that is far more complex than many people initially imagine when they see the basic elements!



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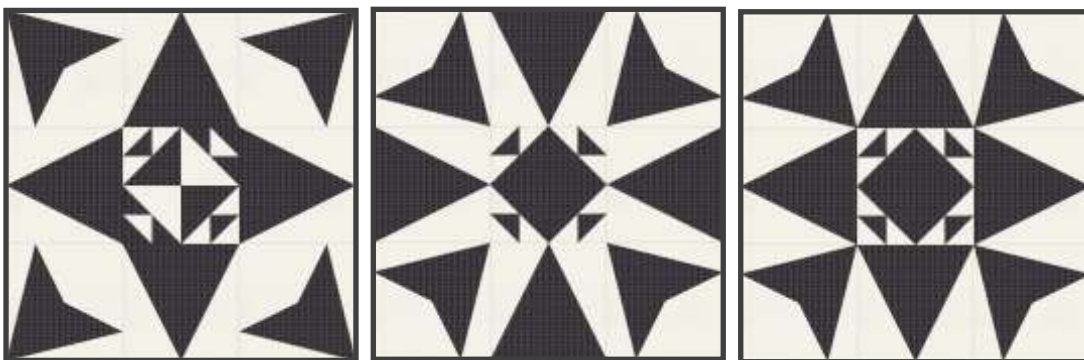
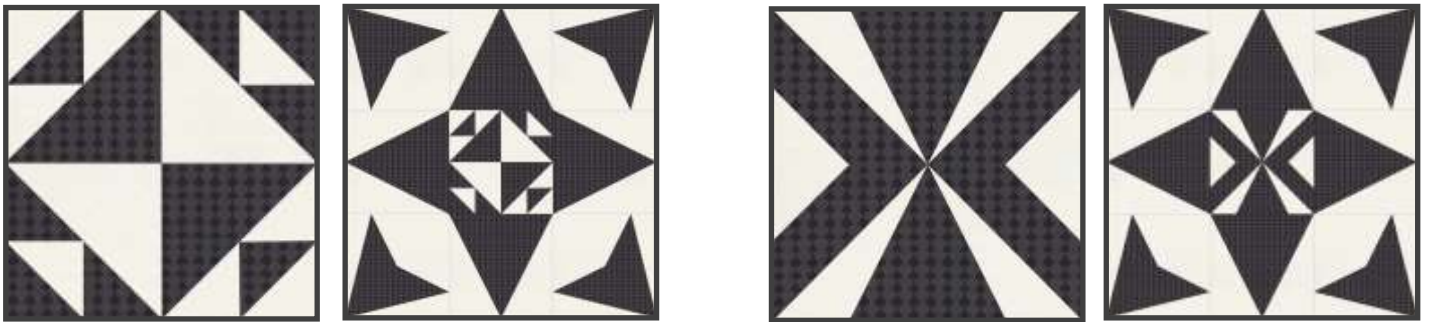


Quilt block element 1
Frames the center on all 4 sides

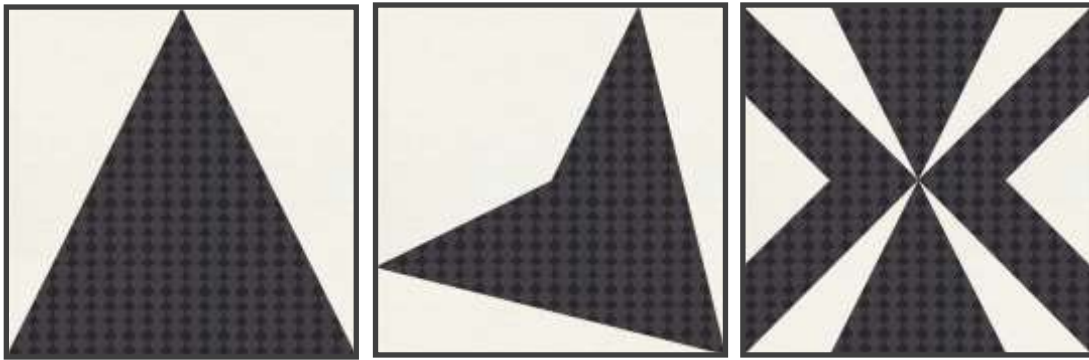


Quilt block element 2
Cornerstones often have diagonal directionality

2 examples for quilt block element 3 — the block center element that is framed by element 1 and 2

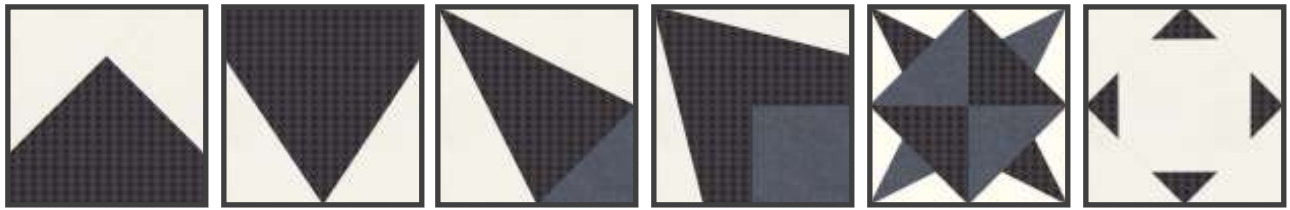


Quilt block framing elements can be rotated to give several different looks for the quilt block

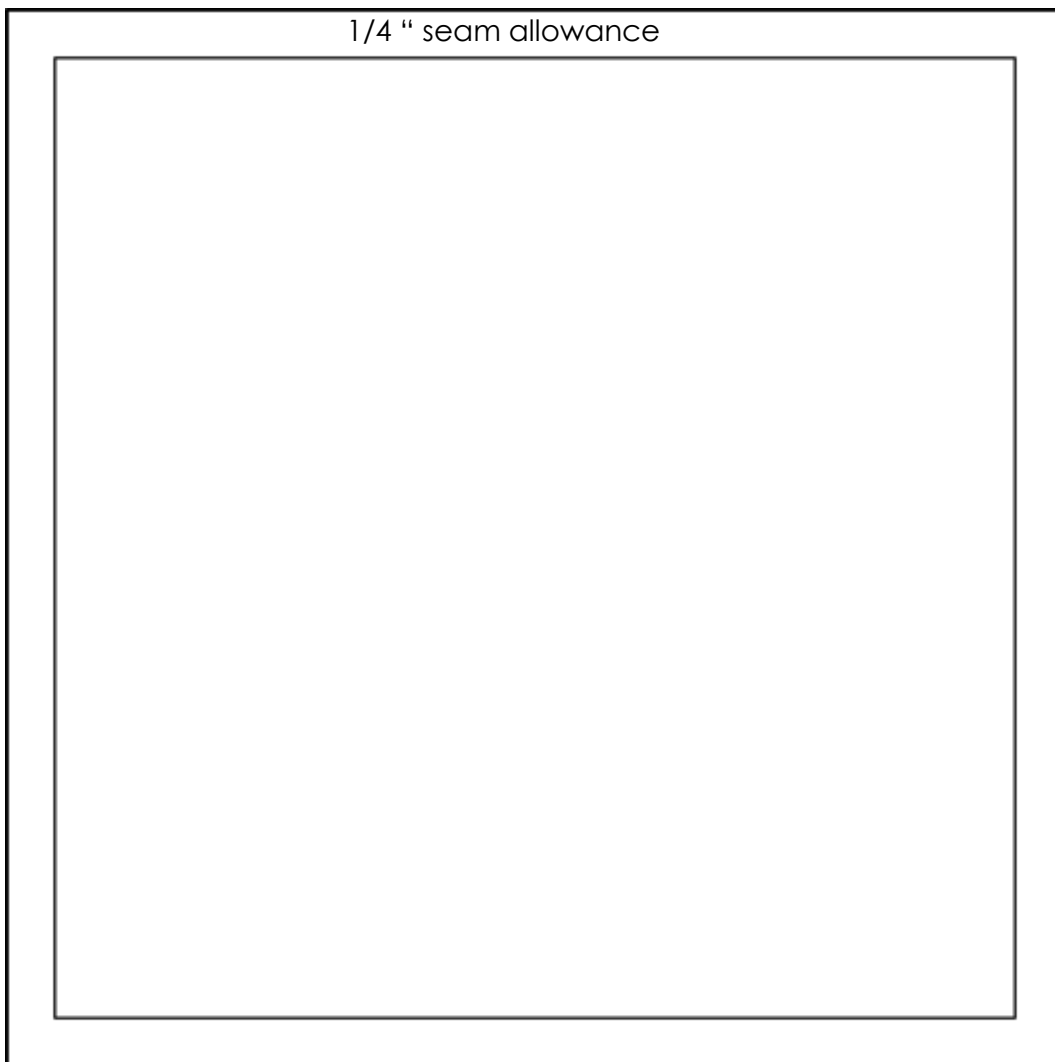


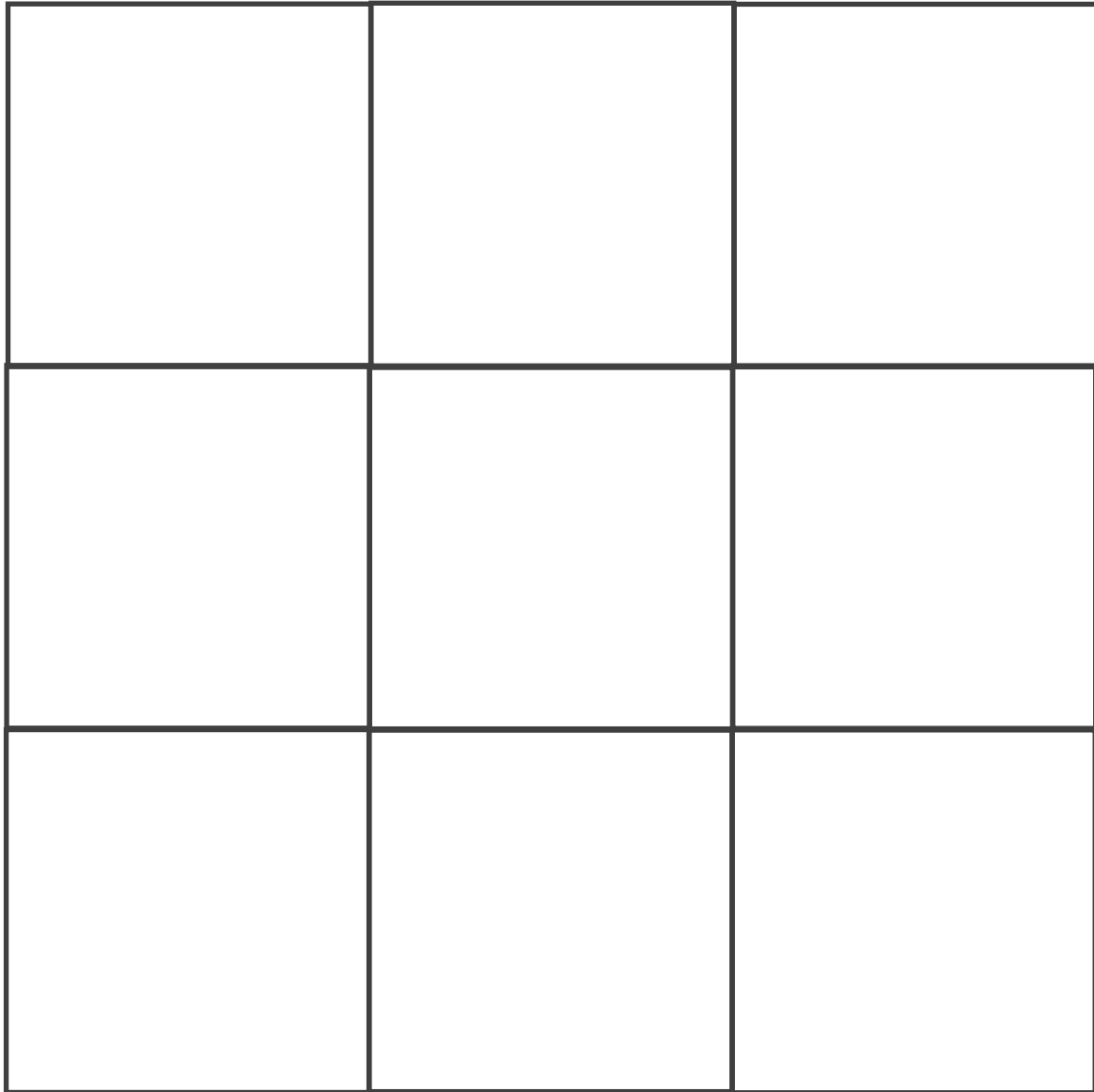
The three basic element examples I have used are simply to illustrate the concepts
You can design your own elements the sky is the limit!

Here are 6 more ideas for variations:



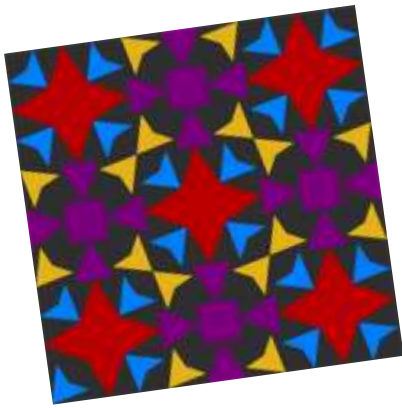
Now print three of the blank 5" FPP quilt block provided below, to design your own 9 patch block with 3 different elements by simply drawing a 2 or 3 lines inside the block center. Or sketch it out first on page 22!





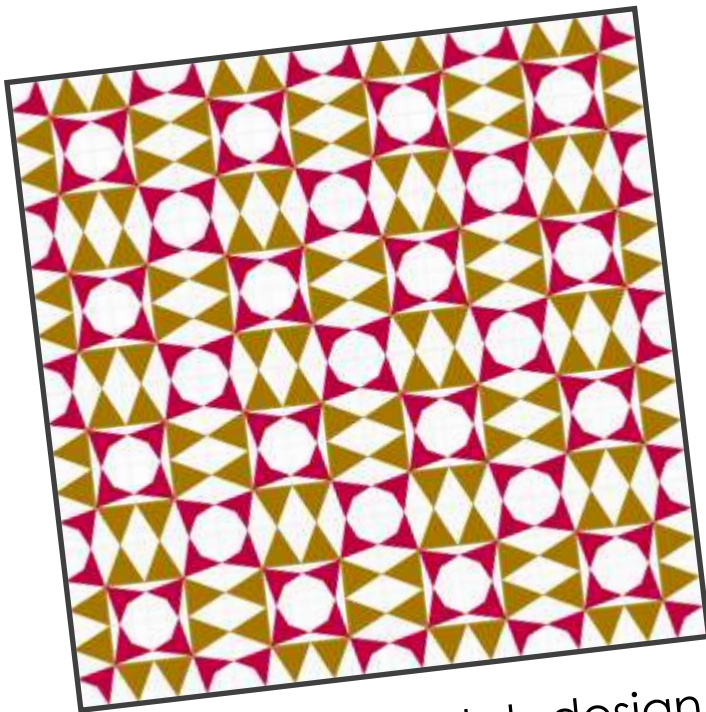
Sketch a quilt block
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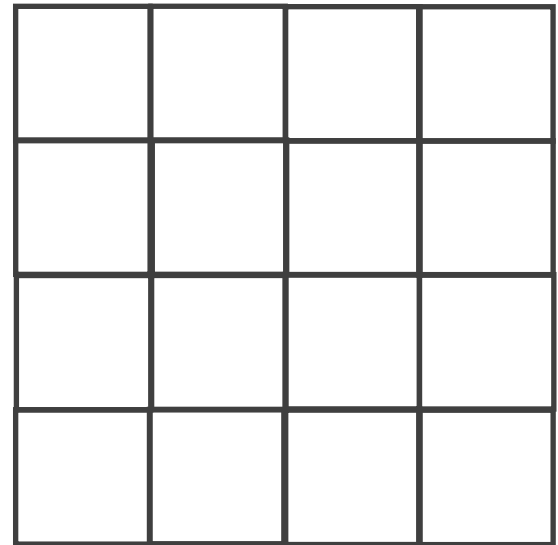
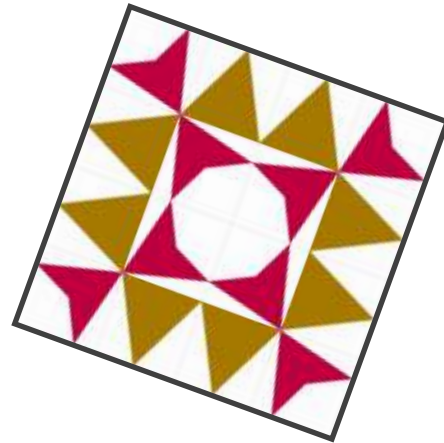


The center of the nine patch can be a blank area too!

Play with negative space in your design!



Try a 16 patch design with only 2 elements!



If you have enjoyed trying your hand at design... My Elemental Adventures quilt book is a great next step!

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Adventurous Editorial

It is finally beginning to feel like this pandemic is nearing its end in the USA as vaccine rollout finally begins to enable us to move our lives slowly towards a more normal time!

What did you achieve during more than a year of pandemic times!?

Can you look back and say “WOW I am productive when there is nothing else to do!” or did it seem just like any other year?

I achieved a lot in this 12 months and although I look forward to normalcy, some pandemic changes will stick with me!

Hubby and I finally have our vaccine appointments made, so hopefully from here on in 2021 will be better than 2020!



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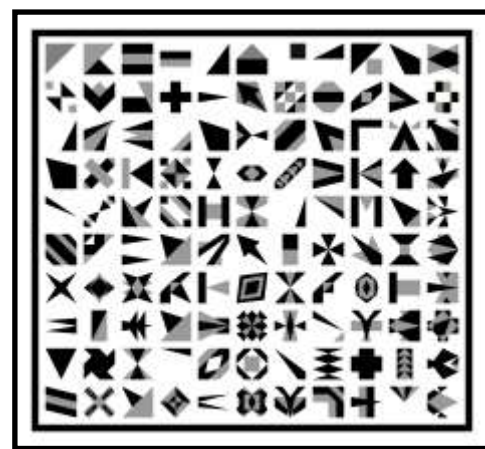
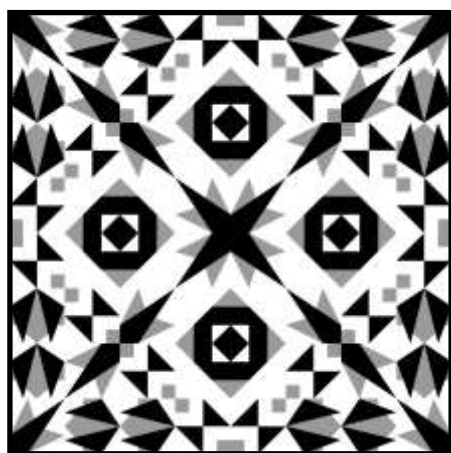
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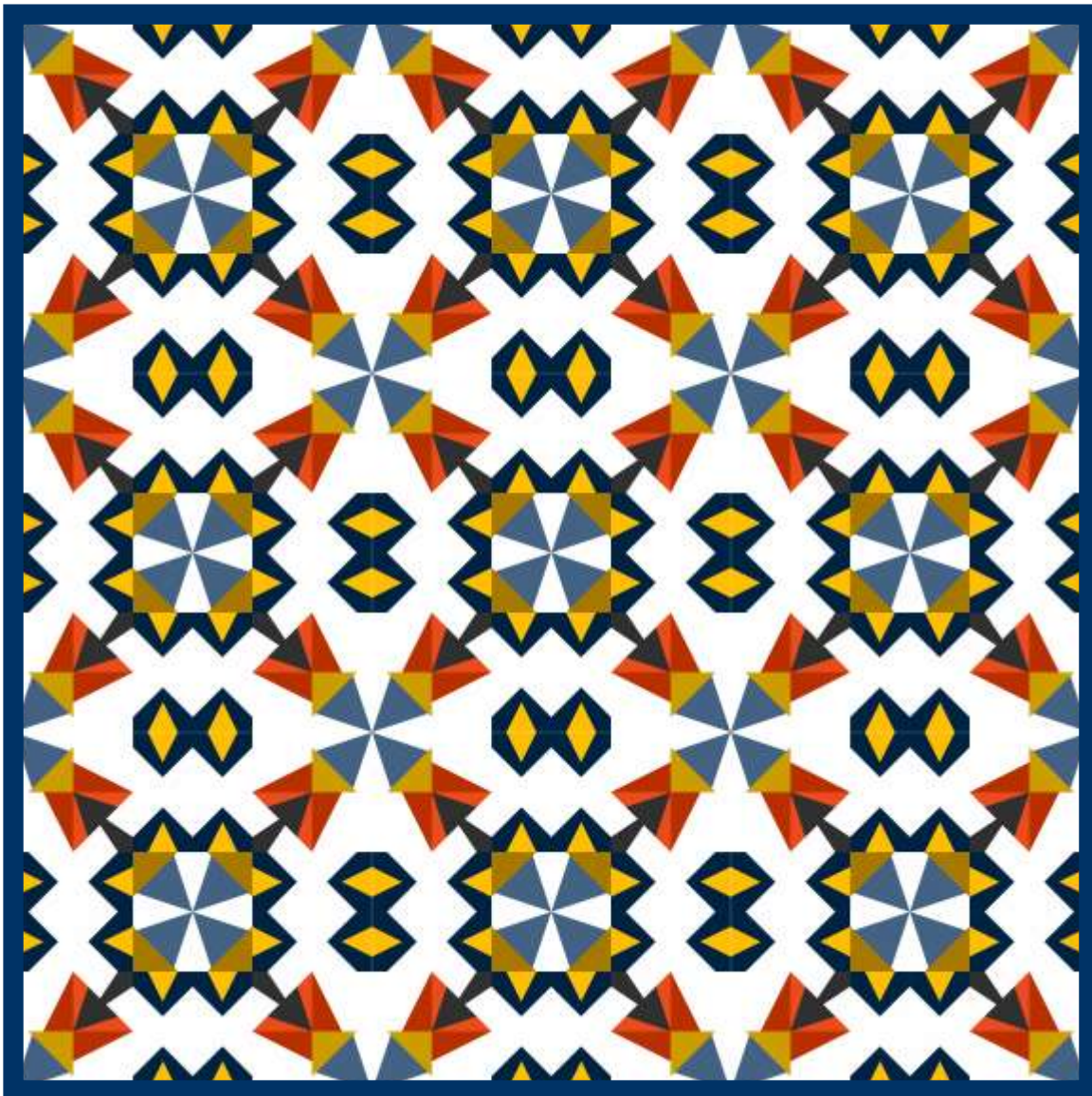


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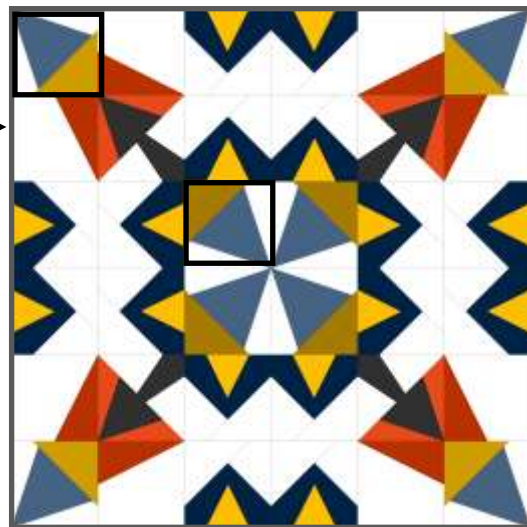
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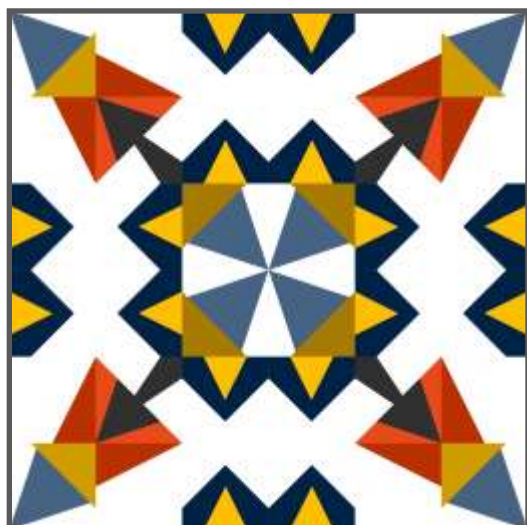
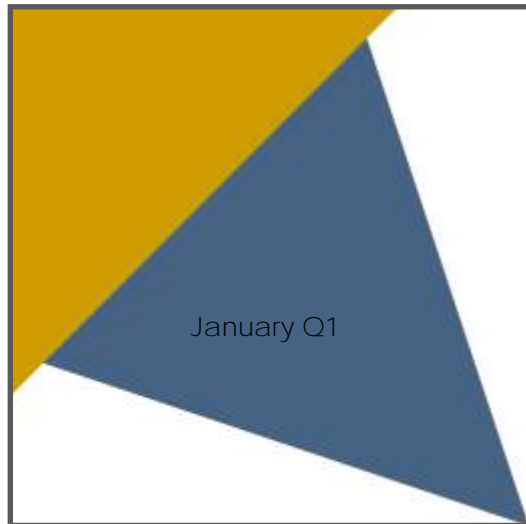
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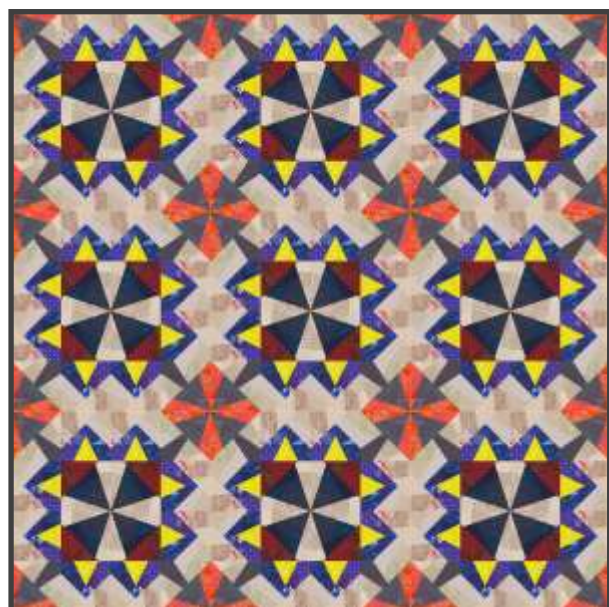
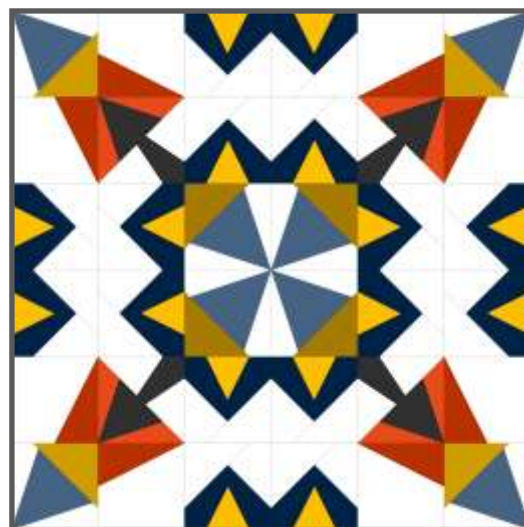
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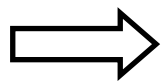
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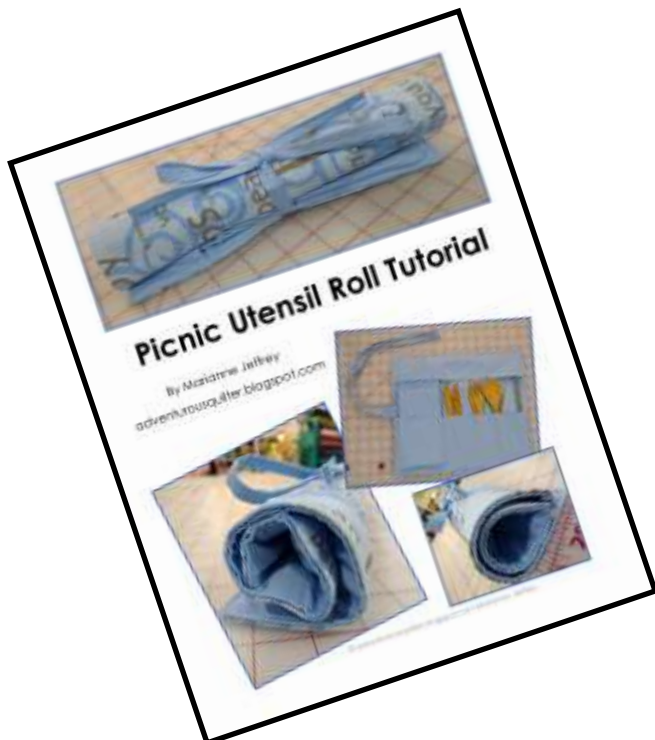
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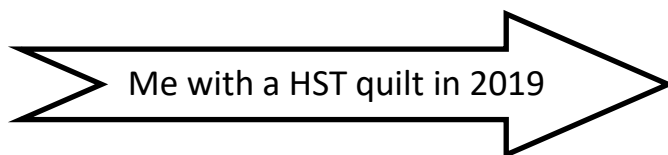
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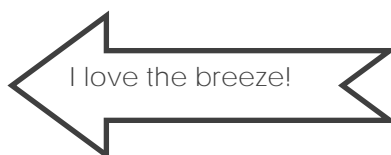
February Challenge

A selfie with a quilt, simply prop your phone up on something and use the 10second timer function!



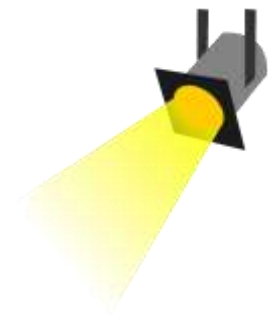
March Challenge

A quilt top blowing in the breeze!





Spotlight on some Terrific Threads



I have several favorite thread brands! Here are my top 4:

1. Essentials cotton by Connecting Threads
2. Sulky rayon available from Joann
3. Glide trilobal polyester (fil-tec.com/glide-quilting)
4. Serger—Toldi Lock by Gutermann from Joann

Weblinks are available on the QQA tab of my block



Quarterly Tips and Tricks



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Adventurous Quilter

Fold or press back one seam allowance



Use a basting stitch initially to secure the tricky points!



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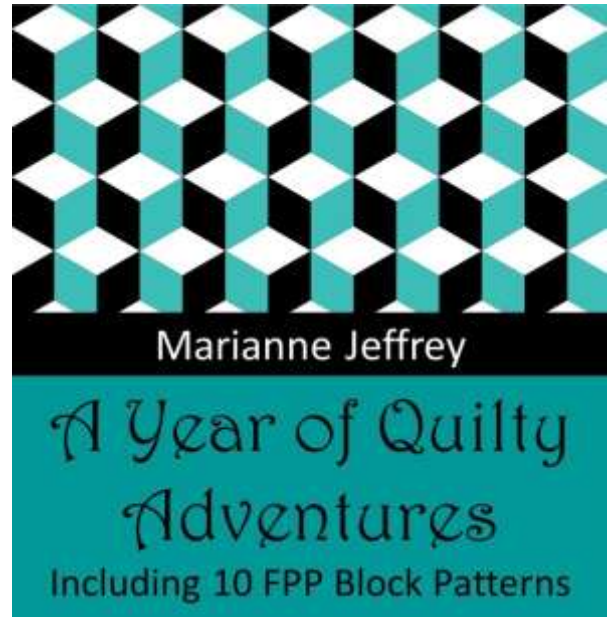
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A basic FPP alphabet
to add text to any
quilt project like I did
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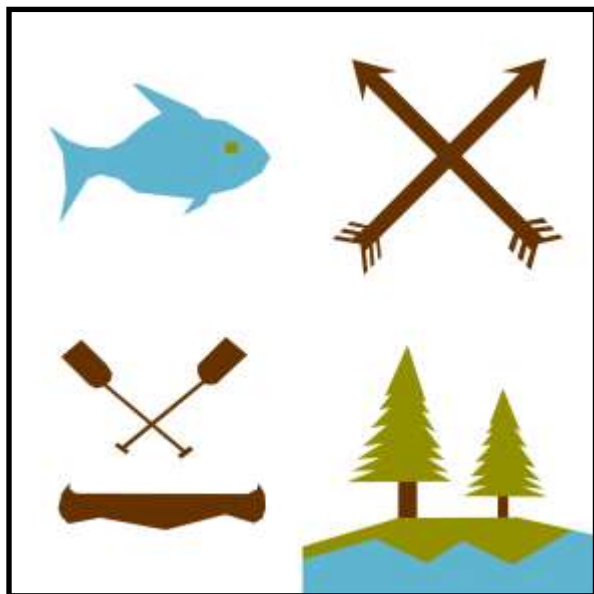




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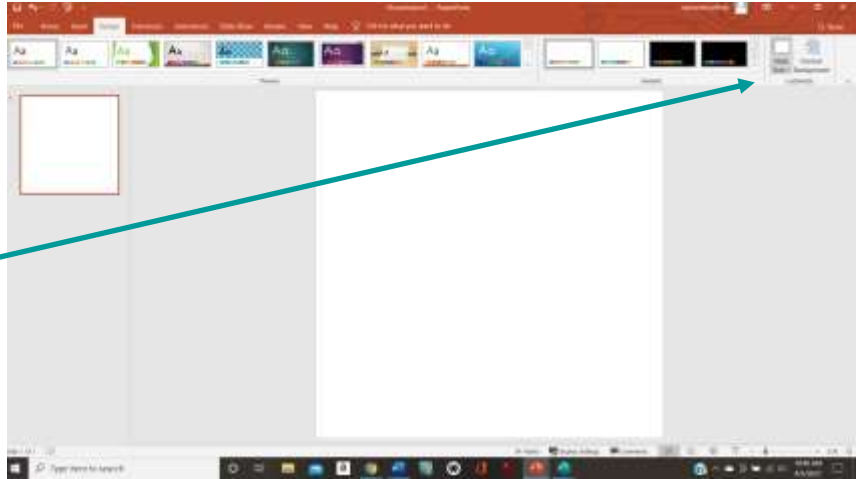
I really LOVE it!



Quick Tutorial — Fabric Design in MS PowerPoint

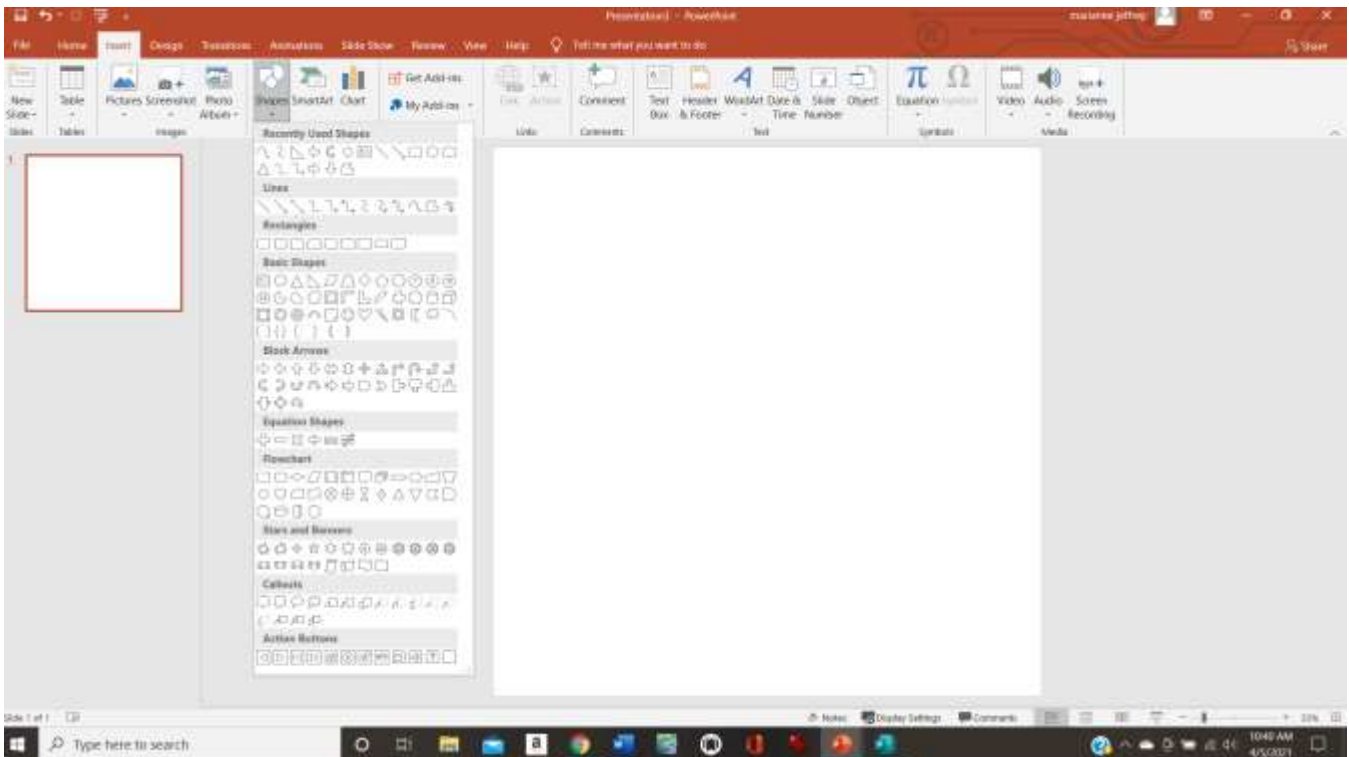
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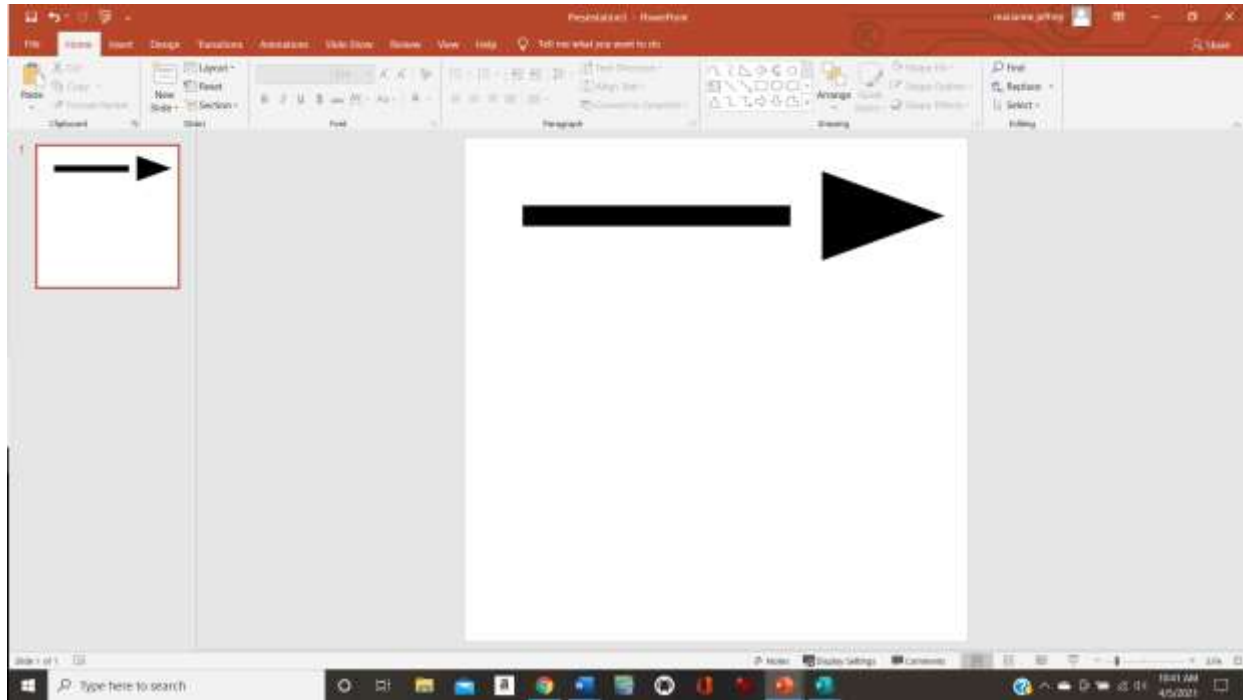
Open and save a new blank PowerPoint document. I like to edit the page size to make the page a 20" x 20" square
Design tab > slide size



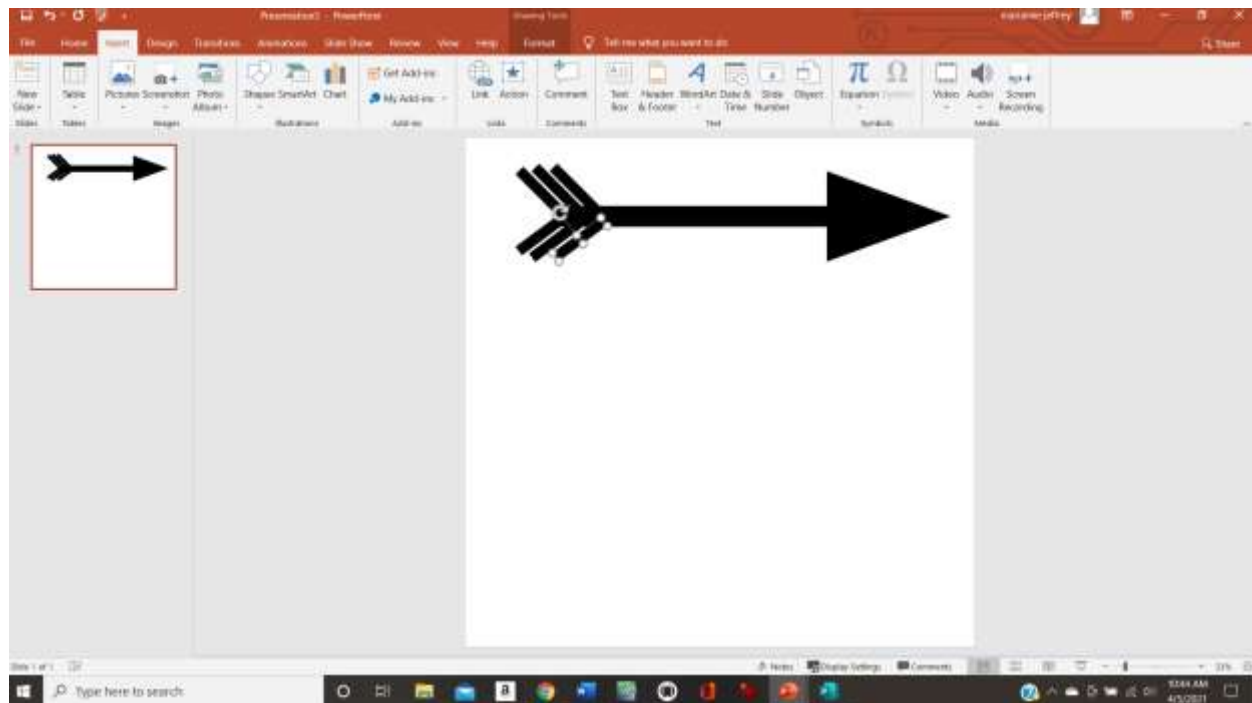
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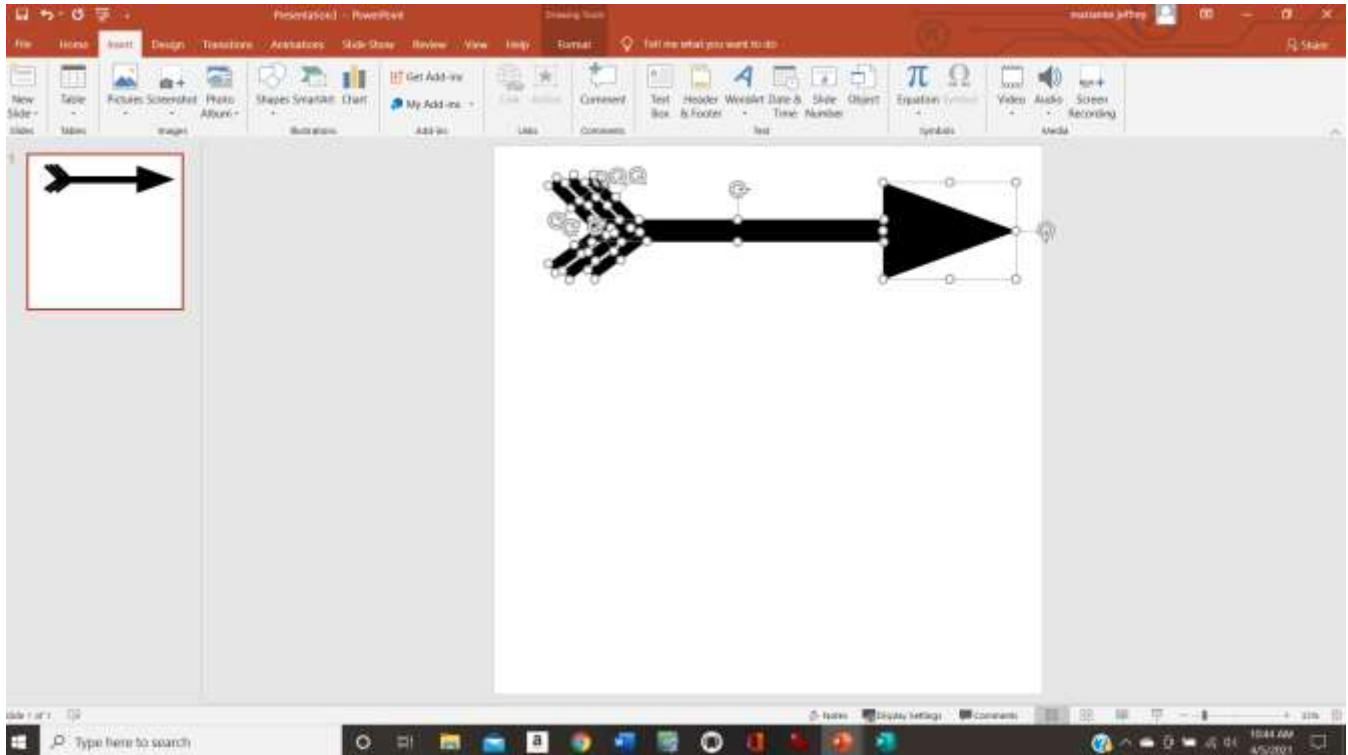
Now you can insert shapes to create a design! *Insert > shapes*
If you want to create a text print you can insert a text box/es and begin writing the text *Insert > text box*





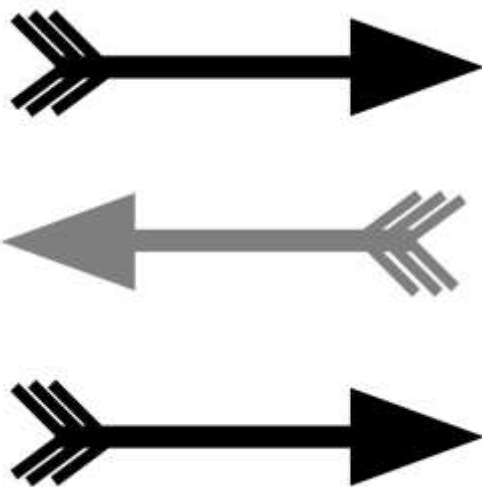
In this tutorial example I have added a simple triangle and rectangles to create an arrow!





Step 3

Reproduce shapes by clicking with your mouse at a point above the shapes and dragging the mouse to “grab” all the shapes before releasing the button. Now press Ctrl C on the keyboard to copy everything you have grabbed. Then paste the shapes by clicking the right mouse button and then choose the “paste” option. *Grab > copy > paste*



Step 4

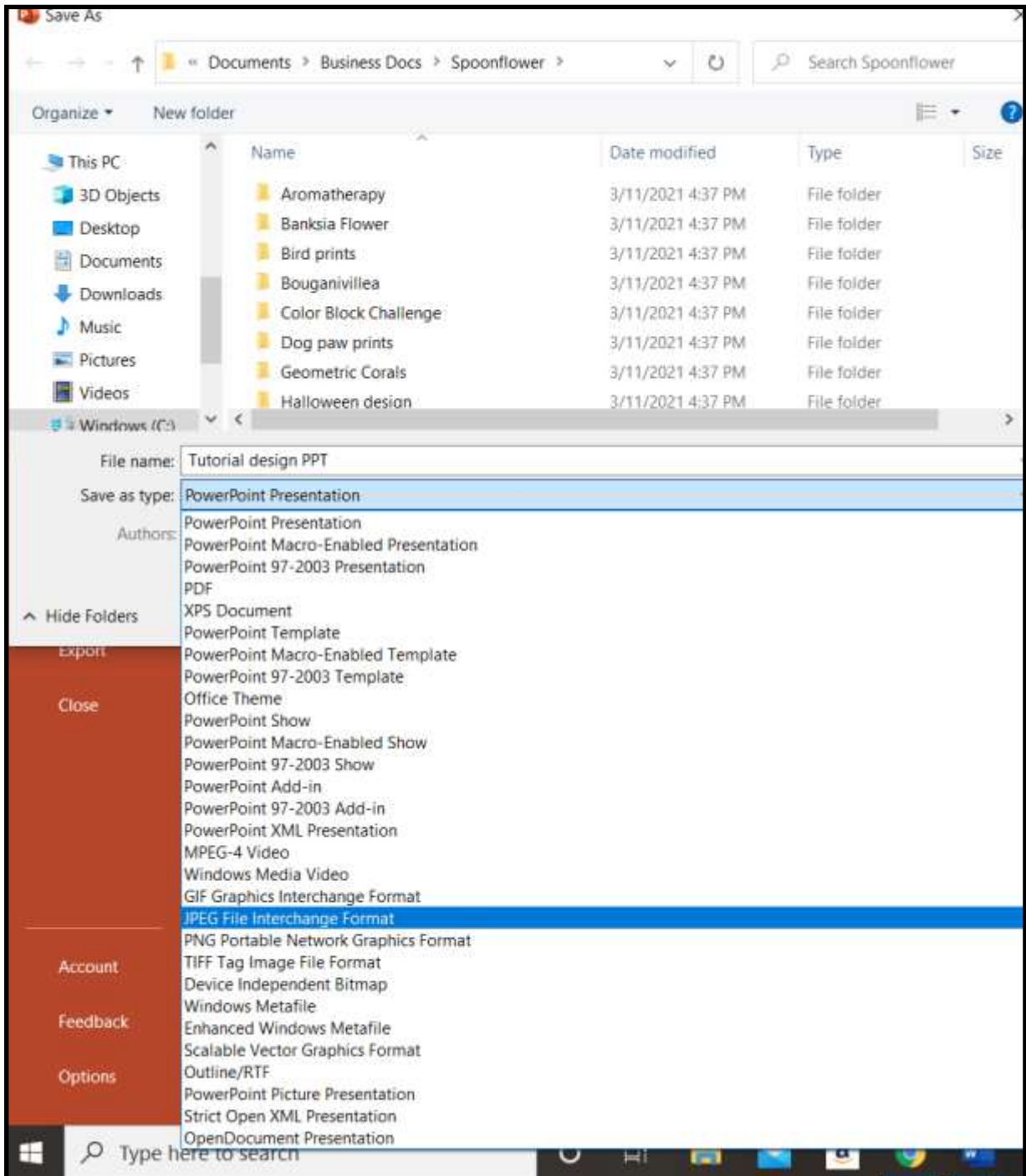
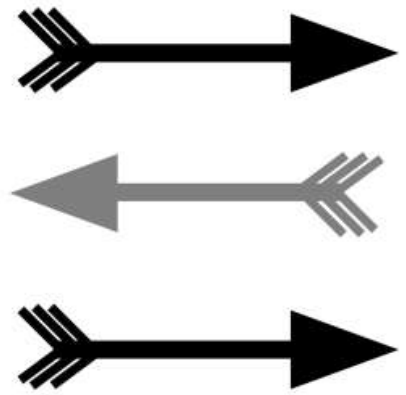
Simple copy and paste then move (whilst all shapes are still highlighted/grabbed) to the blank space will work if you want the shape in the same basic orientation.

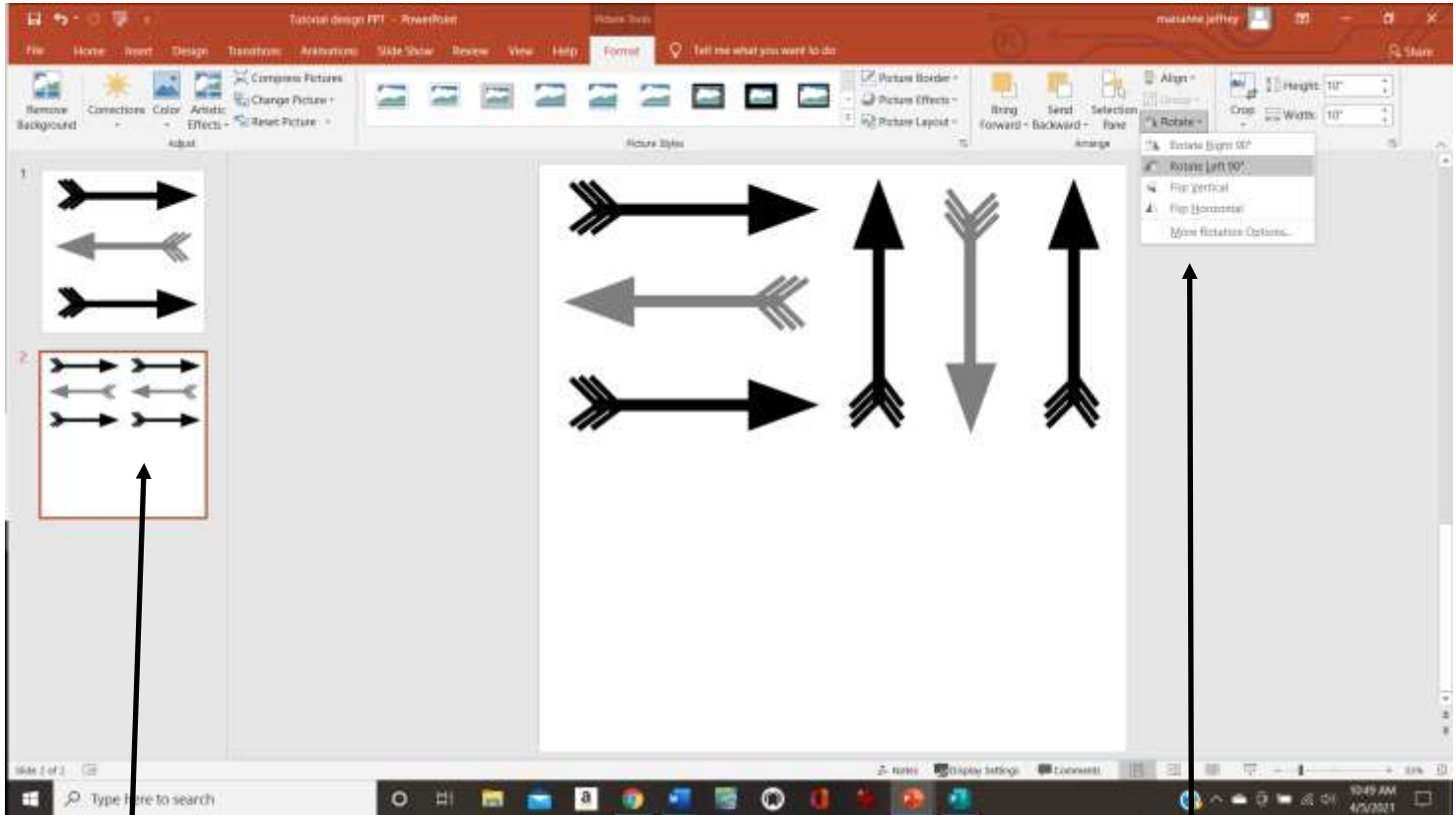
For the grey arrow facing the opposite way I did have to reorient the shapes once pasted and then recolor them. Alter orientation as desired.

Step 5

Once you have a basic design save it as a an image by clicking Save As then choosing JPEG in the Save As Type drop box.

Save as > JPEG



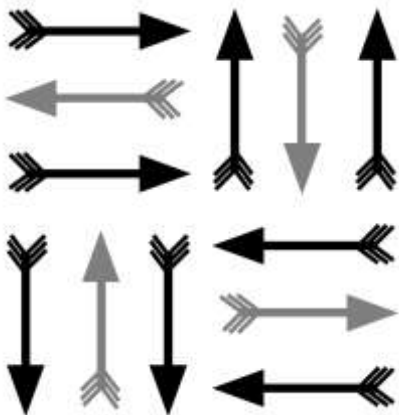


Step 6

If you want the basic design repeated in different orientations you can add a blank page to the document. *Insert > blank page*

Step 7

Then insert the picture and click on format, then click on the rotate and choose an option from the drop box *Format > rotate > flip/rotate as desired*



Step 8

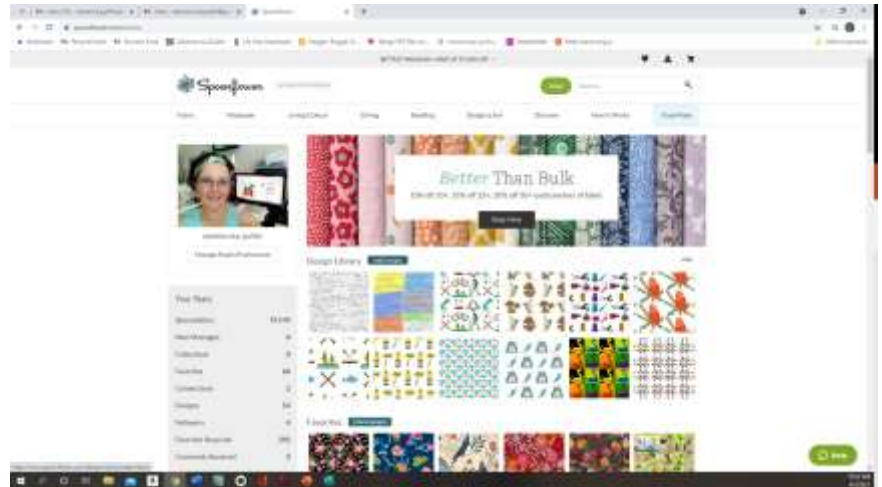
Once design is reproduced and orientated as desired save the slide as a picture just as you did with the initial design.

Save as > JPEG

Step 9

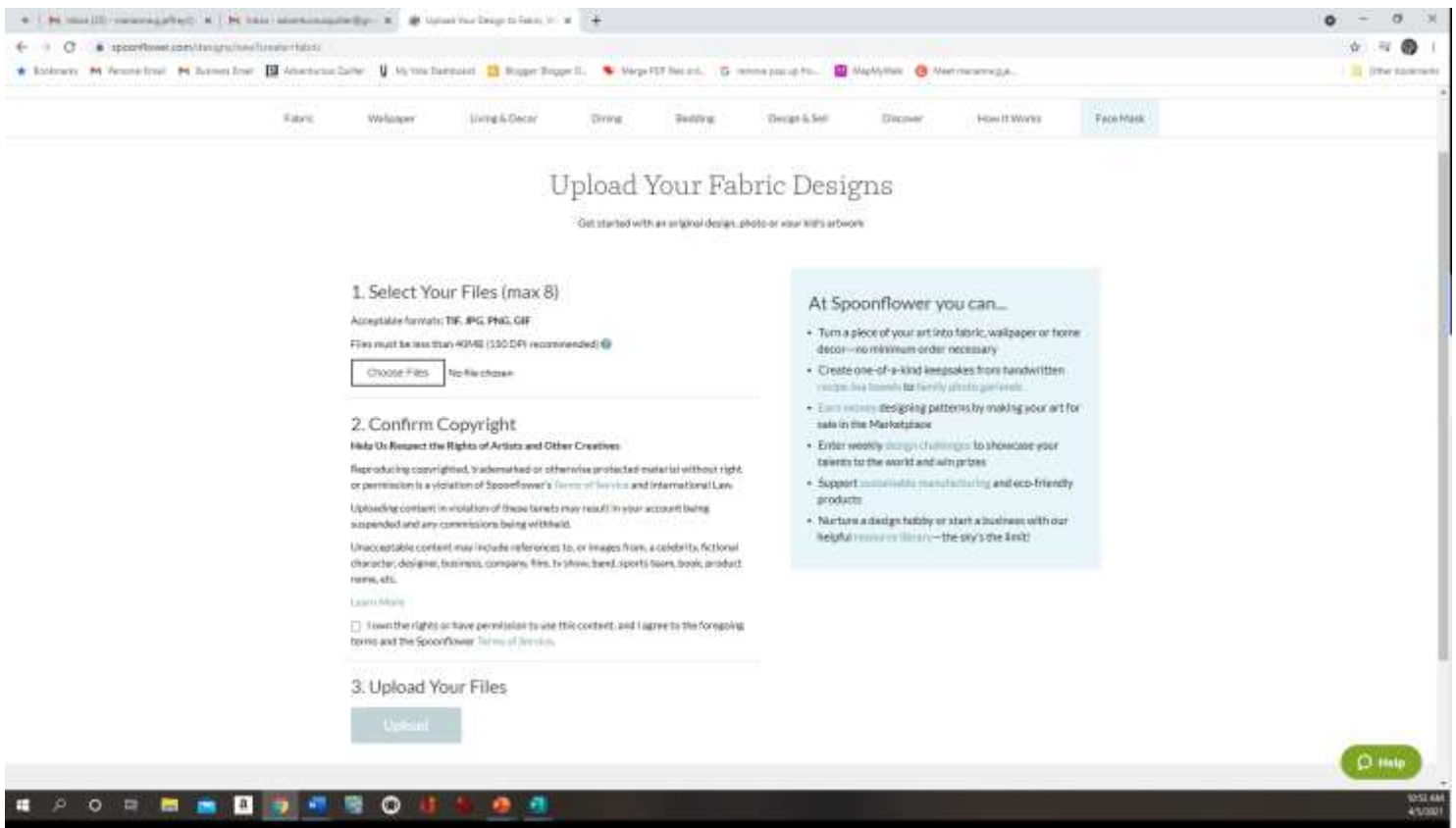
Upload your design to the web page of fabric printing service of your choice. This tutorial shows Spoonflower ONLY

Create your own Spoonflower account



Step 10

Go to Spoonflower profile and click on the *Add Designs* icon

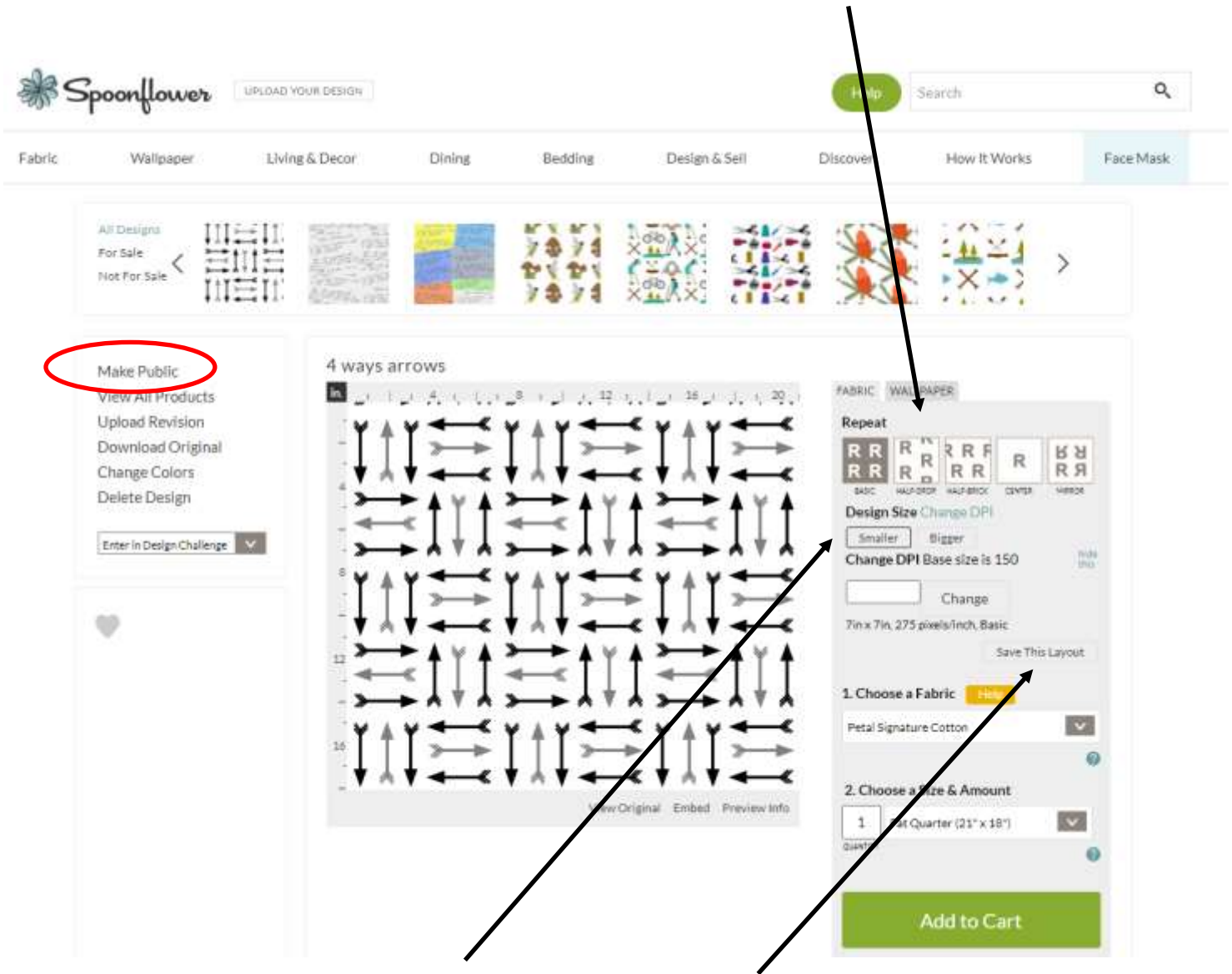


Step 11

Click on choose design, then upload your JPEG saved in step 8, click to confirm the design is yours then click upload

Step 12

Multiple pattern repeat options are available, try each one to see the different design options then, choose the pattern repeat option of your choice

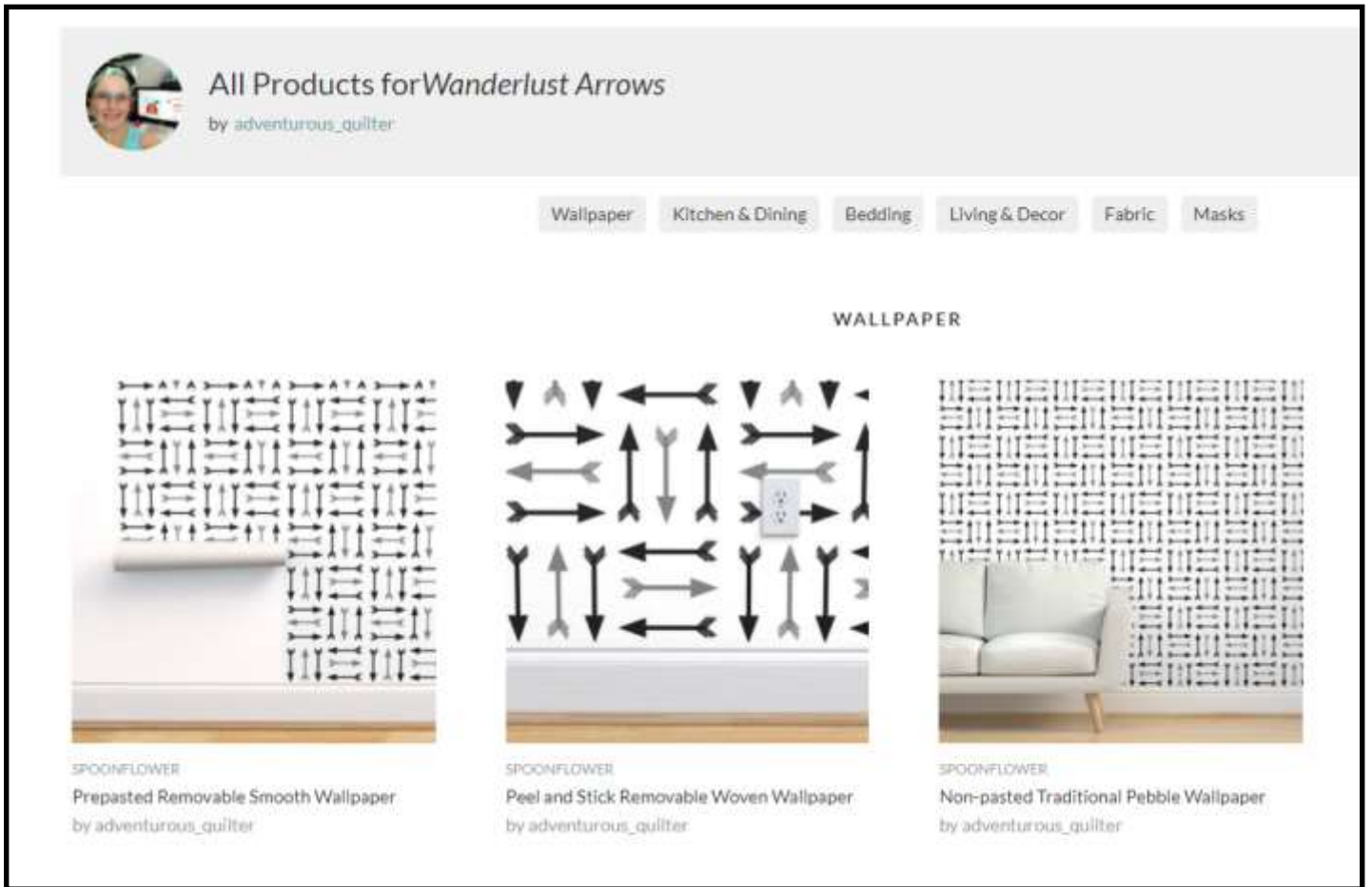


Step 13 — DPI adjustment and Save

The design DPI can now be resized as desired to determine how many times the pattern will repeat on your yardage. Choose size preferred and click save

Scroll down the page & fill in the fabric design details as desired to describe your design for retail sale if you plan to sell.

Click on *Make Public* to make this design publicly viewable in your gallery.



Step 14

The design will now be visible in your design library.

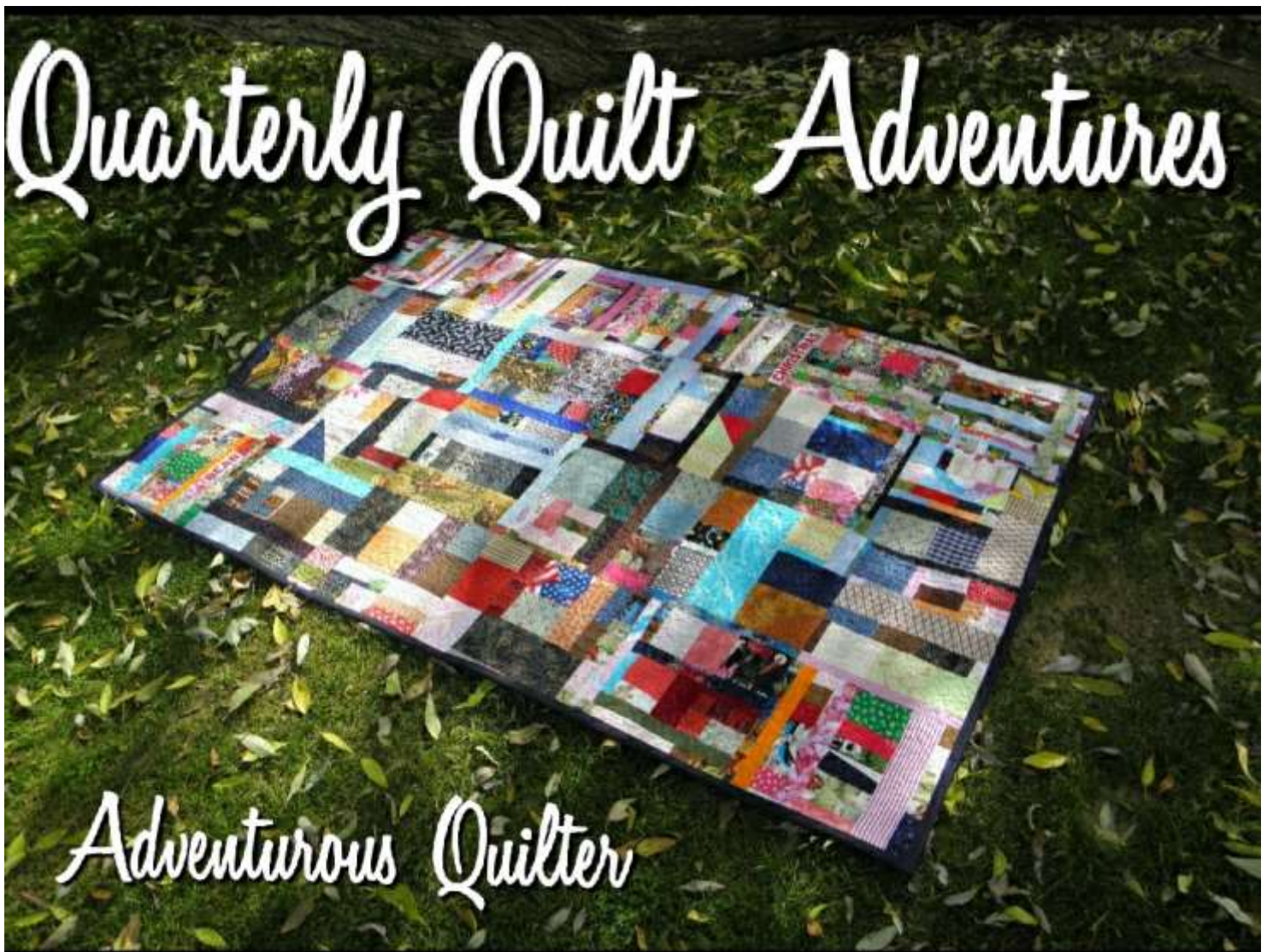
Click on *View All Products* to see your design as wallpaper, fabric and fun home décor products !

YAY! You are done!

Note: you cannot sell the fabric until you have purchased a proof of the fabric, I do this in batches to reduce costs.



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April 2021 Edition Issue 10

**Including a fun border design analysis
and tutorial on pages 18, 19, 20**

Adventurous Editorial

Summer is such a great time of year!

When it is too hot outside it's a great time for sewing and quilting!

I am heading back to full time work on August 9th so my summer has been about finishing projects and clearing the decks so I can leave my studio tidy and clean!



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Announcement

Quarterly Book Feature



My Scientific Adventures quilt book is available now! If you missed the chance to sew along with this BOM you can purchase the pattern book on Amazon and other reputable online book

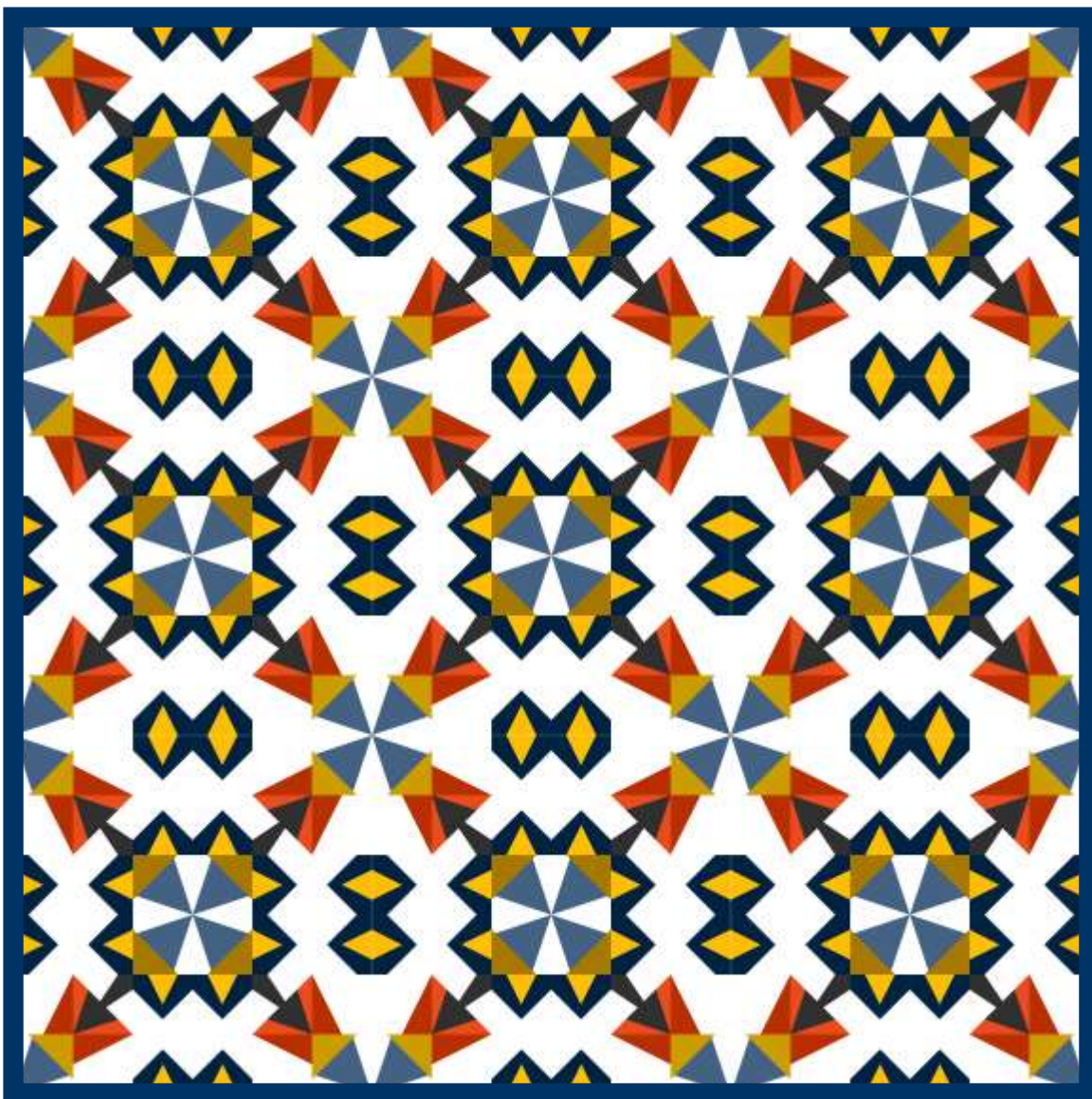


Buy My Books Online through Amazon and other reputable online retailers

Scrap Satisfaction 2021

In 2021 Scrap Satisfaction is an all NEW experience!

I have combined my quarterly quilt adventures FREE FPP pattern and the Scrap Satisfaction nominated colors! During the course of a year you can create an entire scrap quilt!



Scrap Satisfaction 2021

Work towards making this fun quilt or quilt block!



2nd Quarter 2021

Orange

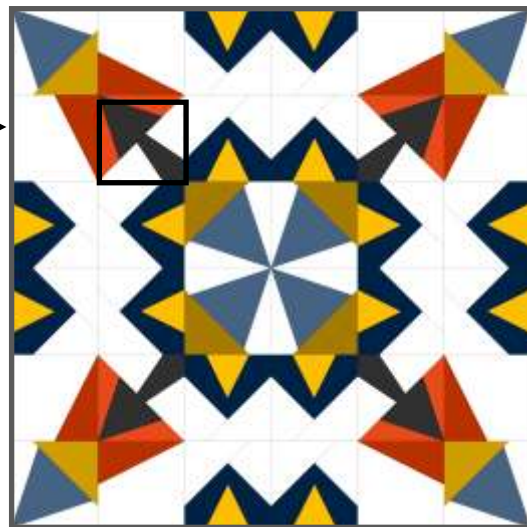
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Charcoal Greys

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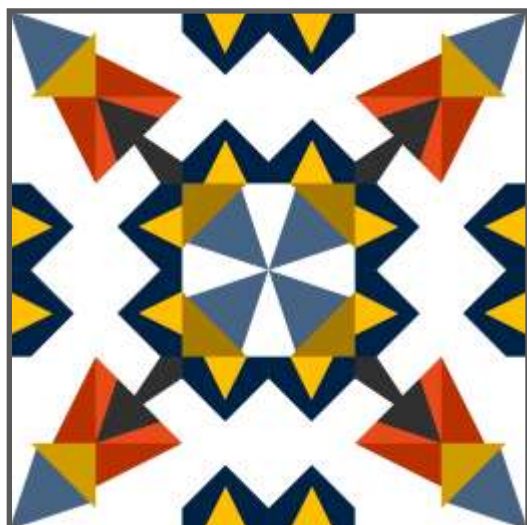
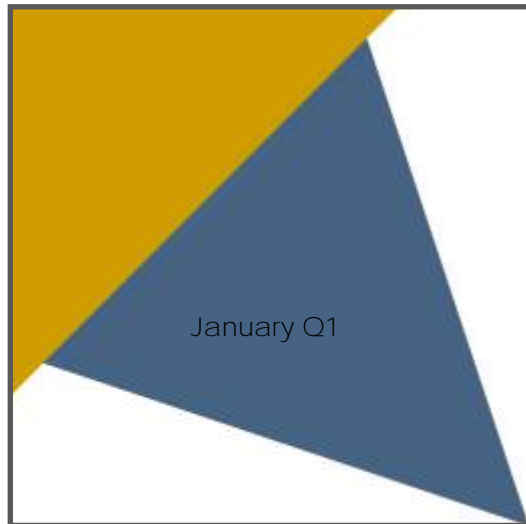
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Think your scraps are too small for this project?
Think again!

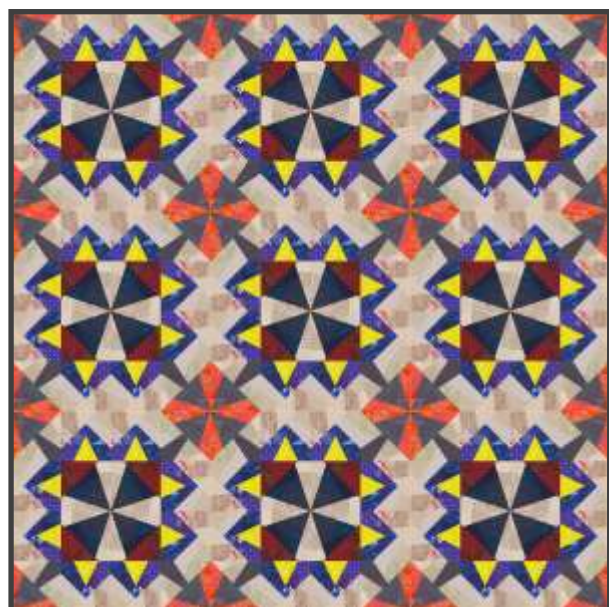
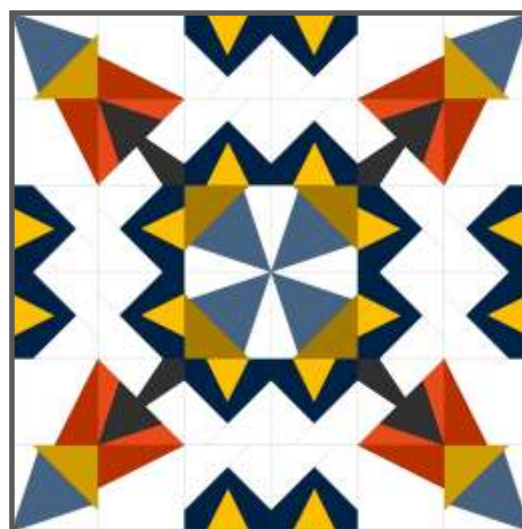
Sew several crumb pieces together to make scrappy fabric pieces for each FPP section !

Don't have any scraps of the nominated color?

That is okay, choose a scrap color you do have lots of and keep sewing these blocks!

This fun project can work with different palettes!

Just make sure you look at the main quilt block design to ensure that you will still have highly contrasting colors in adjacent positions to make the final quilt a high impact project!



Example of color substitution crumb quilt:

- Indigos used instead of grey blues
- Red instead of muddy yellows
- Beige background instead of white

This example does not use the quarter 4 2021 block release, it is a simplified example using only 3 of the 4 blocks that are offered this year!

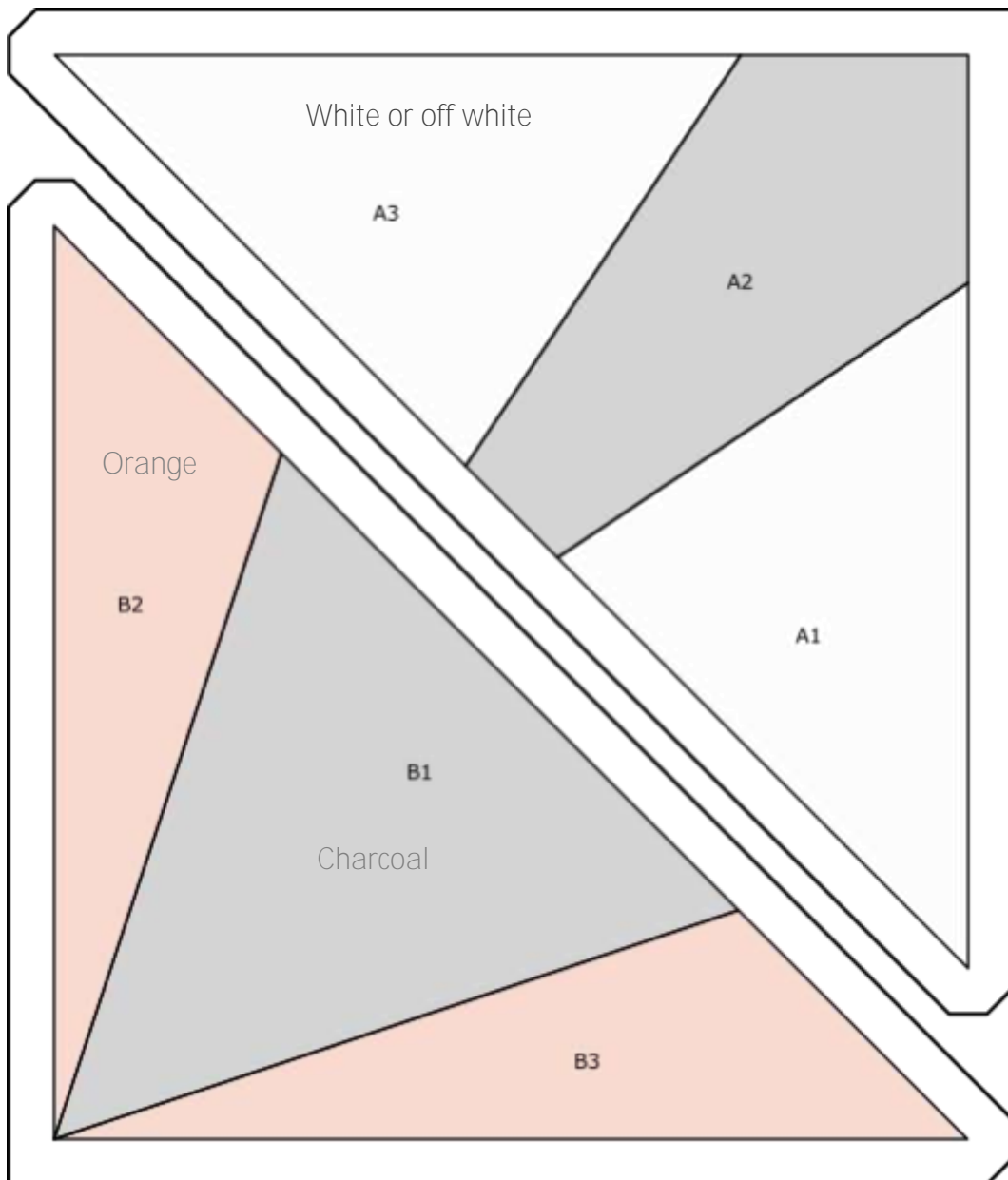
Adapt the project to suit your needs!

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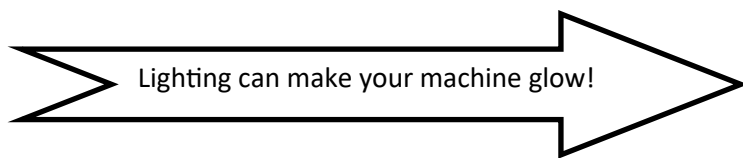
January Challenge

Light through a quilt!



February Challenge

A sewing machine in all its glory!

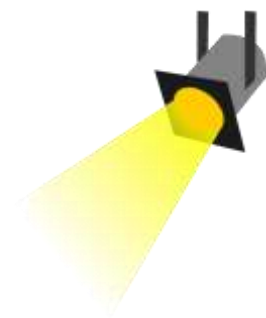
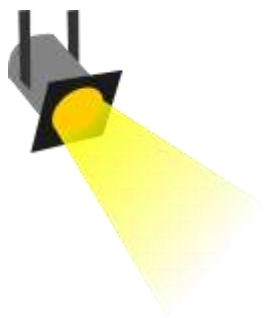


March Challenge

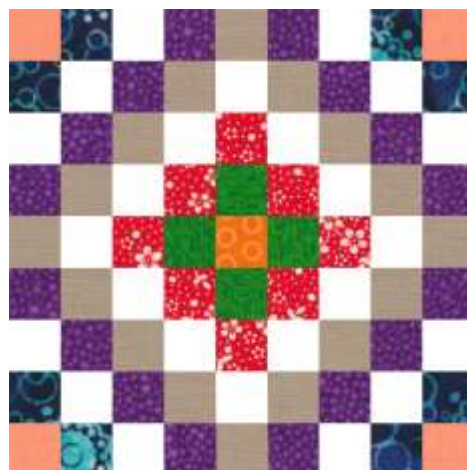
Play with angle whilst photographing scraps!



Spotlight on SCRAPPY STYLE



I have made 3 scrap quilts this summer! They were simple scrap demolishers. The block is a simple layout and any size works. Simply build outwards from the center.



3" square scraps
4 blocks (13 x 13 squares)



676 scrappy squares



729 Scrappy Squares

3" square scraps
9 blocks (9 x 9 squares)

**Total
2,134
Scrappy
Squares**



729 scrappy squares



Quarterly Tips and Tricks

Quilt photography backdrops!

- ***Colorful quilts display well against stark backdrops such as white snow.***
- ***Quilts with a white background photograph well against a backdrop of a variety of colors***

Tip: finish colorful UFOs in winter to take advantage of the snowy backdrop!



AQ Book Highlight!



A variation I made with
one different border >>>>





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What's NEW?



**The 4 latest designs for
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**These will be available
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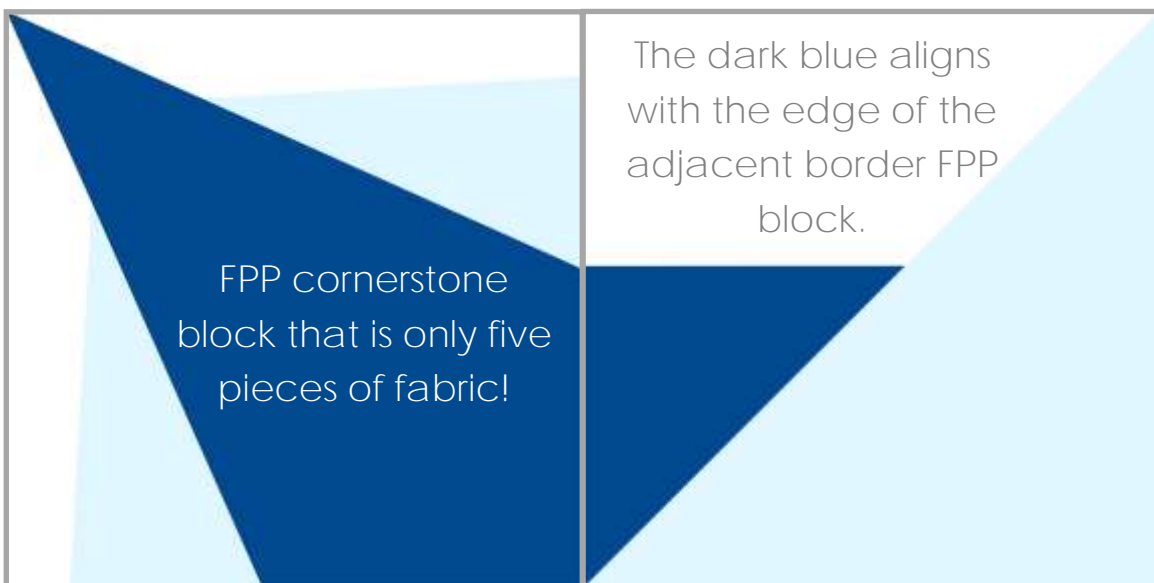
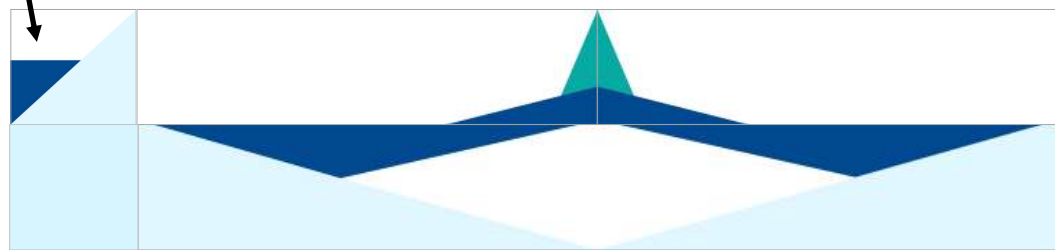
A fun way to frame a quilt center!



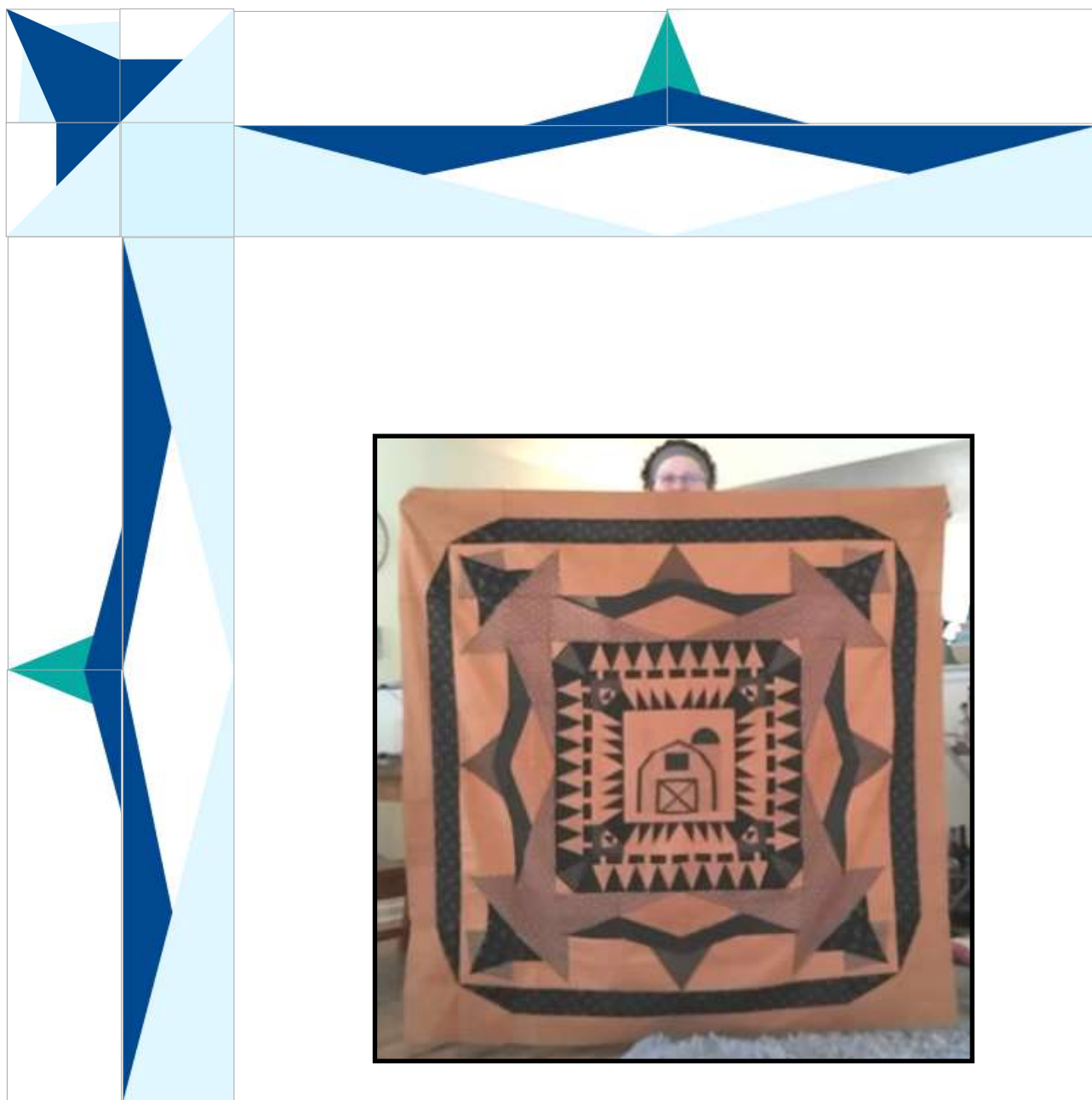
This quilt design might seem complex but I used FPP and simply drew the elements I needed as I went onto large pieces of paper!



FPP block that is only three pieces of fabric above a pale blue square that aligns with the daybreak border.

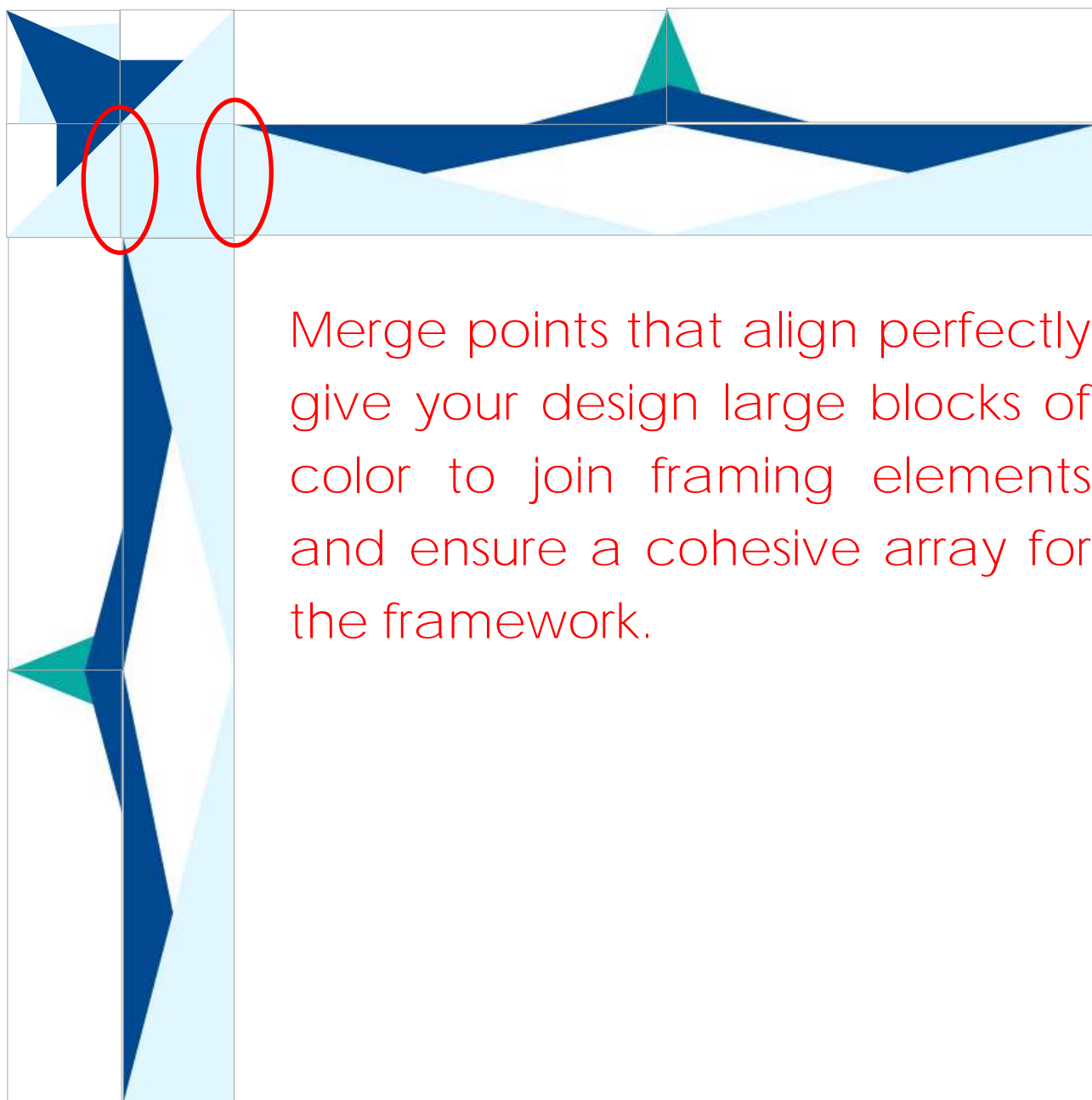


Can you see the border similarities now??

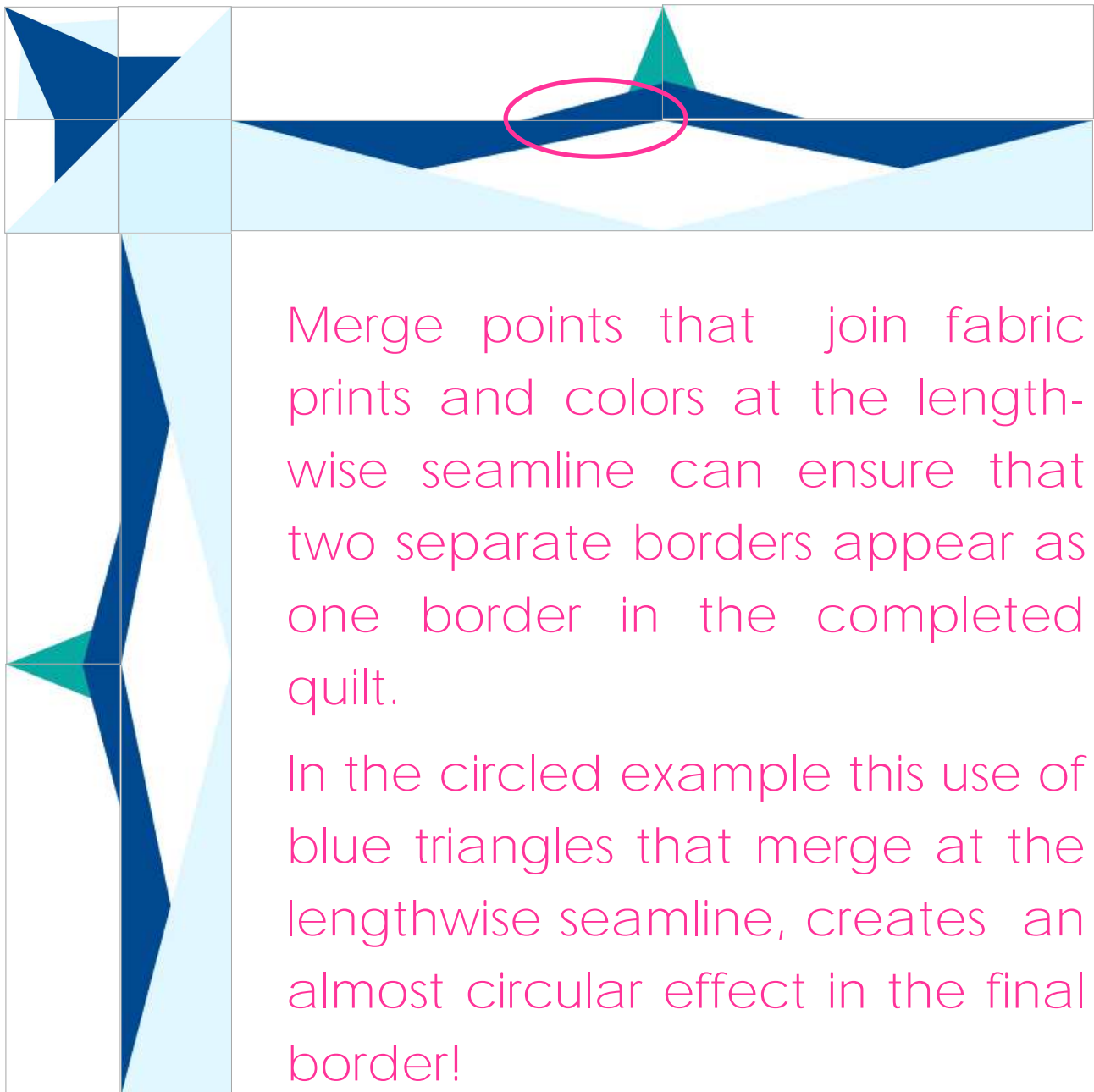


You can design your own fantastical borders
the key is to make sure there are merge
points that align perfectly and some merge
points that add feature elements!

Merge points that align similar fabrics/tones:

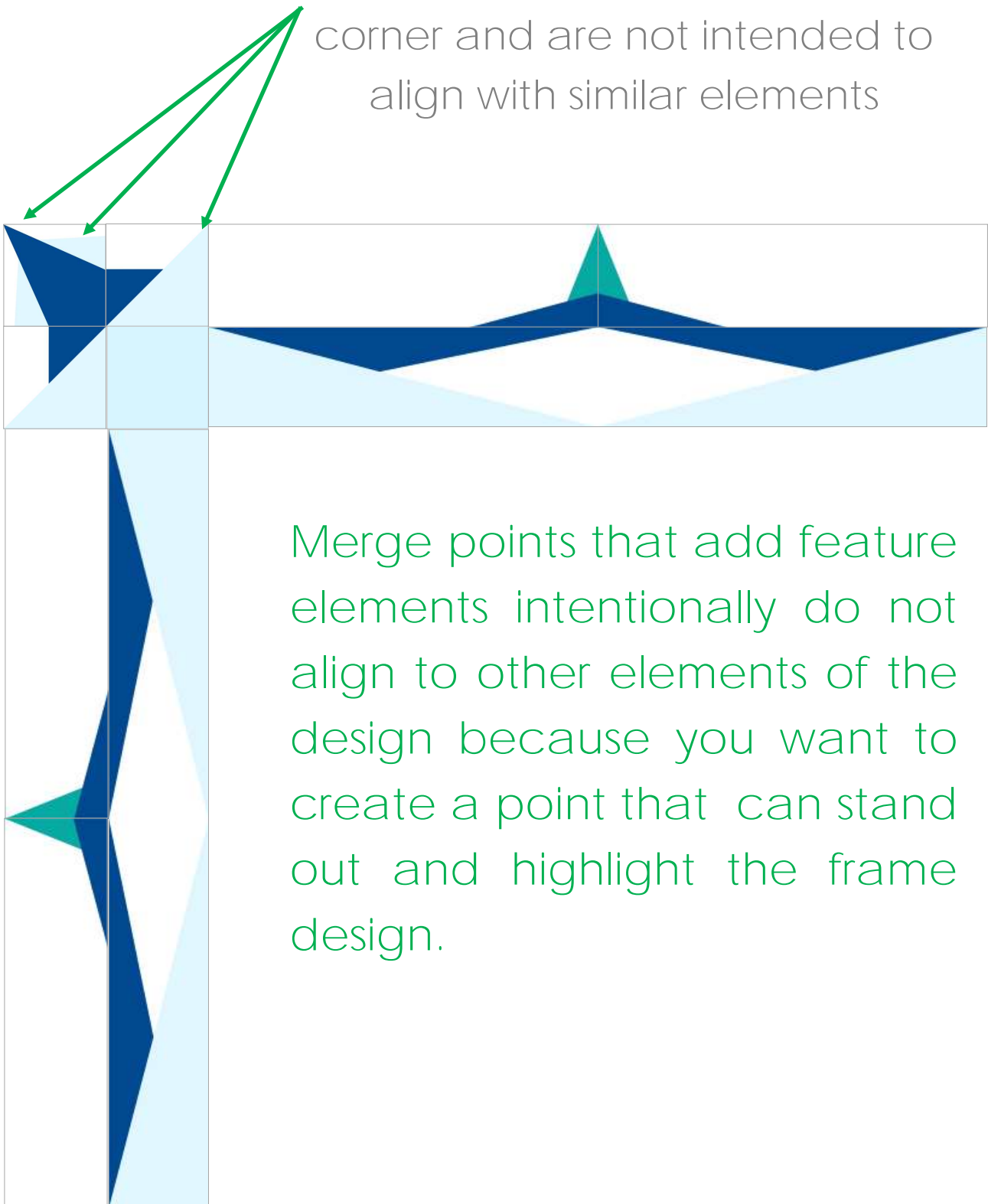


Some merge points ensure 2 borders appear as one:



Design points that stand out can highlight the framing effect of your border.

E.g. these points create a star-like corner and are not intended to align with similar elements



Merge points that add feature elements intentionally do not align to other elements of the design because you want to create a point that can stand out and highlight the frame design.

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October
4th Quarter 2021

Adventurous Editorial

Fall has arrived here in the USA which means more time indoors for me and a chance to catch up with tasks half done or long overlooked!

Like:

- Clearing clutter
- Finishing UFOs
- Sewing with scraps
- Working on book drafts
- Completing quilt designs



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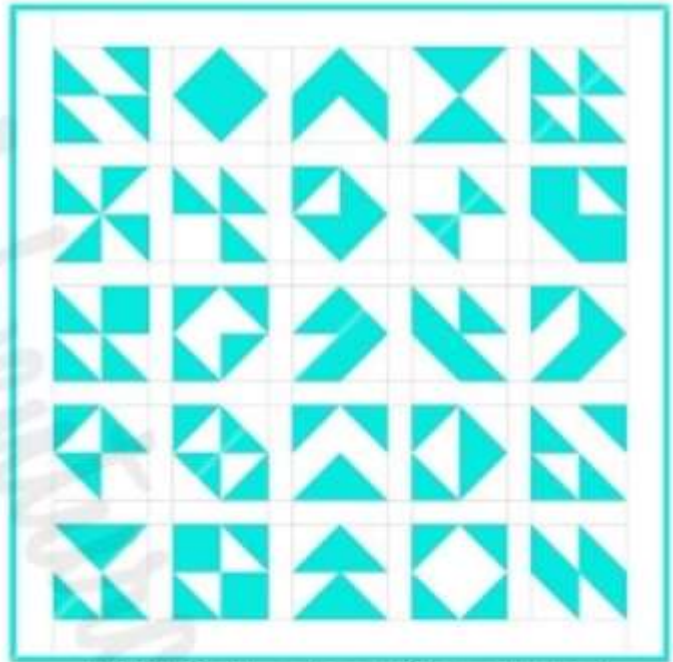
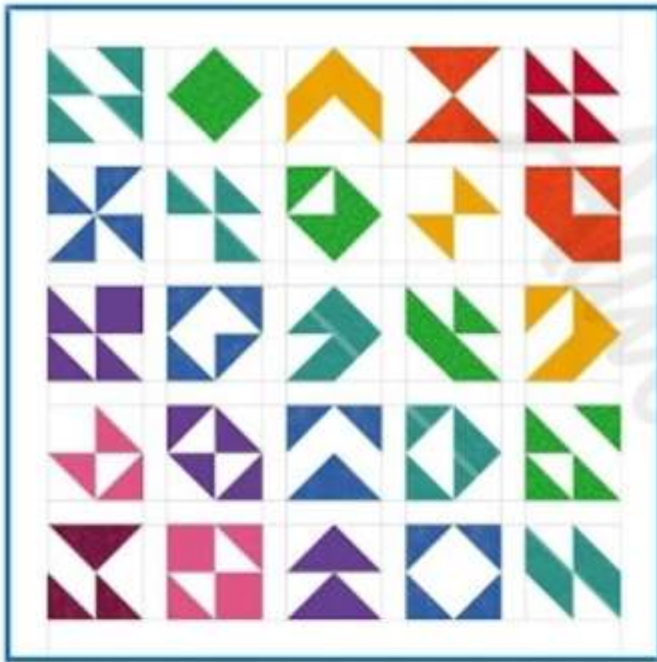
Announcement



Make a lap quilt or repeat the design to make a large quilt!



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2021 Advent

Scrap-a-long

My FREE 2021 Advent Scrap-a-long is a great scrap demolisher!

Make this rainbow variation to use scraps in an array of colors, or make a two tone version to use up a specific color that you have been hoarding!!

There is even an amazing large quadrant block version that is sure to WOW no matter what scraps you use to make it!



FREE Quilt-a-long Opportunity!



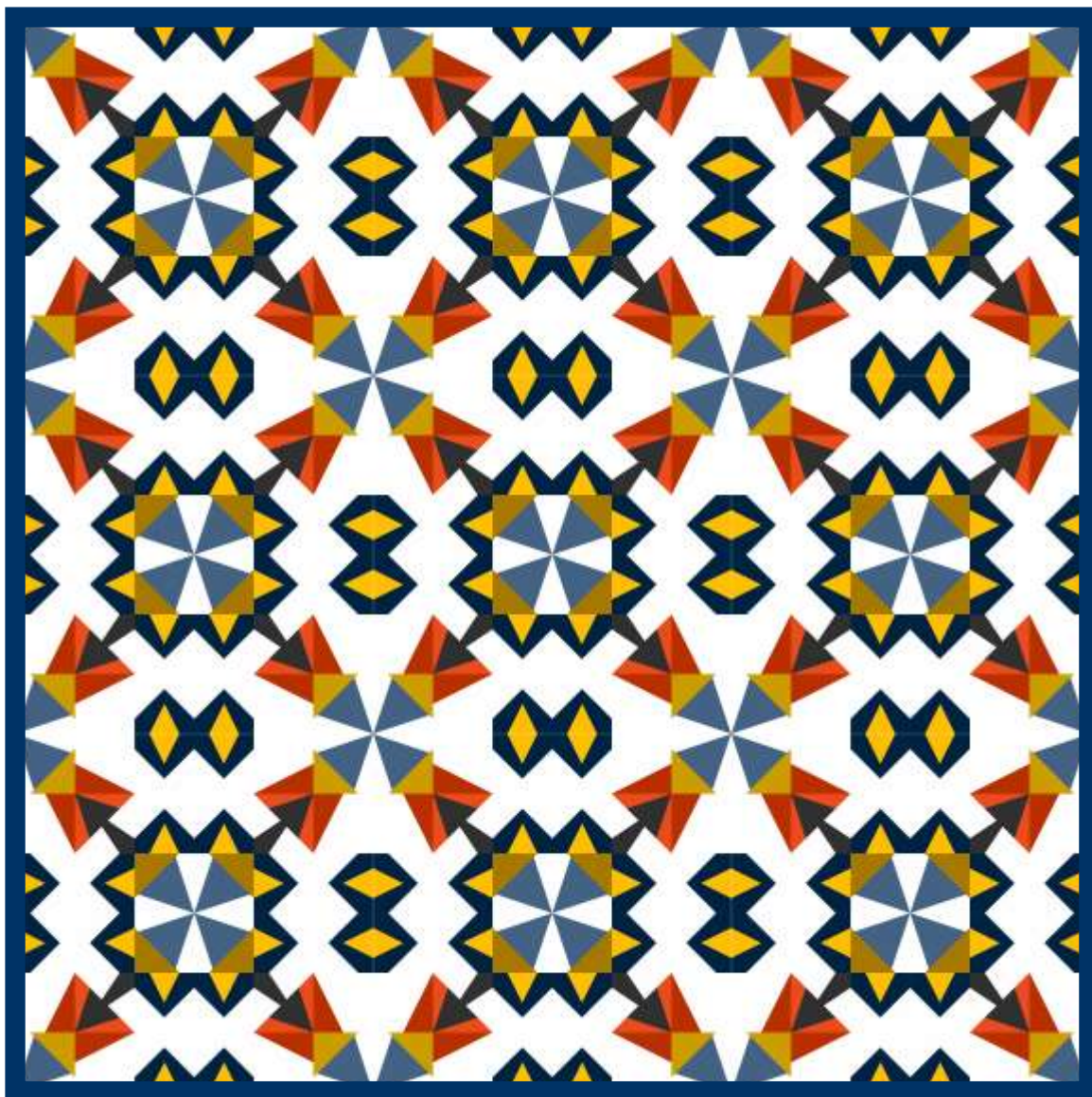
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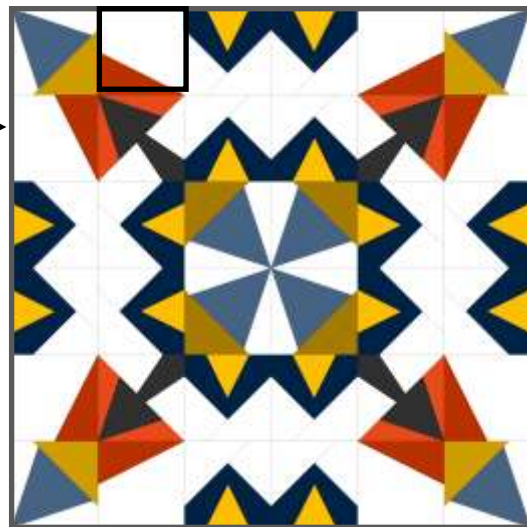
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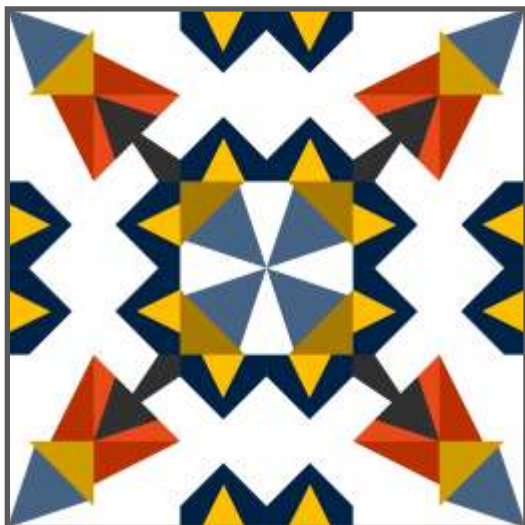
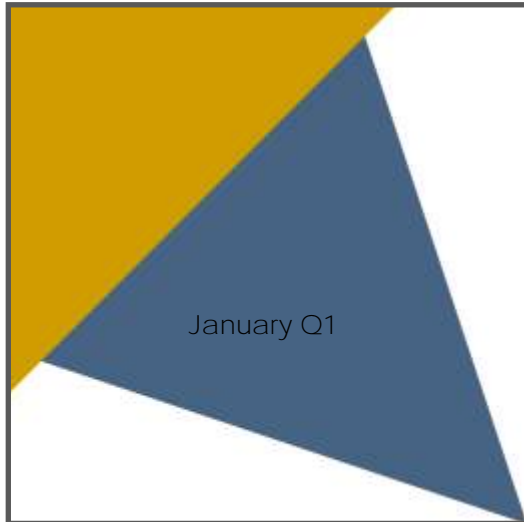
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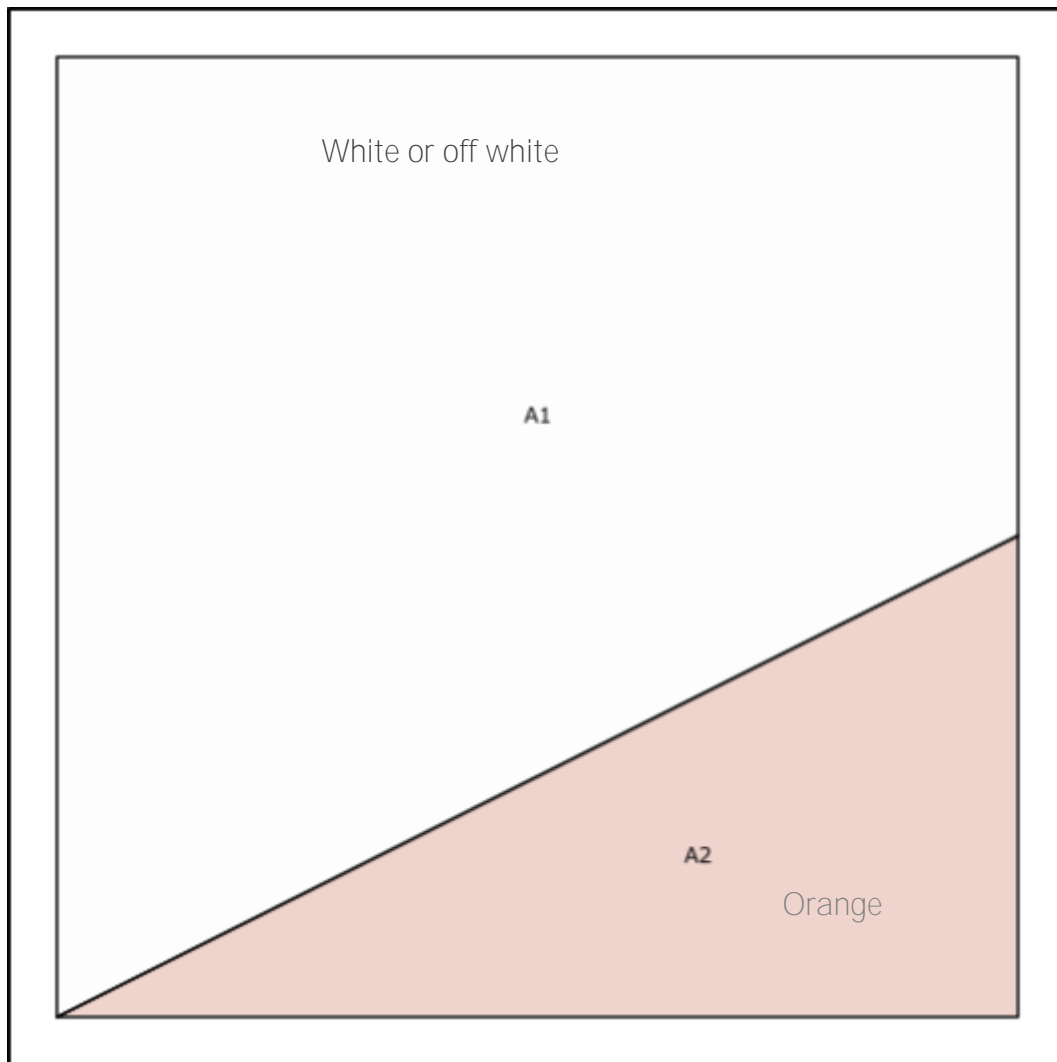
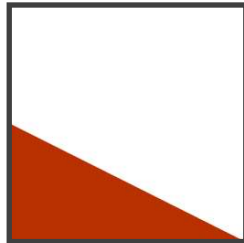
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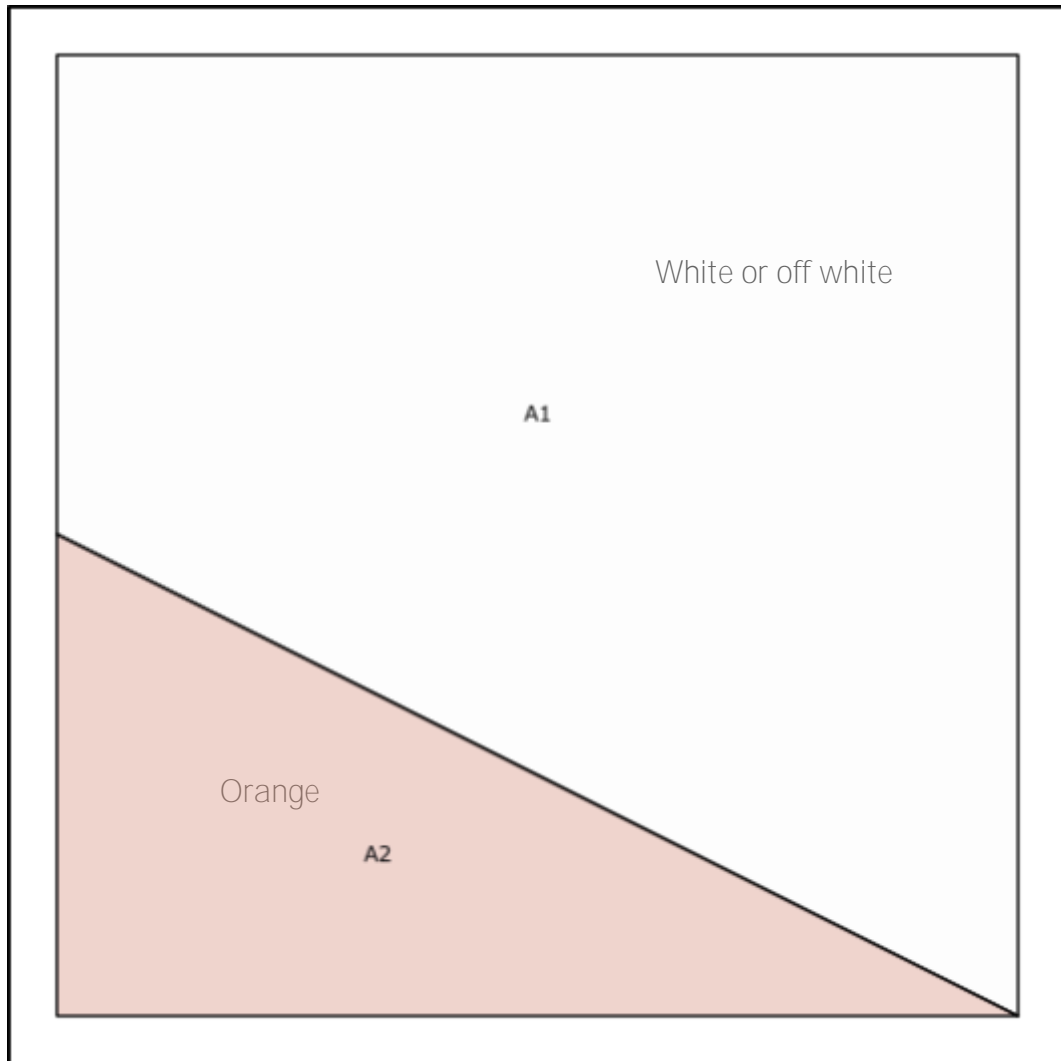


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Choose whatever Fall/Winter theme you want!

- Hannukah
- Christmas
- New Year
- Thanksgiving



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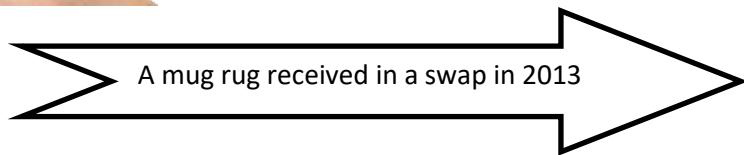
October Challenge

Pumpkins in quilts!



November Challenge

Turkeys in projects!



A mug rug received in a swap in 2013



December Challenge

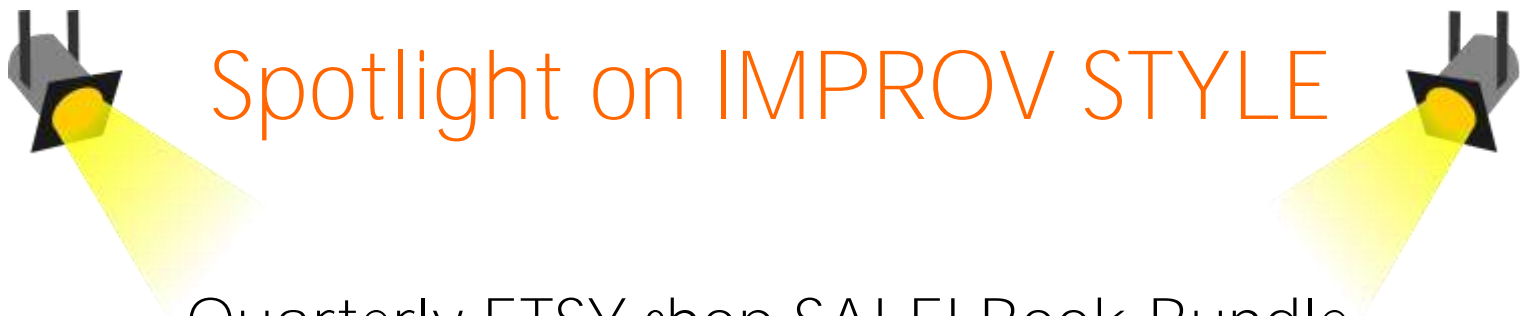
Home made seasonal decor!



Spotlight on IMPROV STYLE

Have you tried improv piecing?
It is one of my favorite
styles, especially for using
up scraps!





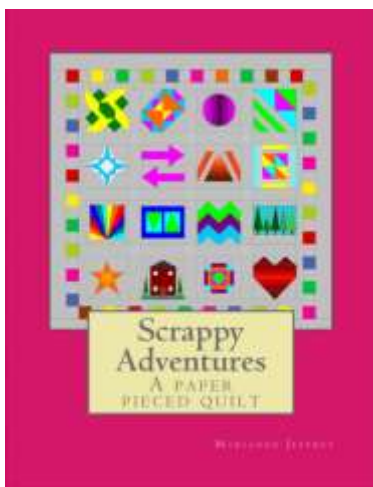
Spotlight on IMPROV STYLE

Quarterly ETSY shop SALE! Book Bundle

Scrappy Adventures & Mod Scrap Adventures bundled
with my Perfect Points Ruler \$20 FREE SHIPPING

YES 2 books and a ruler for \$20

Only while stocks last.



Mod Scrap Adventures shares the facets of design I keep in mind when piecing modern improv pieced quilts.

\$14.75 on Amazon



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Quarterly Tips and Tricks



Quilt photography doesn't have to be complicated! A quilt simply draped over a table, bench, rocking chair etc. can look great!

Scared to work with solids?

Try just two tones of the same color! E.g.

- Mustard and yellow
- Aqua and turquoise
- Burgundy and red
- Lime and green



3" squares are a great size for making QUICK basic scrap quilts! I made three this past summer to demolish my 3" squares!

Quilts make great home décor!

Fold them neatly and stack them on a shelf or hang them on a quilt rack or ladder! This is especially great with scrap quilts because of the array of different fabrics seen on the fold.





Have you seen my new
FREE tutorials??
The latest is a **doll dress**
tutorial!

What's NEW?



I completed the initial design of my
Gardening Adventures
sampler quilt! It is a long way from being
ready to publish but stage 1 is complete!



Seasonal Inspiration

I still love this Halloween quilt I completed in 2020!

I made the basic quilt from my Halloween Adventures book available on Amazon and then added extra borders to make it a large lap quilt. It was such fun piecing all those sampler blocks!

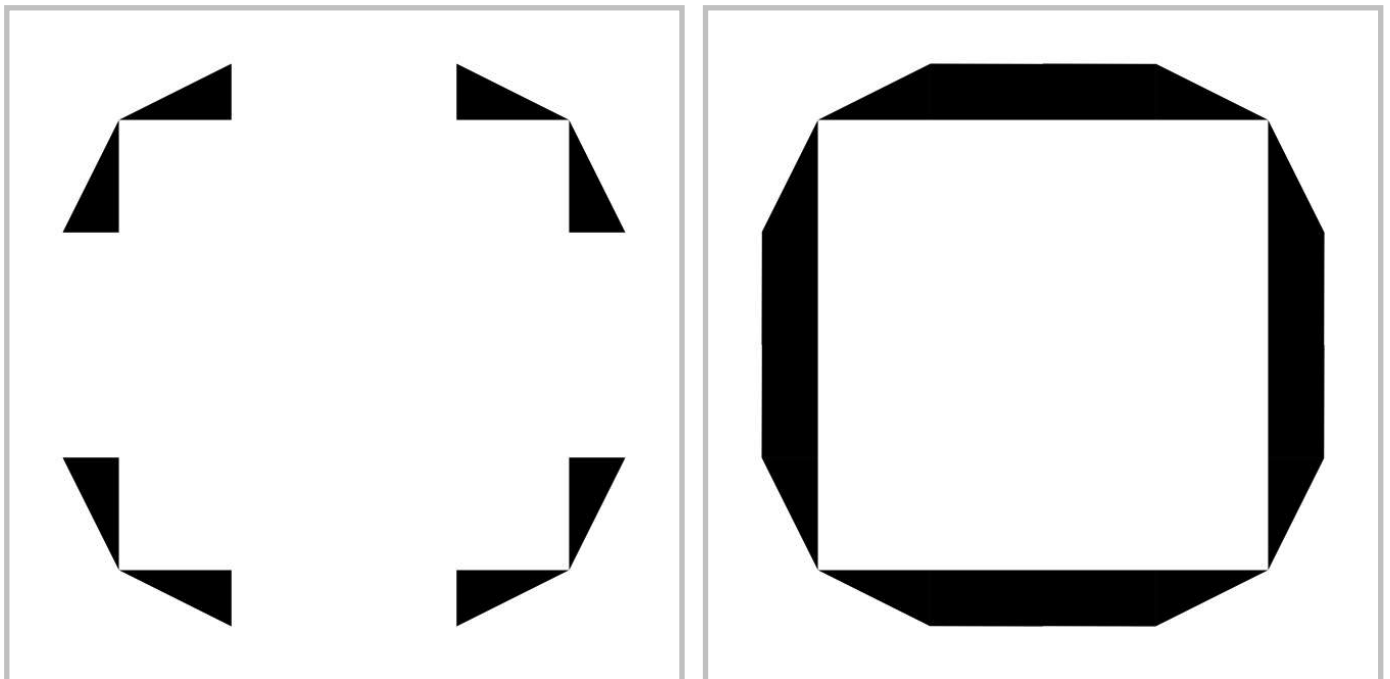
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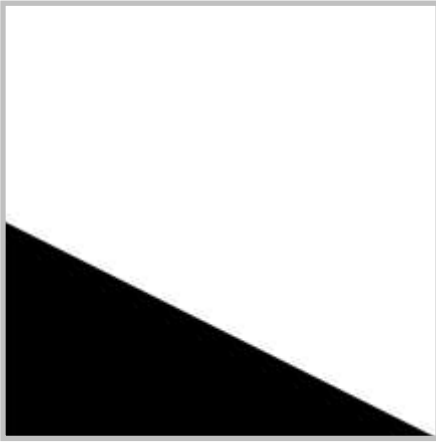
Creating captivating borders that seem to circle a quilt centre is easier than most people realize.



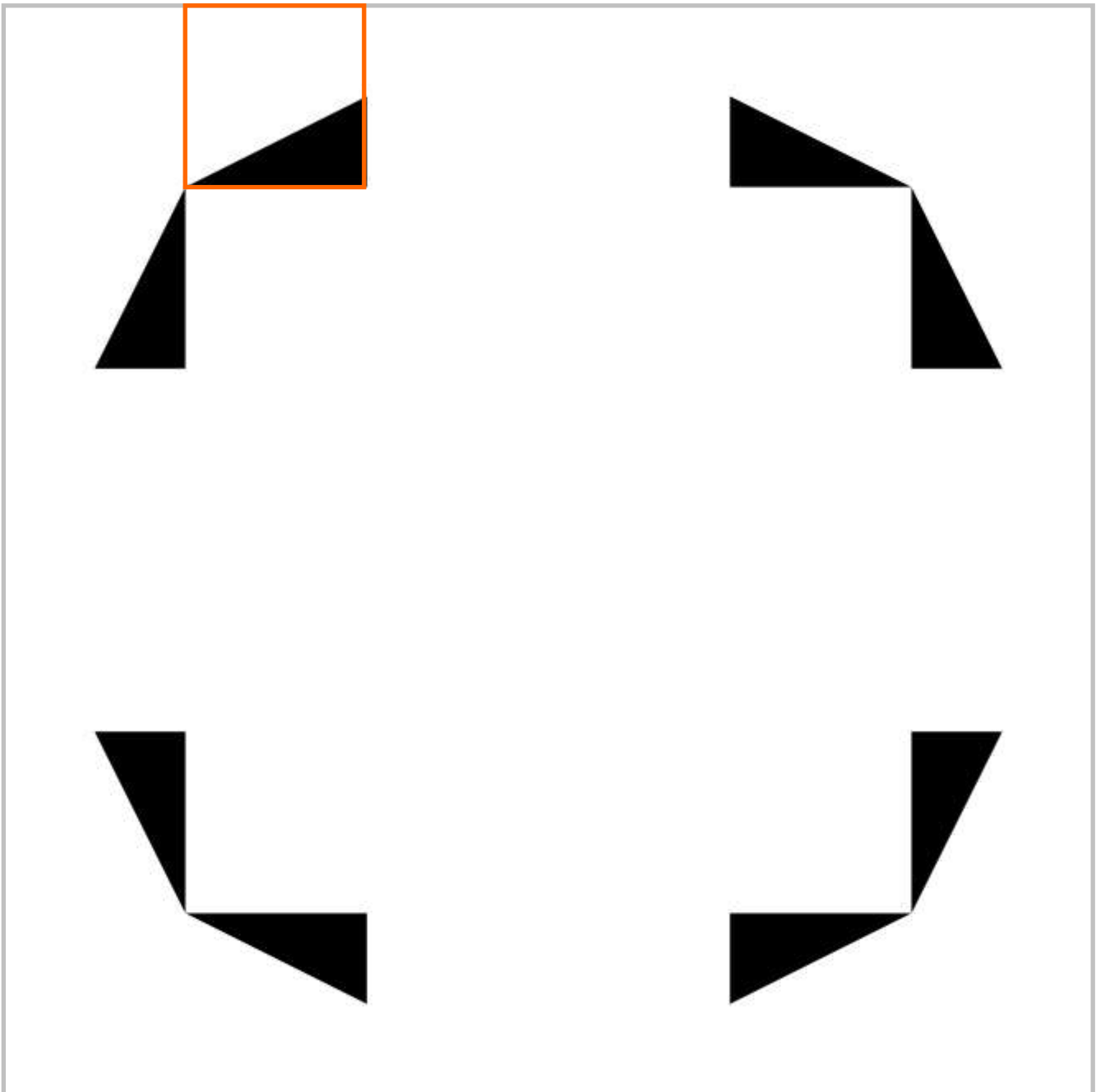
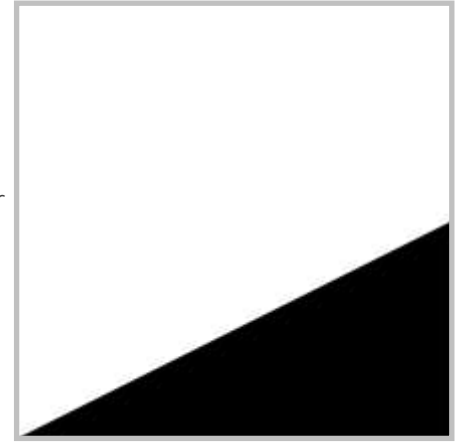
Circular Illusion Borders

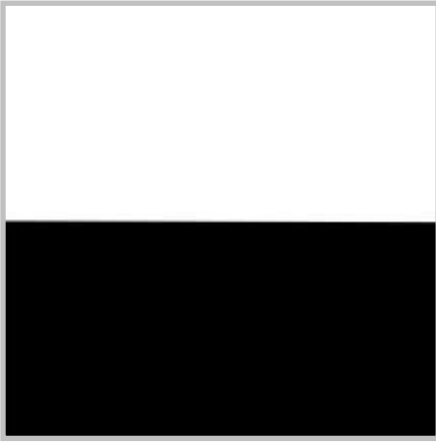
In this example I will show you how to achieve it using relatively simple blocks like half square triangles!



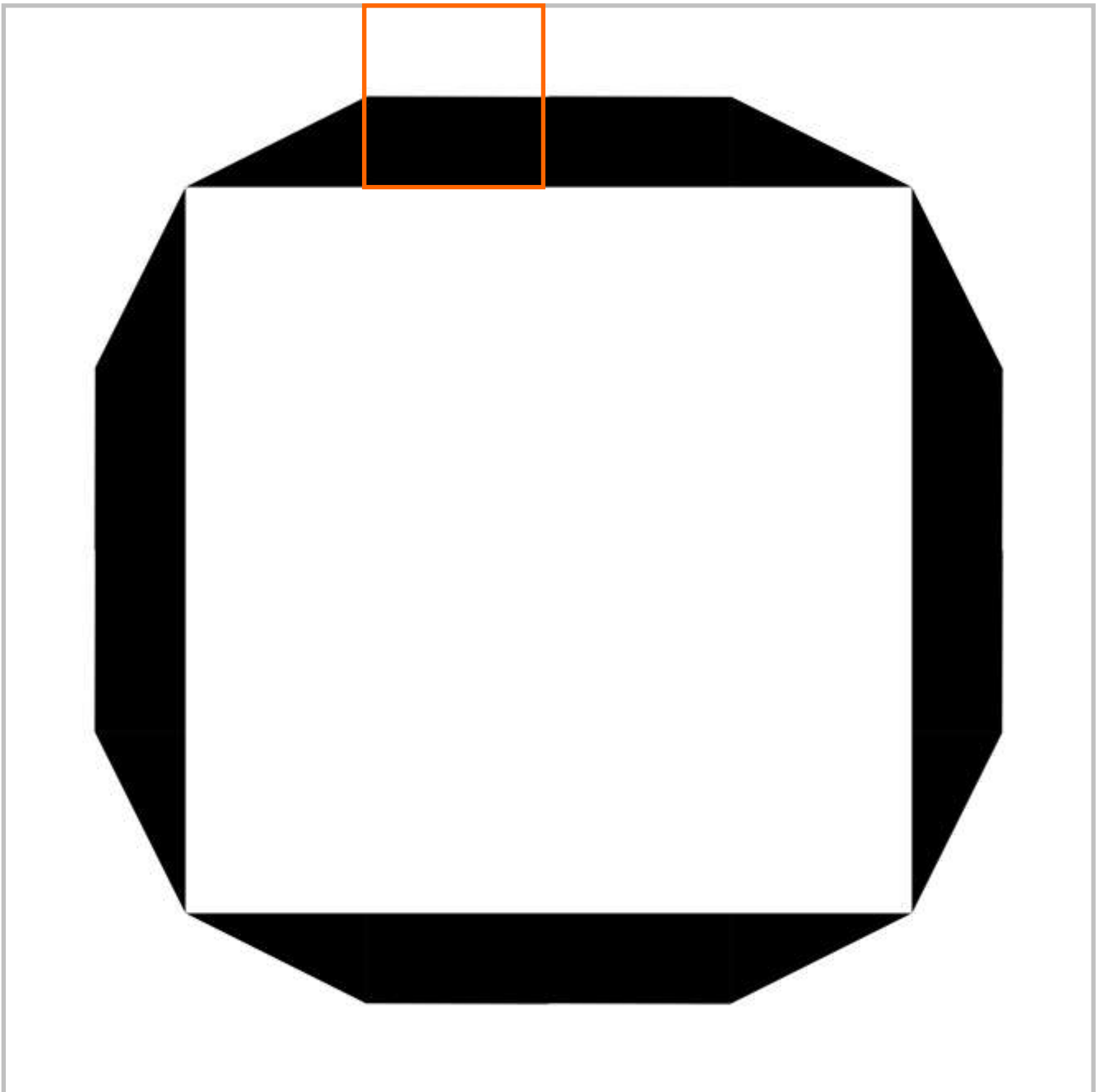


This simple block that you could easily draft yourself creates the perfect start for a circular border that can frame a quilt centre in a fabulous way!



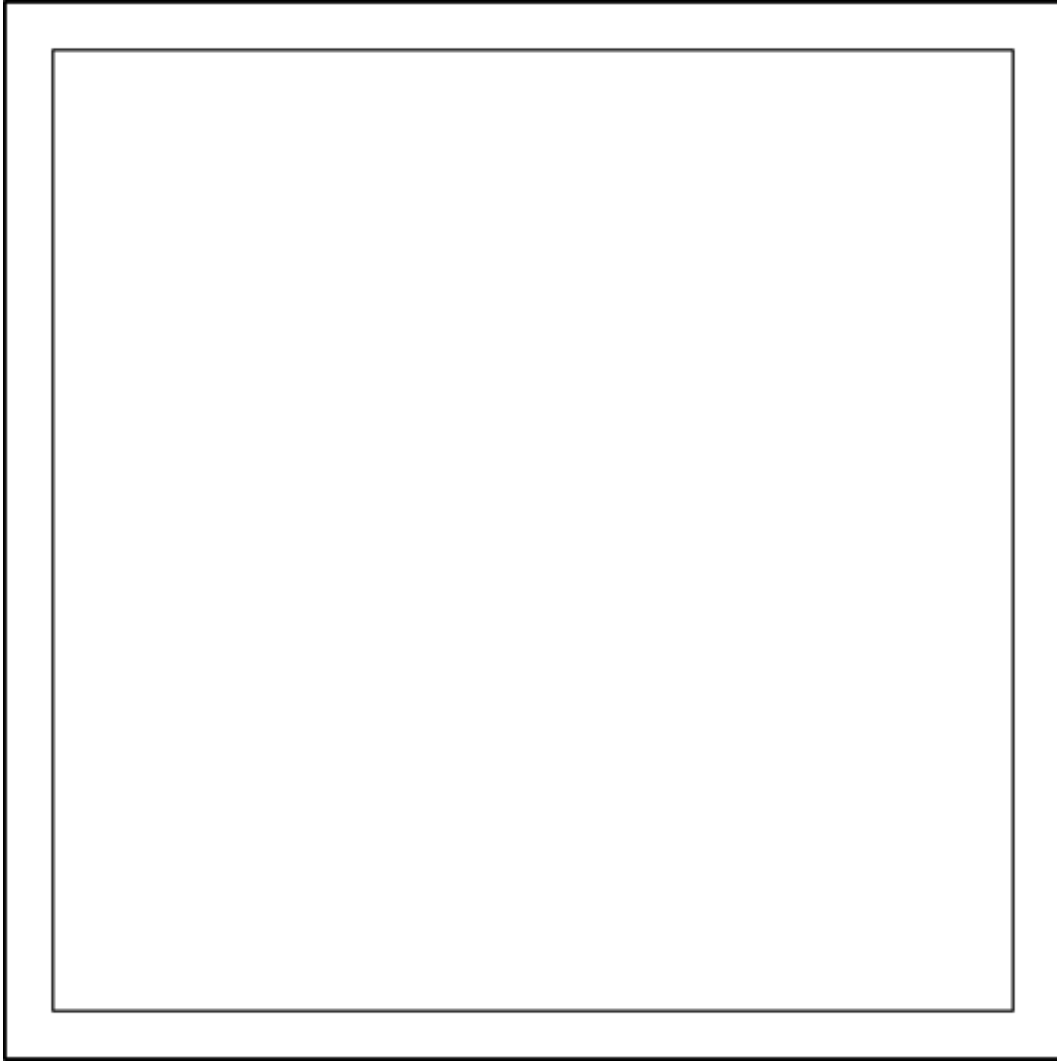


Add simple strips or half strip blocks in between to complete the basic circular illusion.



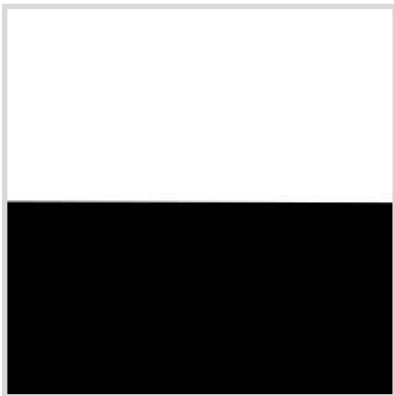
Blank Block

You can use this blank FPP block to create any basic block you like simply draw a line anywhere within the block to divide it into two sections.



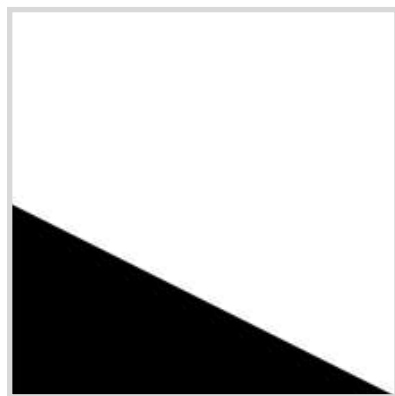
Example 1

Half strip block



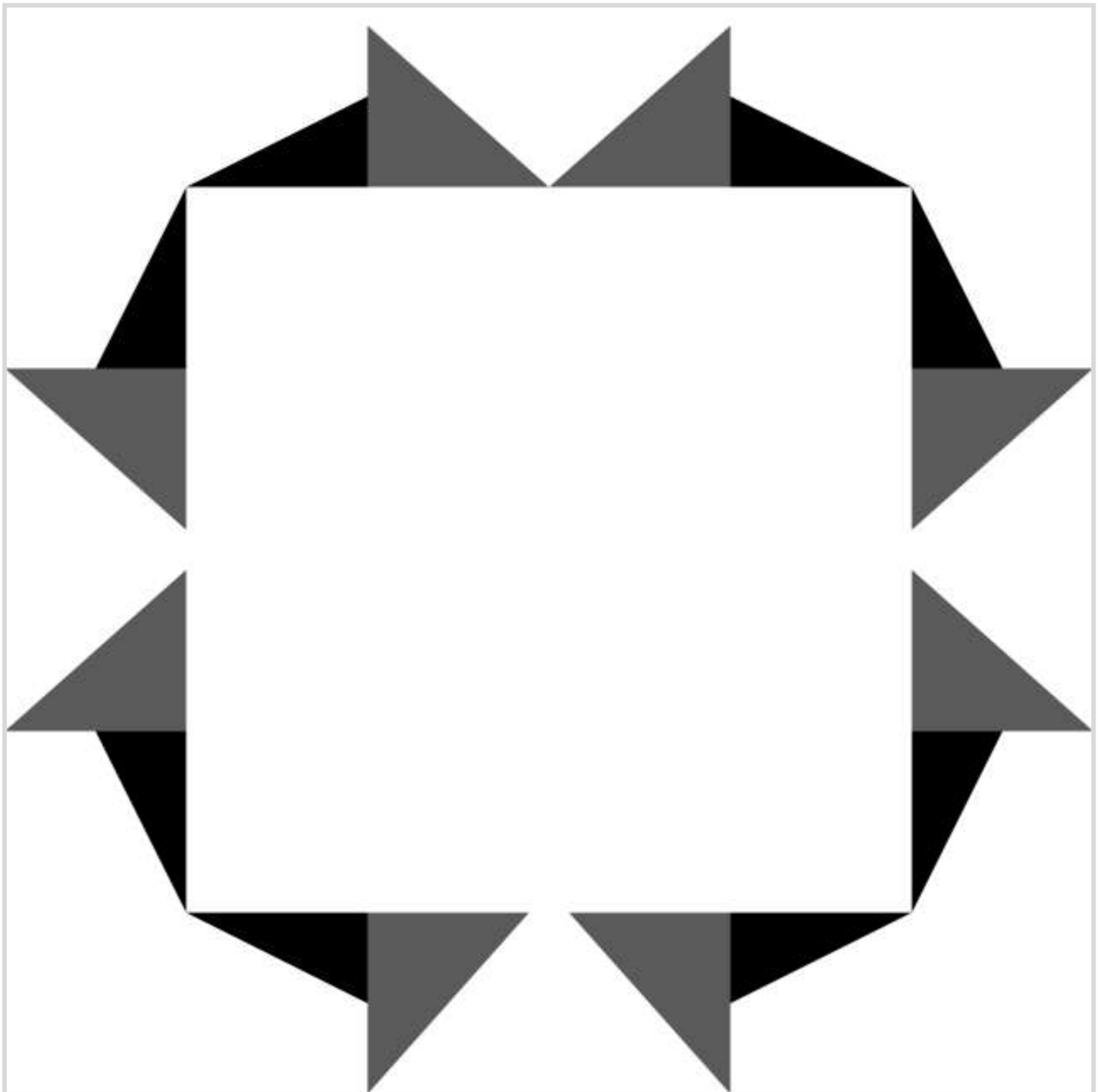
Example 2

Low triangle block

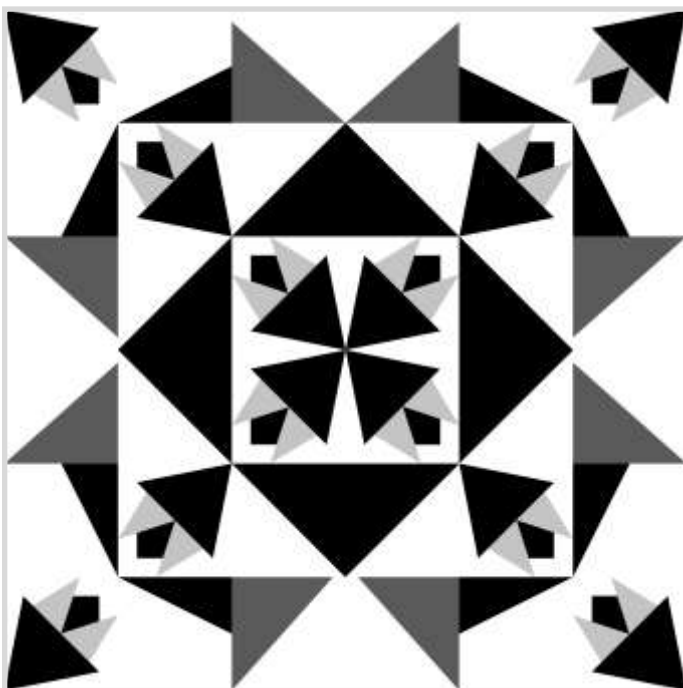
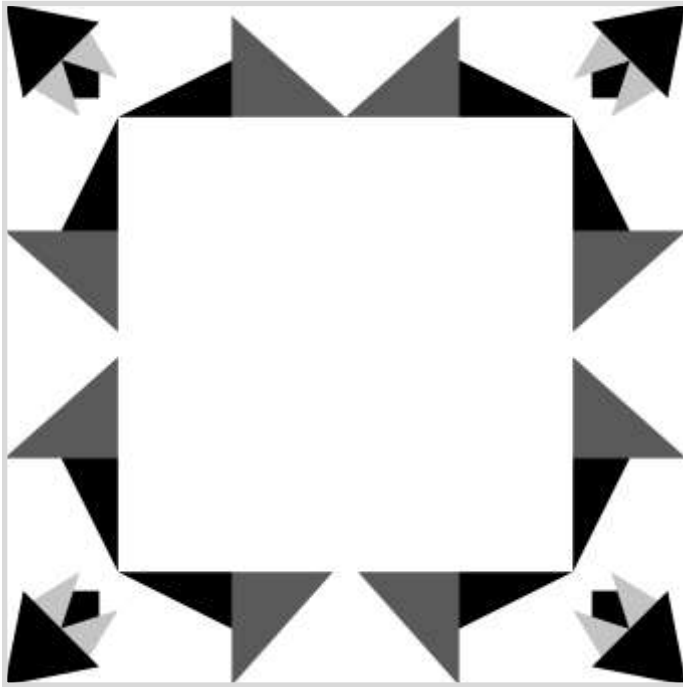




This 'almost' half square triangle block can turn the circle into an alternate spectacular framing border! NOTE: if this is an outer border the points won't disappear into the binding because the points aren't right at the edge of the quilt!

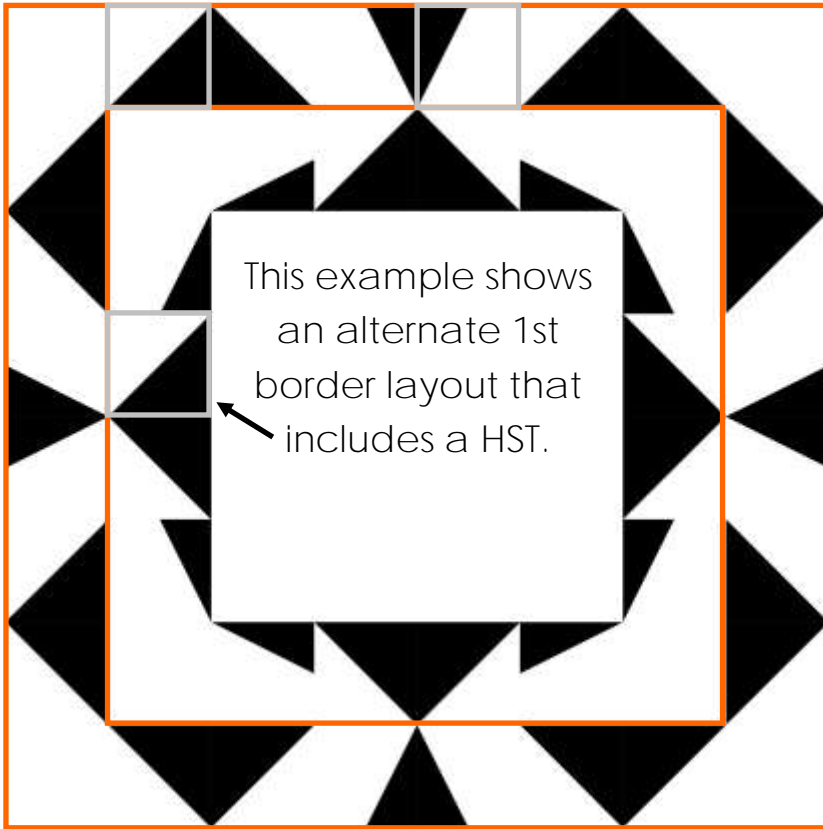


Now imagine adding a diagonally directional block such as the quadrants of a block like my Large Quadrant Stars into your framing design!

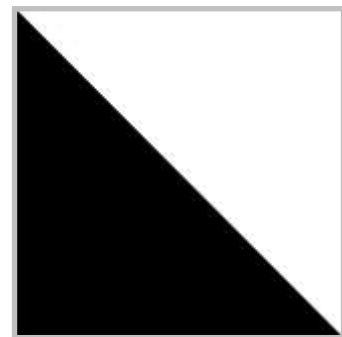


You can begin to see that with just 3 or 4 block designs you can create some fantastic quilt designs!

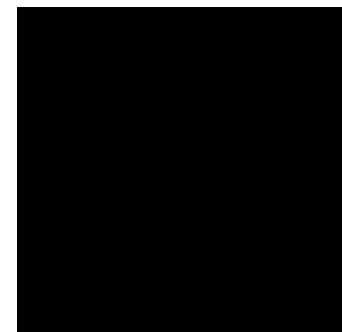
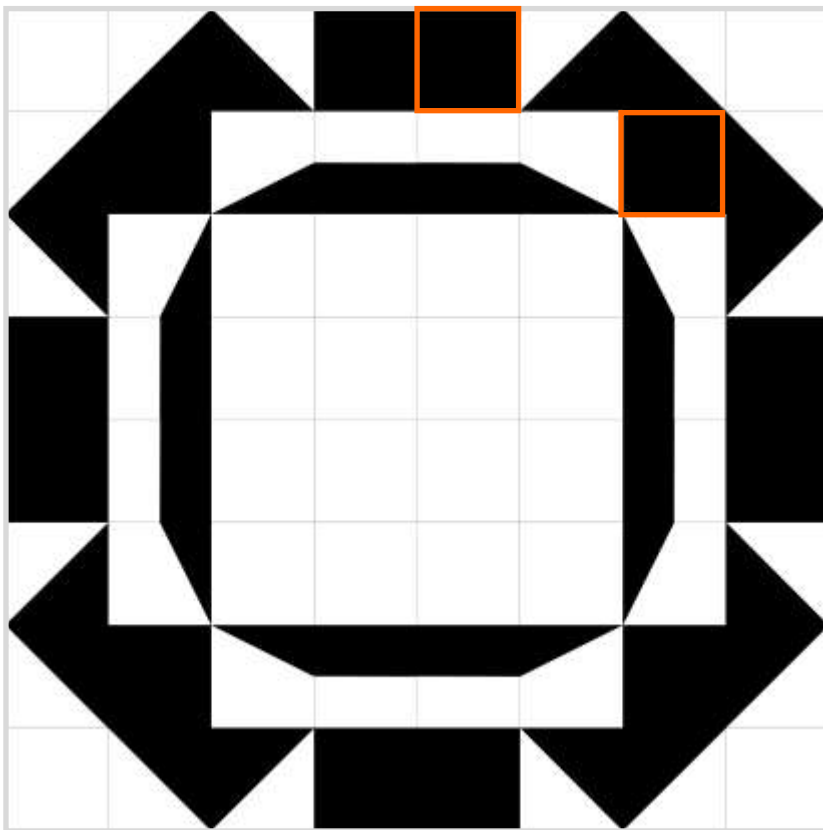
Add Another Border!



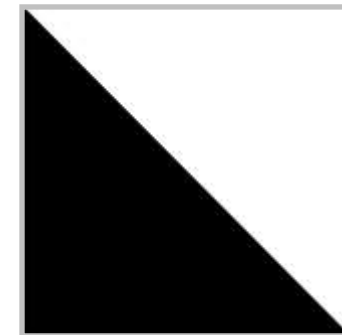
Just 2 basic



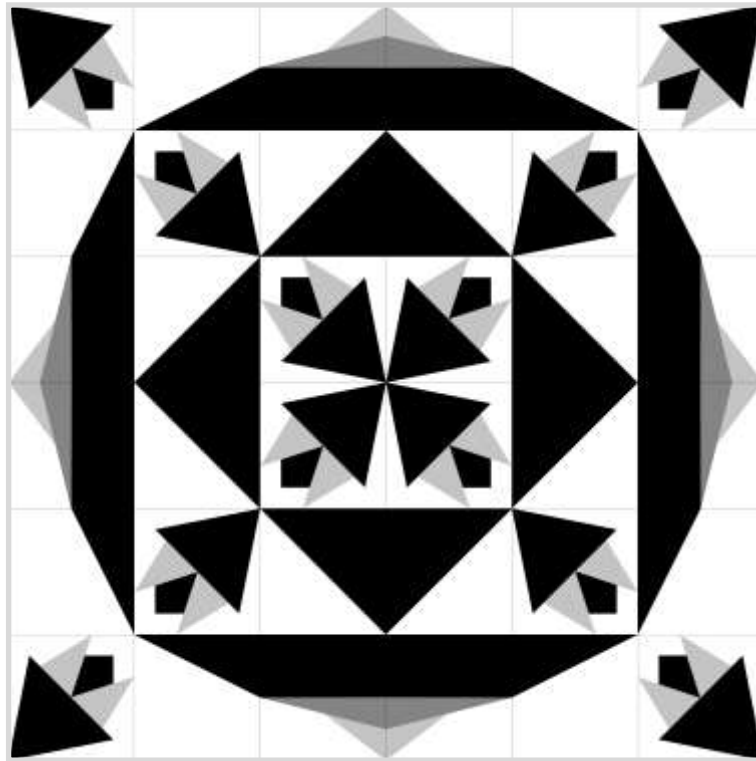
50% of blocks are mirror image blocks



Just 2 basic blocks

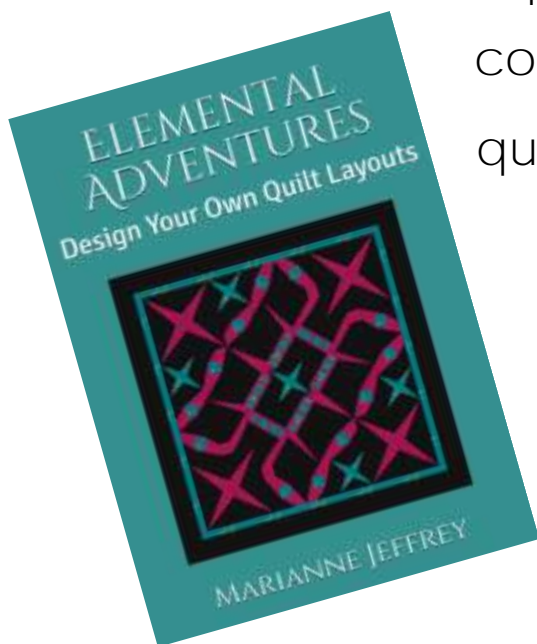


The sky is the limit!



Basic quilt blocks that are reasonably quick to make can really add pizzazz to your quilt borders!

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