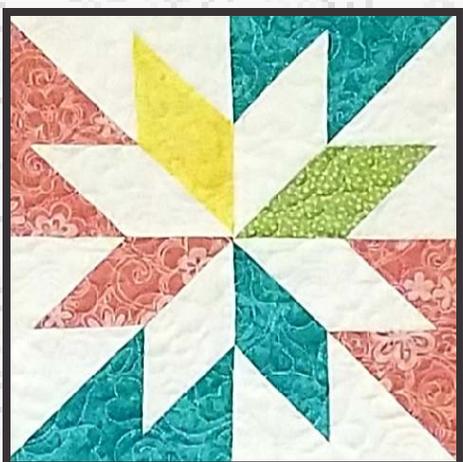


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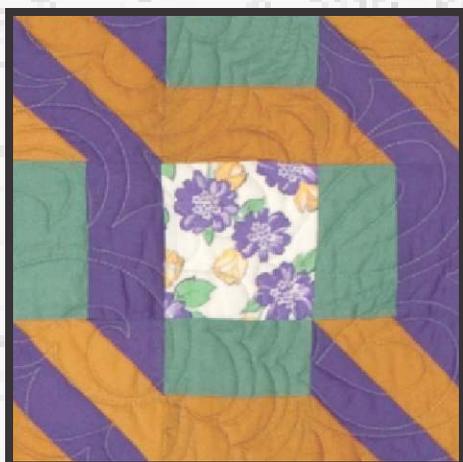
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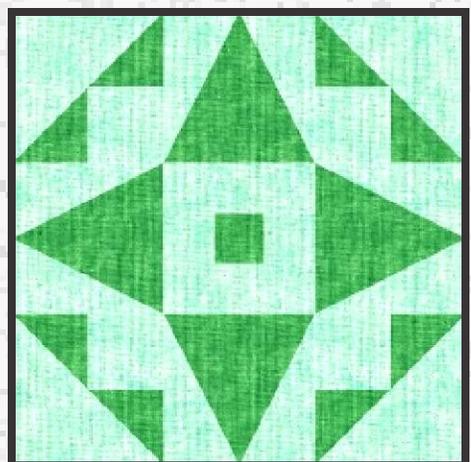
Drought and Fire



Hunter's Star



Garden View



Aroundabout

## A Message from RaeLyn

World War II had been raging for more than five years. The City of Dresden, nicknamed Germany's Jewel Box, remained the only built-up area in Germany that had not been bombed. Dresden had become not only a treasured art and cultural center in Europe but also an important industrial and communications center for Hitler's Nazi Party.

On Feb 13, 1945, British and American forces began an aerial attack intended to maximize damage to the beautiful city. Over the next three days, more than 7,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the city and surrounding areas. The bombs and the firestorm that followed left 25,000 civilian casualties and the beautiful city in ruins.



Grandma's 1940's Dresden Plate



RaeLyn Boothe

Meanwhile, in small-town America, my grandmother was raising her young family on a small farm. While Grandpa was herding cattle and growing alfalfa, Grandma enjoyed making quilts when she wasn't gathering eggs, tending the garden, baking bread, preserving food for the winter, or shoveling coal to keep her family warm.

One of the quilts Grandma made in the 1940s was a Dresden Plate design. I often wonder at the irony of the Dresden Plate quilt pattern being so extremely popular among women in the United States at the same time the American military men were preparing to destroy the very city the pattern commemorates.

Do you ever look at quilts and wonder about their story? Do you make quilts that have a story? Do you label your quilts so their story will not be lost? Art often mimics history—not just world history but family history and even personal history. A label is such a simple thing. Don't let your quilt's story get lost in history. You never know who your quilt will inspire in 80 years.

Enjoy this winter season snuggled under a labeled quilt.

*RaeLyn*

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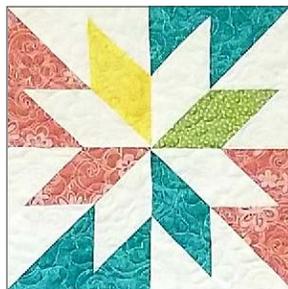
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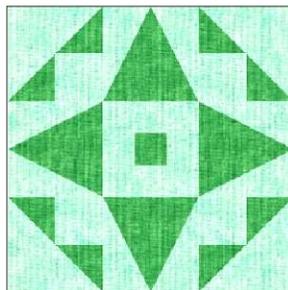
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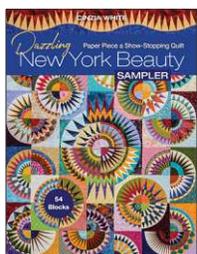
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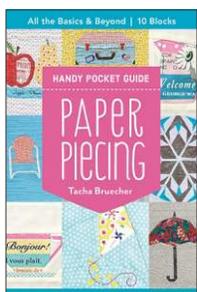
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### Definitions of skill levels:



- **A beginner** must have basic sewing knowledge (including how to use a rotary cutter and the ability to sew a proper seam allowance) and have made at least one quilt.
- **A beginner/intermediate** quilter has more than basic quilting skills and the beginning of intermediate skills.
- **An intermediate** quilter must have made several quilts in either pieced or appliqué styles.
- **An intermediate/advanced** quilter has more than intermediate quilting skills and the beginning of advanced skills.
- **An advanced** quilter will have made many complex quilts.

### Common Abbreviations:

- BA:** Baltimore Album
- BOM:** Block Of The Month
- COC:** Cream On Cream
- EPP:** English Paper Piecing
- FPA:** Freezer Paper Appliqué
- FQ:** Fat Quarter
- HST:** Half Square Triangle
- LOF:** Length Of Fabric
- NS:** No Steam
- OG:** On Grain
- OTB:** On The Bias
- PWF:** PreWashed Fabric
- QST:** Quarter Square Triangle
- RST:** Right Sides Together
- SST:** Side Setting Triangle
- UFO:** UnFinished Object
- WIP:** Works In Progress
- WOF:** Width Of Fabric  
(from selvage to selvage)
- WOW:** White On White



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