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Magic Stack-N-Whack Quilts



Synopsis

Working with medium- to large-scale prints, quilters can create dynamic pieced blocks without hours of planning and precision cutting. The kaleidoscope effects occur spontaneously, thanks to the ingeniously simple 'Stack-n-Whack'(R) cutting technique. By stacking identical repeats of fabric, quilters can efficiently cut the pieces needed for all the blocks. Each block will be unique and unexpected, keeping the quilting experience fresh and exciting! With over 200 how-to illustrations and dozens of color plates. Designs include the classic LeMoyne Star, Hybrid Lilies, Kaleidoscope Pinwheel, Hexagon Star, Diamond Ring, Morning Star, and others, all pieced with construction methods that eliminate set-in seams and ensure quick, successful results.

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Customer Reviews

Kaleidoscope quilts are one of the show-off pieces of a quilter's repertoire. They're judged not only on how perfectly the pieces are sewn to a point in the middle, but also on the cutting: if each piece isn't cut from exactly the same part of the pattern on the fabric, the effect is spoiled. The traditional way of making kaleidoscope blocks involves a special window template, much exaggerated care in cutting--and too often, much wasted fabric. Reynolds's revolutionary method of measuring and marking pattern repeats on the fabric, then cutting all the pieces for the kaleidoscope at once, is more precise, much less time consuming and wasteful, and keeps quilters from being slaves to the cutting process. Reynolds leads the reader smoothly through the process for half-square triangles,

45- and 60-degree triangles, and 45- and 60-degree diamonds. Magic Stack-n-Whack Quilts is an essential addition to the library of any quilter who's interested in the endless design possibilities in kaleidoscopes, stars, pinwheels, and hexagons. --Barrie Trinkle

Whether you are looking for a way to create a dazzling quilt in a few days or whether you are simply a quilter who loves to play with fabric, I am confident you will love making [these] quilts. -Planet Patchwork

I bought this to give me guidance for my first stack and whack quilt. I was told by a friend that it is one of the best guides for this style of quilt. The directions are clear, and the only reason I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 is the book layout. In order to find all the directions you must move to different areas of the book, and this can be confusing when trying to go back and forth between directions.

If you have ever wanted to do a stack n whack style quilt this is the book for you. It is definitely a style and technique that is different, reminiscent of kaleidoscope toys from childhood. Bethany Reynolds makes these quilts easy to make with her clear instructions. Step by step details take you through each quilt and the book has several designs, depends on which angle you cut and how many pieces. I highly recommend this book for intermediate beginner quilters and up. I have two recommendations though if you want to make these quilts. One, invest in a basting gun. It is easier for stabilizing the fabric to be cut than pinning and much quicker than the needle and thread basting technique. The other thing, a hinged mirror. This is a special little tool that you can use to see if your fabric will make some cool designs for the blocks. Not all fabric is suitable for this type of quilt and the author gives you hints on picking fabric. Also, be prepared, due to the use of the repeats and the way the fabric is cut for the blocks, these quilts use a lot of fabric. More so than other types of quilts, but in my opinion, well worth it.

Interesting quilts. Initially I was eager to try one, however it takes a LOT of material to even start one and see if you like the effect and lots of bias seams and bulky intersections. She does suggest using two mirrors, set up like a kaleidoscope to "addition" fabrics. Could be a way to use up "ugly" fabric with pretty colors, but probably better for an intermediate to advanced quilter, not the beginner I was when I bought it.

One of my favorite quilt books. You can take the ugliest large print fabric or a Kaffe Fassett fabric

and turn it into a whimsical masterpiece. Really easy technique, fast, and fun!

I purchased two of this item; one for myself and one for a friend. I found both of them to be practically brand new and in excellent condition.

Love the results of the blocks I've made from this excellent book. I'm a hands-on learner, but with carefully reading her directions and the illustrations, they turned out magically and beautifully using many different fabrics.

I've owned this book for a couple years, and have made three quilts from this book. All three have been gorgeous, and I know that it's all due to Ms. Reynolds.

This book has everything you need to know about Stack and Wack. They are great at explaining which patterns work better than others. This has lots of images and answers just about everything.

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