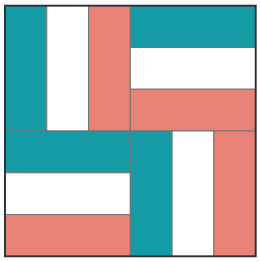
Blocks 1–5 • Straight-seam foundations

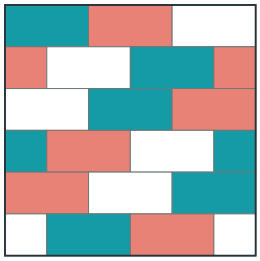
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01 Rail Fence

Skill: Strip piecing

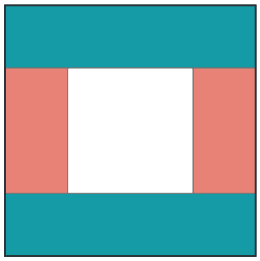
Four rotating rail units.



02 Brick Wall

Skill: Offset seams

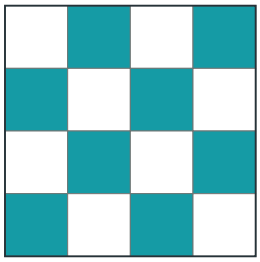
Six staggered rows: 4″ × 2″ finished bricks with 2″ square ends.



03 Framed Square

Skill: Adding borders accurately

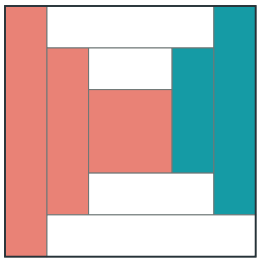
A center square with a contrasting frame.



04 Checkerboard

Skill: Matching intersections

A 4 × 4 checkerboard; no stand-alone Four-Patch.



05 Log Cabin

Skill: Building outward evenly

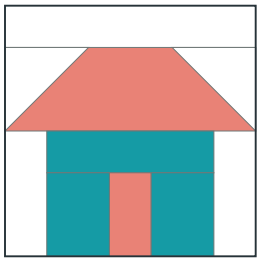
Two rounds: cut a 4½″ center and 2½″-wide logs.

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Blocks 6–10 • Corners and diagonal strip units

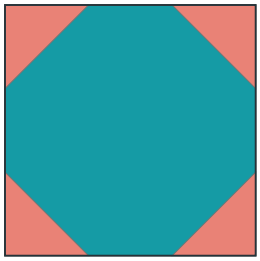
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06 House Block

Skill: Stitch-and-flip roof corners

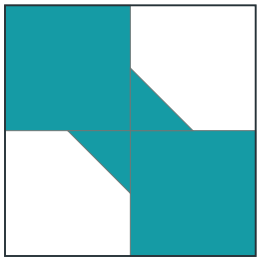
A sloping roof above a pieced house and door.



07 Snowball

Skill: Stitch-and-flip corners

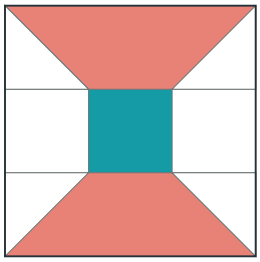
Larger corners: cut a 12½″ base and four 4½″ corner squares.



08 Bow Tie

Skill: Corner units

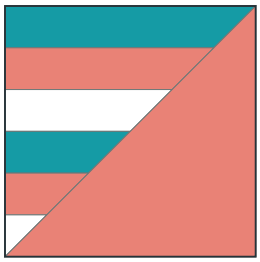
A simple stitch-and-flip bow tie.



09 Spool Block

Skill: Angled units

A single spool with stitch-and-flip ends.



10 Roman Stripe

Skill: Straight seams and strip sets

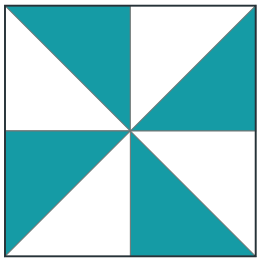
A striped triangle paired with a plain triangle.

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Blocks 11–15 • First HST blocks

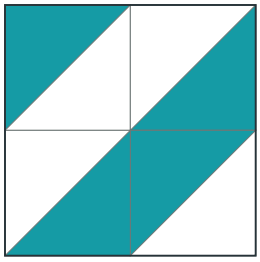
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11 Pinwheel

Skill: Half-square triangles

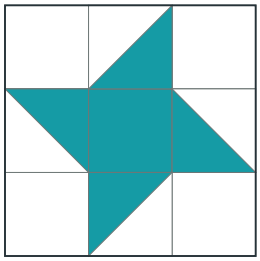
Four half-square triangles turning around the center.



12 Broken Dishes

Skill: HST orientation

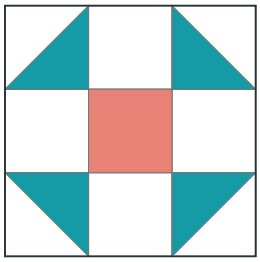
Four half-square triangles in opposing pairs.



13 Friendship Star

Skill: HSTs with squares

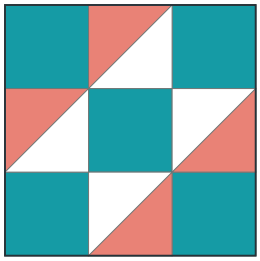
A center square with four rotating star points.



14 Shoo Fly

Skill: Basic 3 × 3 block construction

Corner HSTs surround a center square.



15 Contrary Wife

Skill: HST orientation and layout

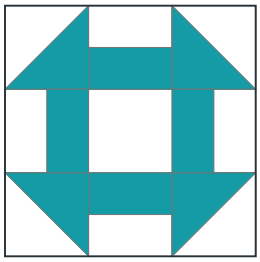
Five plain squares and four HSTs; each unit is 4½″ unfinished.

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Blocks 16–20 • Leaves, paws and square-in-a-square

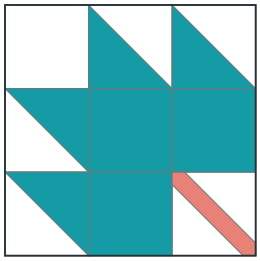
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16 Churn Dash

Skill: HSTs plus rectangles

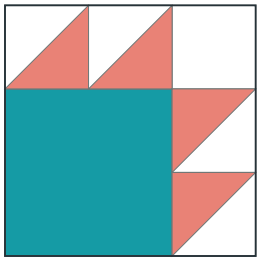
Corner triangles and split side units.



17 Maple Leaf

Skill: HSTs and stem construction

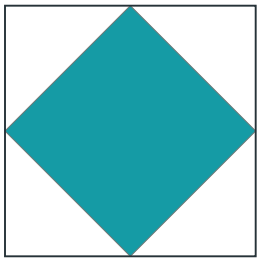
A pieced leaf with a narrow diagonal stem.



18 Bear Paw

Skill: Multiple HST units

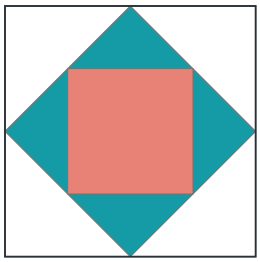
Full-width single paw: 12″ finished, with no outer frame.



19 Diamond in a Square

Skill: Bias edges and centering

A single centered diamond with corner triangles.



20 Economy Block

Skill: Square-in-a-square

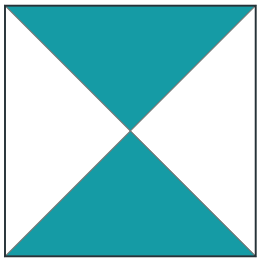
Two rounds of triangles around a center square.

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Blocks 21–25 • Hourglass units and Flying Geese

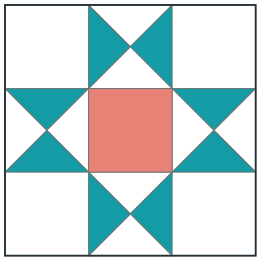
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21 Hourglass

Skill: Quarter-square triangles

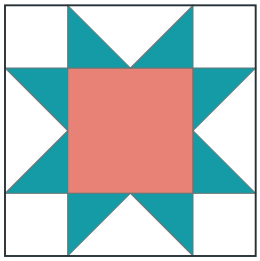
One large hourglass unit.



22 Ohio Star

Skill: Quarter-square triangle units

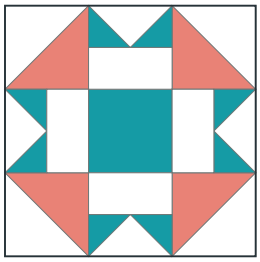
Four hourglass units around a center square.



23 Sawtooth Star

Skill: Flying Geese

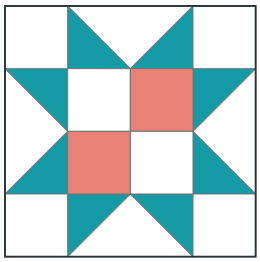
The classic eight-point star with a plain center.



24 Folded Corners

Skill: Combining HSTs and Flying Geese

Corner HSTs and split side units surround a center square.



25 Evening Star

Skill: Multiple star units

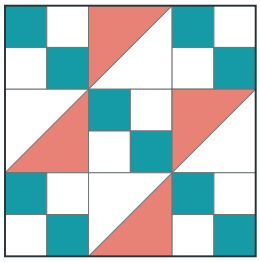
Four-patch-center variation with simple square units.

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Blocks 26–30 • Combining units and complex stars

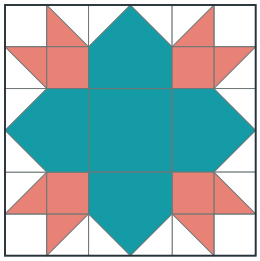
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26 Jacob’s Ladder

Skill: Combining several unit types

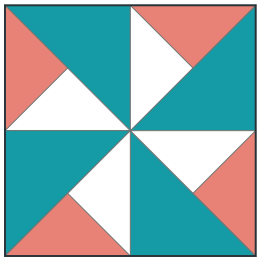
Four-patch units and HSTs create a diagonal ladder.



27 Weathervane

Skill: Combining HSTs and corner units

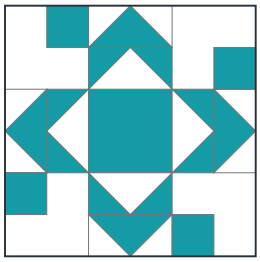
A 6 × 6 grid finishes at 12″; no outer frame.



28 Double Pinwheel

Skill: More complex triangle placement

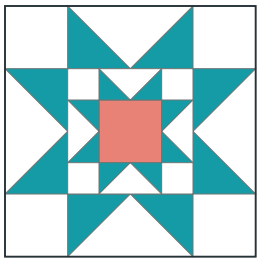
A three-color pinwheel with split triangle units.



29 Mosaic Star

Skill: More complex star construction

Paired geese and small corner squares.



30 Variable Star

Skill: Star-point accuracy

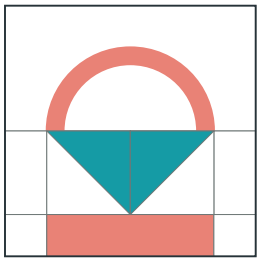
Star-in-a-star variation with a smaller inner star.

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Blocks 31–35 • Graduation blocks • optional challenges

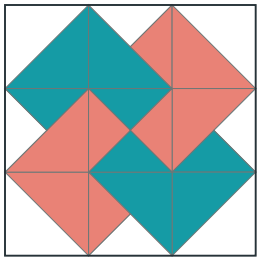
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31 Basket Block

Skill: HSTs and background rectangles

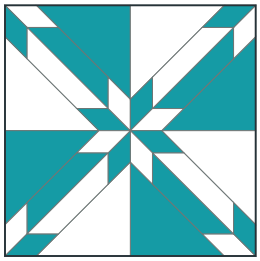
Two HSTs form the basket; only the handle is appliqué.



32 Card Trick

Skill: Color placement and visual illusion

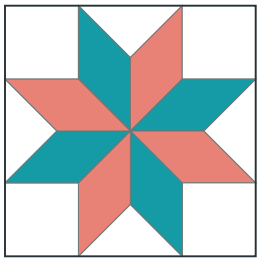
Four colors overlap through triangle placement.



33 Hunter’s Star

Skill: Precision triangle piecing

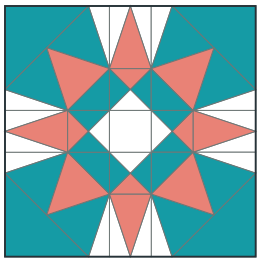
Four-unit arrangement showing the complete star.



34 LeMoyne Star

Skill: Diamond piecing and Y-seams

Eight true diamonds meet at the center; 12″ finished.



35 North Carolina Star

Skill: Final precision challenge

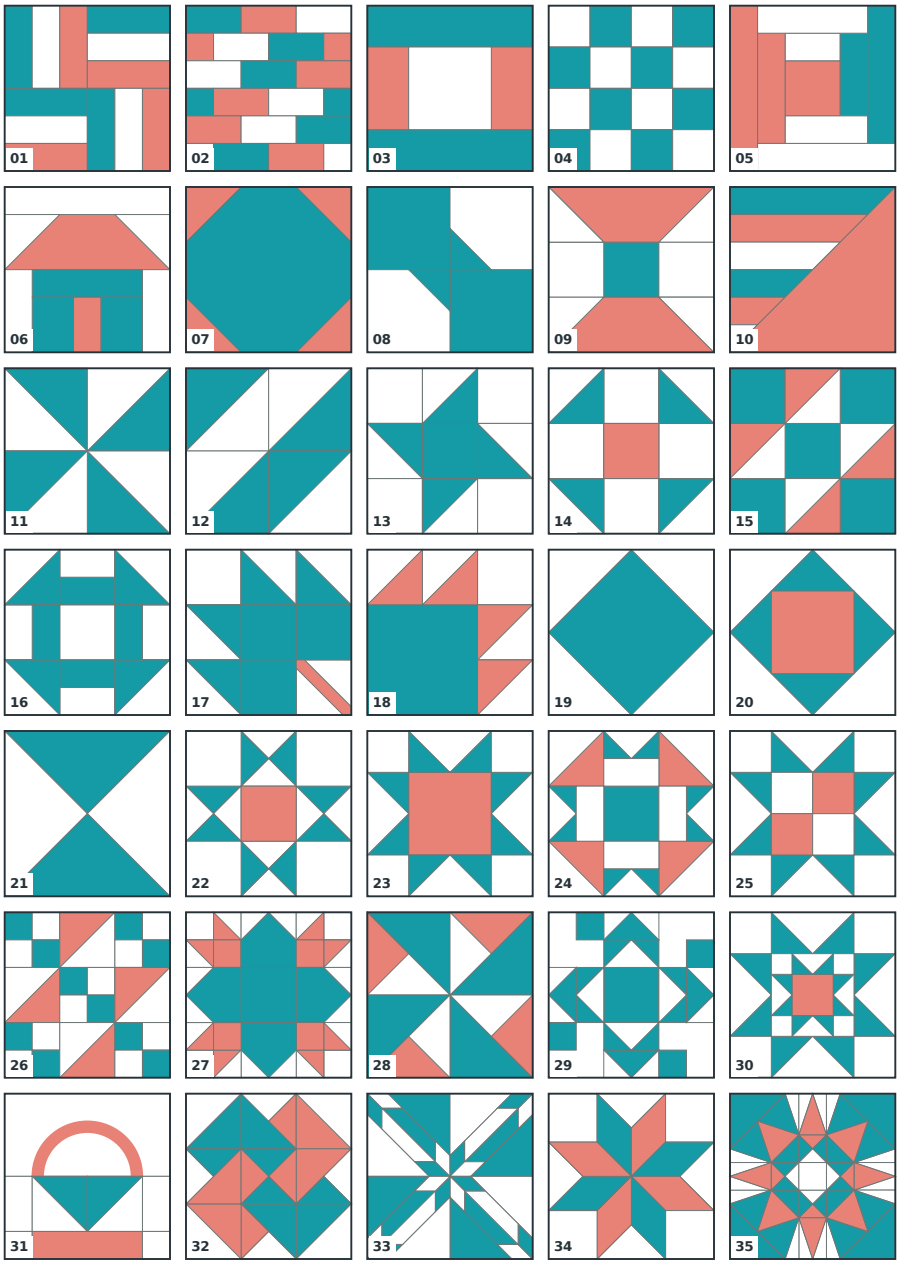
Elongated triangles and diamond star points.

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Sampler layout • 5 blocks across × 7 blocks down

Every block: 12″ × 12″ finished • 12½″ × 12½″ unfinished



Without sashing or borders, the 35-block quilt top finishes at 60″ × 84″. The drawing shows spacing for clarity. Sawtooth, Evening and Variable Star are related practice variations. Weathervane uses a 6 × 6 grid to finish at 12″ without a frame. Lessons 31–35 are optional graduation challenges.

Design references: star names • Mosaic Star • Weathervane • North Carolina Star

star names Mosaic Star Weathervane North Carolina Star Contrary Wife Folded Corners

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Teaching plan • from first seams to a finished quilt

Every block: 12″ × 12″ finished • 12½″ × 12½″ unfinished

Use affordable cotton solids

Palette: white, coral and turquoise. Similar colors from any brand work. Choose affordable 100% cotton quilting-weight fabric. Preview colors are approximate; compare the actual fabrics for contrast.

Build one skill at a time

Use the block order on pages 1–7. Review cutting accuracy, a consistent ¼″ seam, pressing and measuring before introducing the next unit. Difficulty depends on the construction method used.

Give each lesson a consistent structure

Show the finished block, identify the new skill, explain the cutting, sew the units, check their sizes, demonstrate pressing, then assemble and measure the 12½″ unfinished block.

Make the related stars deliberate practice

Sawtooth Star introduces the basic construction. Evening Star adds a four-patch center. Variable Star adds a smaller inner star. Label these variations consistently in videos and patterns.

Keep graduation challenges optional

Lessons 31–35 add an appliqué basket handle, color-placement challenges, precision piecing and traditional diamond/Y-seam construction. Viewers may repeat an easier block to fill any sampler position.

Finish the quilt in separate lessons

After the block lessons, cover: joining blocks and any sashing; measuring and adding borders; preparing backing and batting; layering and basting; beginner quilting; and binding.

Keep the sampler size clear

All 35 blocks finish at 12″ square. A 5 × 7 layout finishes at 60″ × 84″ before sashing or borders. These pages are a visual course plan; publish checked cutting and assembly instructions separately for each block.

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