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Patchwork Essentials: The Half-Square Triangle: Foolproof Patterns And Simple Techniques From Basic Blocks



Synopsis

The workhorse of a quilt block is the Half-Square Triangle: a simple block that creates intricate and beautiful results. Patchwork Essentials: The Half-Square Triangle is an essential pattern and inspiration book for the beginner through intermediate sewist. Several methods for making and designing your own quilts offer new inspiration and forgo complex piecing work. The book is divided into five easy to follow sections: Color, Size Matters, Patchwork Play, Half-Square Triangles Only - a detailed chapter featuring 60, 13" HST block designs--and Tools & Quilting Basics. With quick and easy designs or more detailed work, you will find 12 beautiful projects in this guidebook.

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Customer Reviews

I've been a fan of Jeni's work for years, reading up on her blog and in magazine articles, collecting her fabrics etc. and think she is a super awesome person. When you read this book you feel as if she is right there with you talking you through each method she shares with warmth and charm. And she is also a very "understanding" and non-judgmental person who gets that mistakes happen and not to worry, with practice we can always improve and I just love that attitude that she shares in the book and you definitely get the impression that she is one fantastic teacher if you ever get to take a class with her. I only bought this book because I was seriously stumped on some HST's I needed to make to finish one simple project and even though some of the information I needed was available online, this book is like the definitive authoritative source for everything you ever needed to know or

didn't know you needed to know about how to make HST's, PLUS its pretty exciting once you realize the huge number of block designs you can make from just HST's based on the very awesome gallery and design pages in the book. There was only one area in the book that I thought could have used a few more pages to expand on and that was related to the tutorial on how to trim the HST's. There are step by step photos, and step by step instructions, but after reading through it I was left feeling a little confused but perhaps if I actually gave it a go it would just come right to me and I'll have an "ahah" moment! But the author did say the secret to success was in the trimming and all her measurements for making HST's (excellent tables for a huge number of them based on 3 different methods) assume that you will trim them down to the final finished size.

Jeni takes the maths out of quilting and makes it easier for you to create amazing designs with half-square triangles. After she has shared her cutting menu so that you can create without having to do the maths, she then builds on this with 12 beautiful step-by-step designs. Each of the designs is presented in its finished format. You are given details of how the look was created. You are then taken through the materials required, the cutting required and how to assemble the HST's. From there you are given details of how to add the borders. At each stage there are pictures to guide you on your way. I love the modern designs and colours that have been used in each of the projects. However these are only guides so you can make your own look for your own taste. Jeni takes you through everything you need to know about colour & scale. The book is jam packed with different designs that you can use with your HST's. As a newbie to quilting I found this invaluable. I love the fact that you can make the projects or use the information to create your own designs. I love the section on Patchwork Play. It's so much fun and seems such an easy method to create a unique quilt of your own. I also love the fact that you get projects to be able to try new methods out. The block party is filled with an amazing array of block designs. It has so many designs the only problem you might have is trying to pick which blocks you want to start off with. I think this book is one I'll be using time and again. I can't wait to get started on my project and seeing how mine comes out.

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