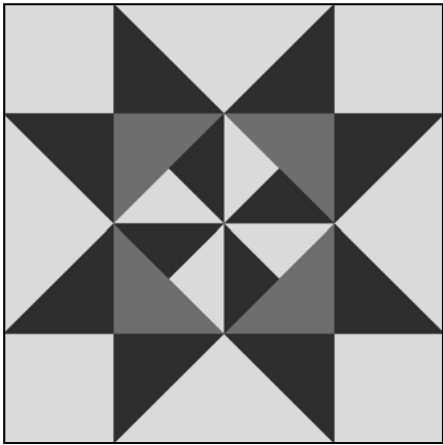


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






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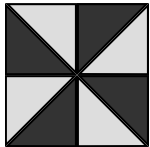

Pattern for 6" finished block — All seams are 1/4".
Pressing directions are indicated.

Fabric needed for one block & Cutting instructions

Dark	1/8 yard or scrap (4) 2-1/2" squares, cut once diagonally (1) 2-7/8" square, cut twice diagonally	 
Medium	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 2-1/2" squares, cut once diagonally	
Light 2	1/8 yard or scrap (1) 4-1/2" square, cut twice diagonally (4) 2-1/8" squares	
Light 1	1/8 yard or scrap (1) 2-7/8" square, cut twice diagonally	

Instructions:



1. Stitch a large Dark triangle to each side of a large Light #2 triangle to form the flying geese unit, as shown. One point of the Dark triangle will slightly overlap the Light triangle (approx. 3/8"). Press toward the Dark triangles. Trim dog ears. Make (4) units. 
2. Create the half-square units by stitching a small Dark triangles to small Light #1 triangles along the long side to form half-squares. Press seams toward the Dark triangles. Make (4) units. 
3. Stitch two half-squares from Step 2 together, as shown. Press seams toward the Dark triangle. Make two units and stitch the units together, matching center seams to complete the pinwheel center. Press seams open. 
4. Stitch Medium triangles to each side of the pinwheel unit, as shown. The points of the Medium triangle will slightly overlap the pinwheel block. Press toward the Medium triangles. Trim dog ears. 

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The Song of Solomon is a beautiful collection of twenty-five poems of love and courtship, similar to songs that would be sung at weddings. I chose Solomon's Star to represent the Song of Solomon because the block is a tribute to King Solomon, the king named as the bridegroom in the songs.

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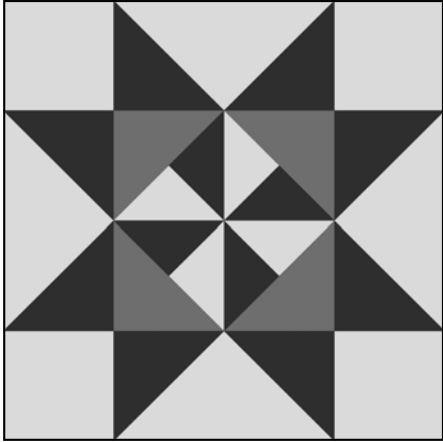
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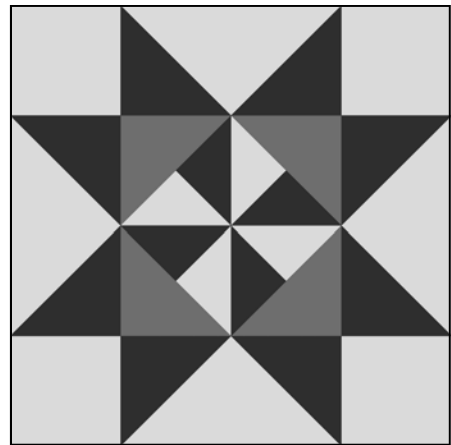
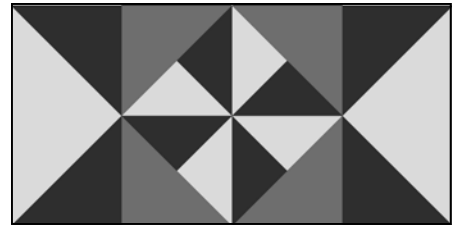
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Instructions (continued):

5. Stitch a flying geese unit from Step 1 to each side of the center unit from Step 4 as shown. Press toward the center unit.
6. Stitch Light #2 squares to each side of the remaining flying geese units from Step 1 as shown. Press toward the Light squares. Make (2) units.
7. Stitch the units from Step 6 to the top and bottom of the unit from Step 5, as shown. Press seams to outside.



Song of Solomon dates back to the third century B.C., but the book is much more ancient. Symbols and motifs can be traced to early mythology. Translation of this book is difficult, because many words in these poems are rare in Biblical Hebrew.

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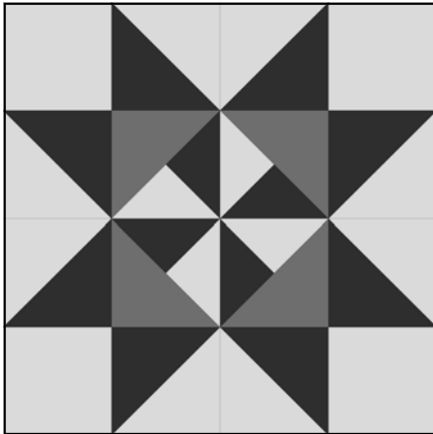
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This is Block 22 of a 73 block series representing the 39 books of the Old Testament, 7 books of the Apocrypha, and 27 books of the New Testament. I chose to name the blocks after books of the Bible as a testament to my faith. I call the finished quilt "Bible Studies." Whether Catholic or Protestant, I hope each block will have a special meaning to the quilt maker. For me, reviewing the books of the Bible recalled many of my favorite bible stories and passages. I include a bit of Bible history for each block. I have used, as a reference, the New Oxford Annotated

Bible with the Apocrypha, Revised Standard Version, 1977, an Ecumenical Study Bible.

The Song of Solomon does not contain obvious religious content that connects it to other books of the Bible. It is included in the Old Testament because it represents the prophecy of the Lord as the "husband" of his people, and the metaphoric relationship of the love of Christ for his bride, the church.

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