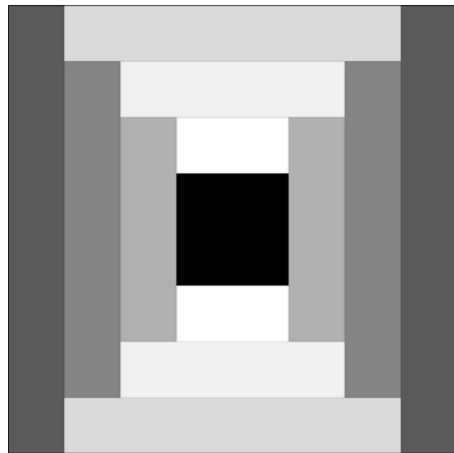


Women of the Bible PATTERN



Block 16: Deborah



Fabric needed for one block & Cutting instructions	
Dark	1/8 yard or scrap (1) 3" square
Medium 1	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 1-3/4"x5-1/2" rectangles
Medium 2	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 1-3/4"x8" rectangles
Medium 3	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 1-3/4"x10-1/2" rectangles
Light 1	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 1-3/4"x3" rectangles
Light 2	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 1-3/4"x5-1/2" rectangles
Light 3	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 1-3/4"x8" rectangles

A woman judge? Absolutely. "At that time, Deborah, a prophetess, wife

of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment." **Judges 4:1-5.** The New Oxford Annotated Bible Revised Standard Version. Deborah was well respected by the Israelites. During this time, it had become unsafe to travel around the country. The Israelites were mostly to blame, as they had taken to raiding Canaanite settlements and looting property. King Jabin tried to restore Canaan's power by killing the Israelites. Faced with this threat, the Israelites turned to their trusted Deborah. Deborah convinced the Israelite military leader, Barak, that he must draw out King Jabin, and she, in turn, would draw out Jabin's military general, Sisera, and kill him. Barak was hesitant. He was outnumbered and unprepared for battle. Deborah had a way of inspiring trust, so she convinced Barak to assemble volunteers from the 12 tribes of Israel. Deborah and Barak assembled their rag-tag army and met Sisera and his massive army at Mount Tabor. Sisera's army were assembled in iron-clad chariots and were confident of victory. Deborah had received a message from God that she would be victorious, and she passed her confidence along to the Israelites. The sky opened and the rain began to fall. A flash flood swept through the valley and the chariots were bogged down. Seizing the advantage, the Israelite soldiers attacked and overran the Canaanite chariots. Deborah was victorious. Sisera abandoned his defeated army and ran away to a nearby village. But that is the beginning of another story...

Have you ever known a person, who, because of their personal charisma, could convince you to do something you normally would not do? Deborah had that effect on the outnumbered Israelites. She was confident that God was on her side.

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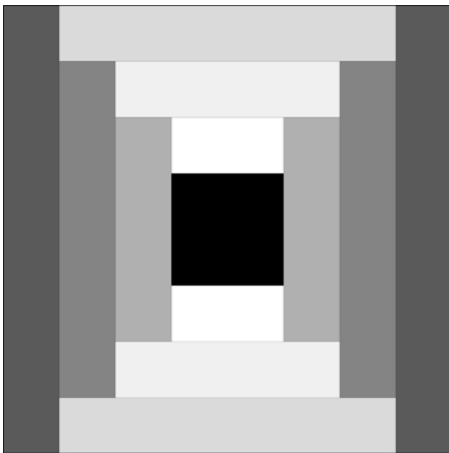
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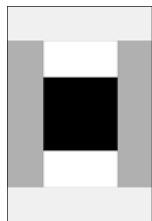
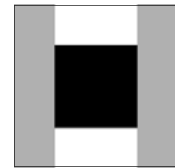
Pattern for a 10" finished block—All seams are 1/4".
Pressing directions are indicated.

Instructions:

1. Stitch Light#1 rectangles to the top and bottom of the Dark square.
Press to the outside.

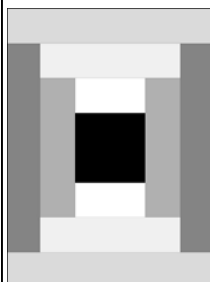
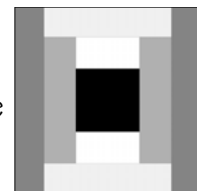


2. Stitch Medium#1 rectangles to the sides of the unit. Press to the outside.



3. Stitch Light #2 rectangles to the top and bottom of the unit. Press to the outside.

4. Stitch Medium#2 rectangles to the sides of the unit. Press to the outside.



5. Stitch Light #3 rectangles to the top and bottom of the unit.
Press to the outside.

6. Stitch Medium #3 rectangles to the sides of the unit to complete the block, shown above. Press to the outside.

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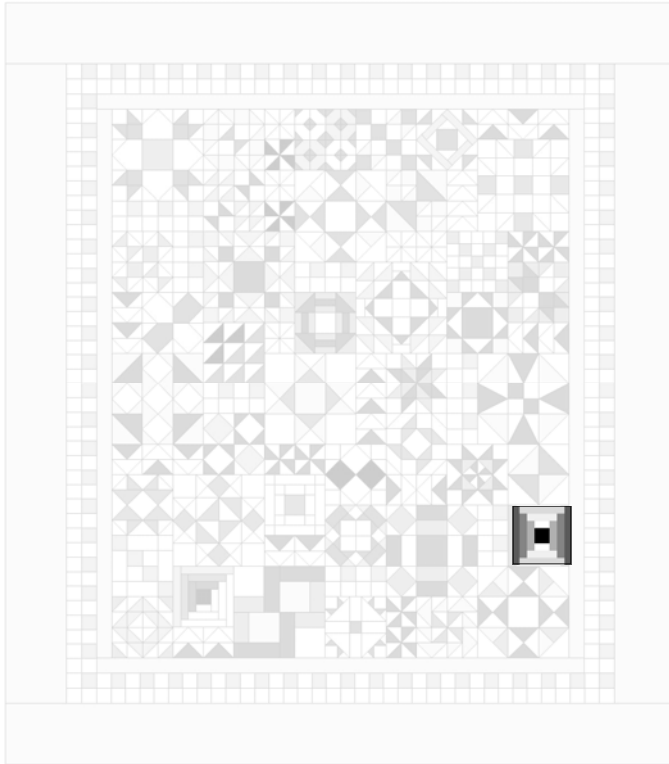
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Block 16: Deborah



Finished 10"

I chose Courthouse Steps to represent Deborah, a respected judge of Israel. Deborah did not have a courthouse. The custom at that time was to hold court under a special type of palm tree.

The space below is provided for your personal reflection.

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