

LET THE FABRIC DO THE WORK FOR YOU

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Making the most of fabric

We choose fabric for many reasons - be it for colour or the texture of the pattern - the pretty flowers - the dots or the stripes.

We may be choosing fabric to complement - to highlight - to contrast or to blend.

And sometimes we buy fabric just because.

When I teach my Kaleidoscope class the first 45 minutes are spent looking at fabrics suitable for Kaleidoscope blocks. Some fabrics are more suitable than others because of the complexity of the pattern and the number of repeats.

Once you start to look at what the fabric can do for you, you may start to look at fabric differently.

Stripes and border prints are invaluable in your quilting, the extra detail that can be added by using stripes is amazing and they can create very complex quilts without adding pieces to be cut and sewn.

Many of the Westalee tools can be used to make the most of stripes and border prints.

We will take a look at some of the Westalee tools that can be used with stripes and border prints.

Adjustable Quarter Square Triangles

Vespera Stash Buster *(used in the Sampler Quilt - Family Reunion)*

Starla Stash Buster *(used in the Sampler Quilt - Family Reunion)*

Sterling Stash Buster *(used in the Sampler Quilt - Family Reunion)*

Astra Stash Buster *(used in the Sampler Quilt - Family Reunion)*

Epsilon Tool Setter

Half Hexagon Stash Buster (with the help of the **NEW Adjustable Hexagon Setting Triangle**)

Adjustable Kaleidoscopes

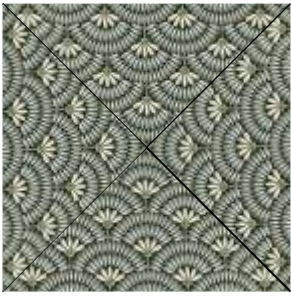
The blocks in the **Sampler Quilt, Family Reunion** can be used alone to make many, many different quilts.

Try playing with striped fabric and border prints to create your own unique quilts.

Many of the blocks in the quilt will lend themselves to stripes and borders.

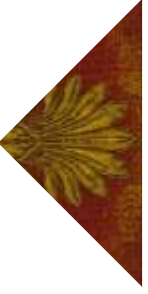
Make your own striped fabric by cutting strips and sewing the strips together and then cross cutting the strips.

BLOCK 4 QUARTER SQUARE TRIANGLE



Cut strips and then fussy cross cut the triangles

When the Quarter Square piece is cut from stripes the stripes will make a square in the block when sewn together.

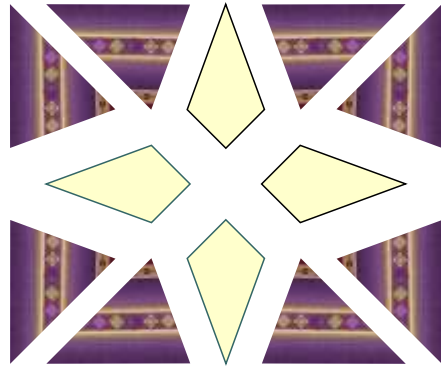
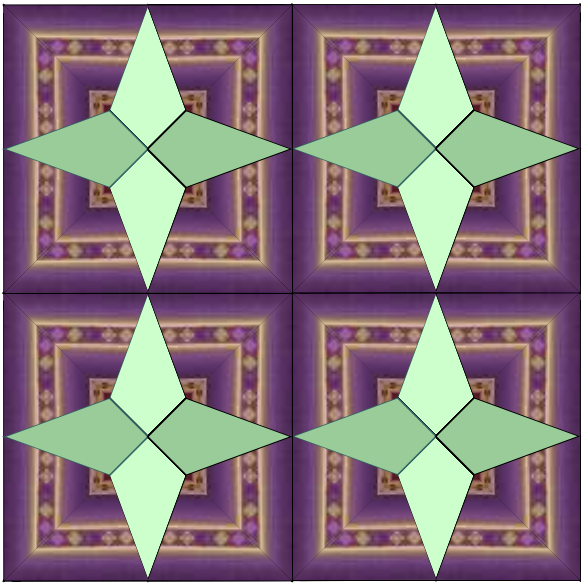
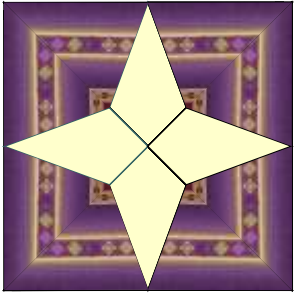


By cutting the Quarter Square Triangles from different parts of the border print you will be able to make many different blocks.



Blocks cut from 1 fabric placed into a quilt.

VESPERA Stash Buster

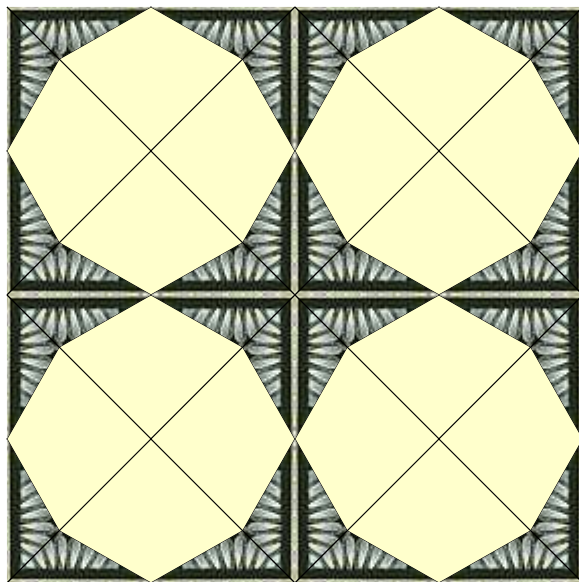
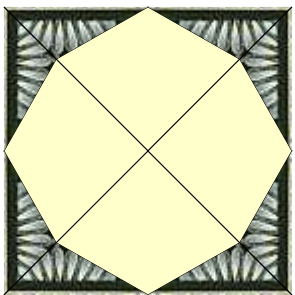
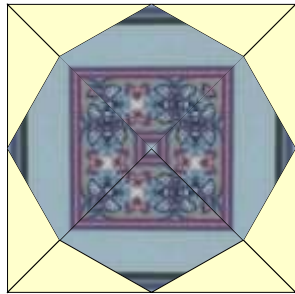
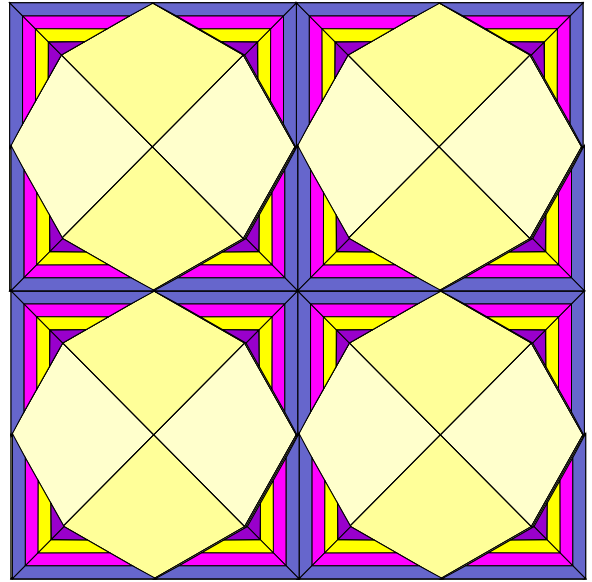
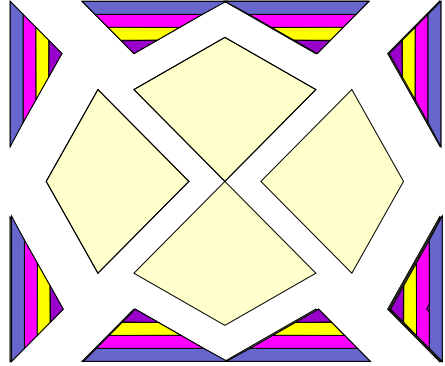
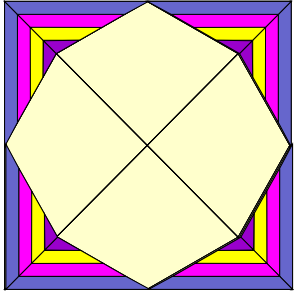


Bev from Victoria, made this beautiful quilt using Vespera and striped fabric. Thank you Bev for sharing your beautiful quilt.



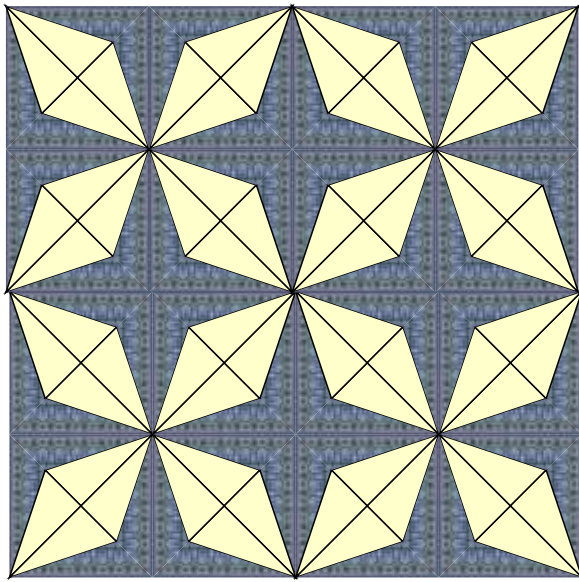
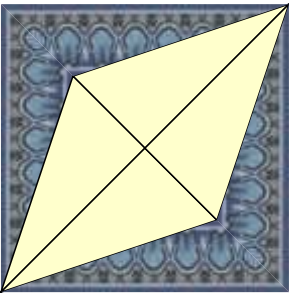
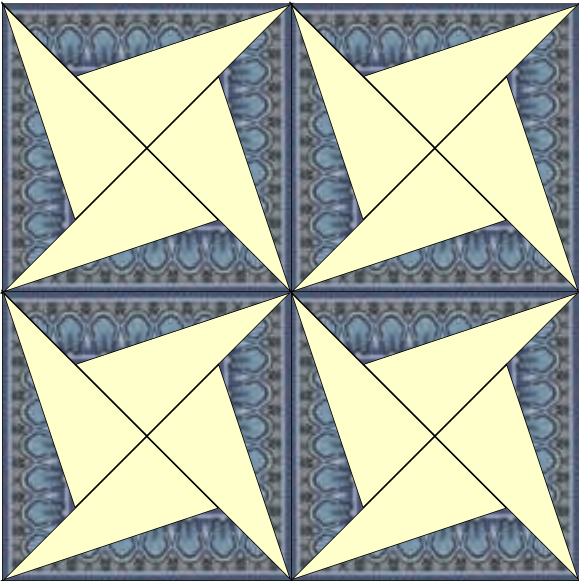
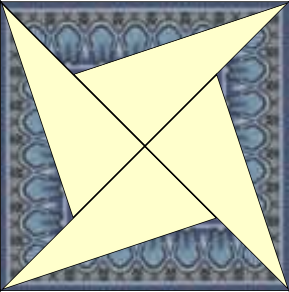
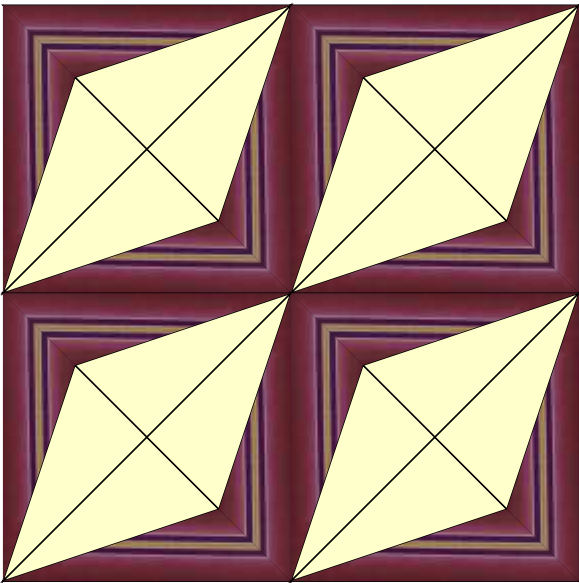
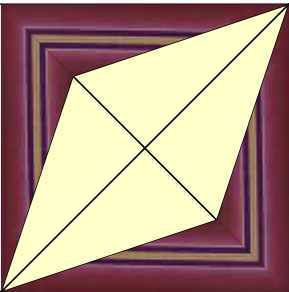
STARLA STASH BUSTER

You can use stripes for both pieces of Starla



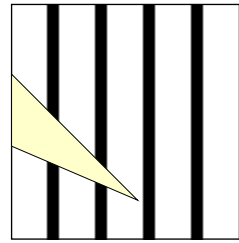
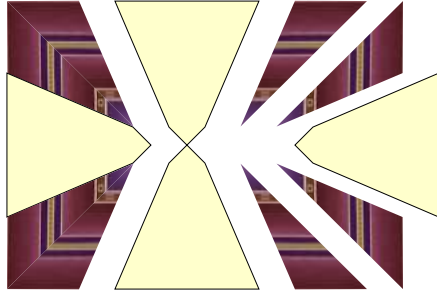
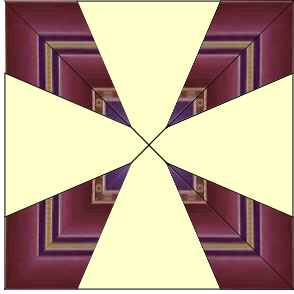
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BLOCK 4 STERLING

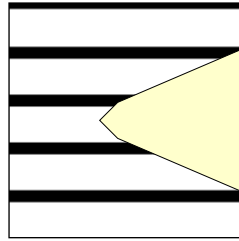
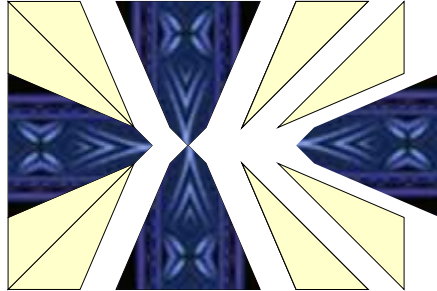
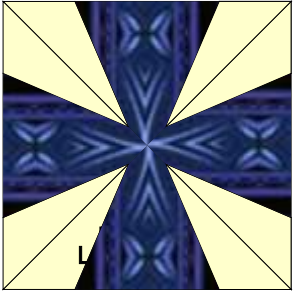


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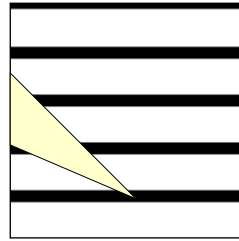
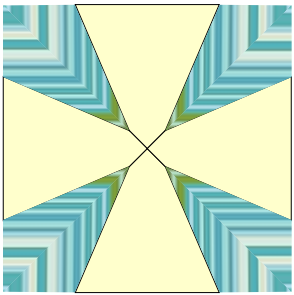
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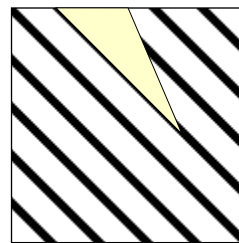
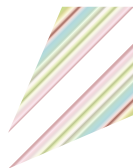
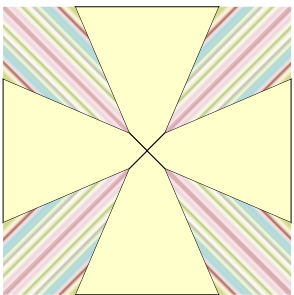
Vertical



Horizontal

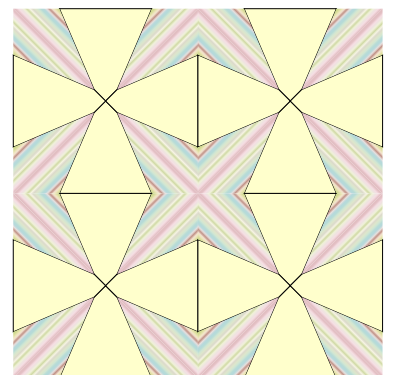
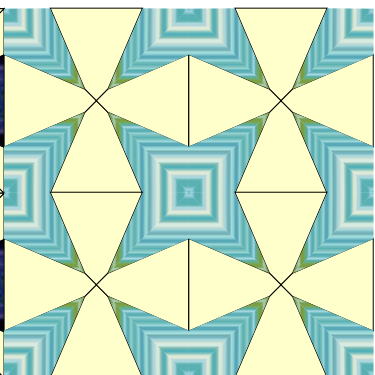
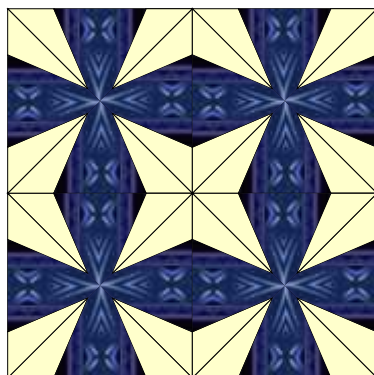
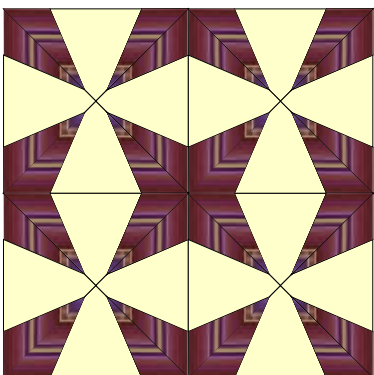


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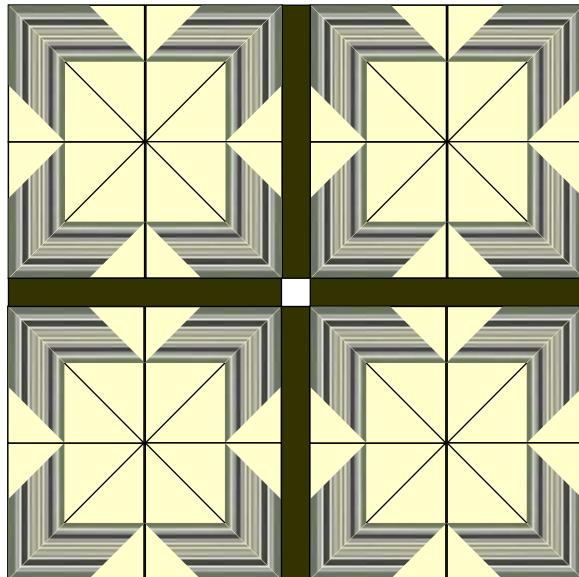
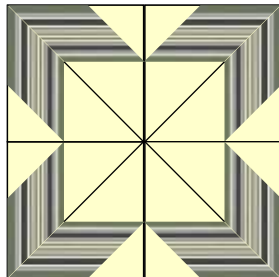
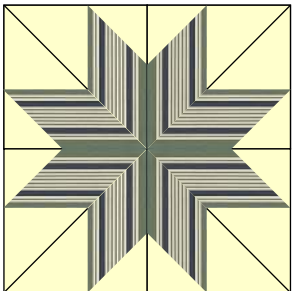
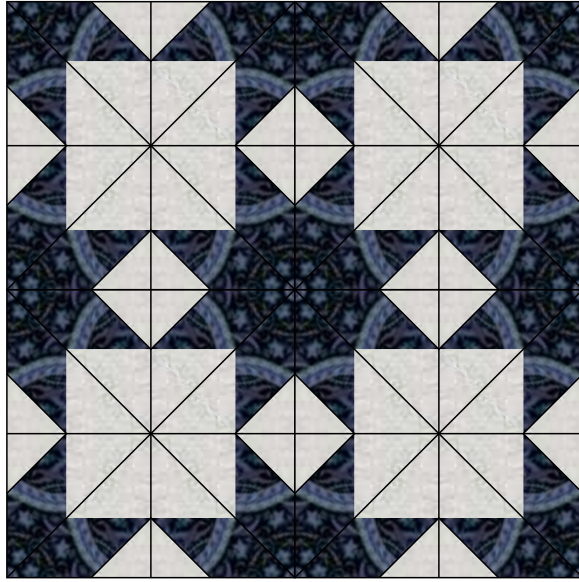
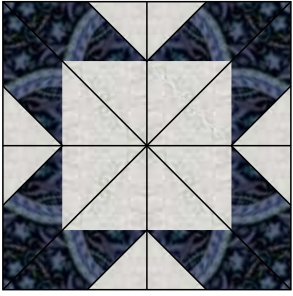
45° angle

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Using the Epsilon Star Setter



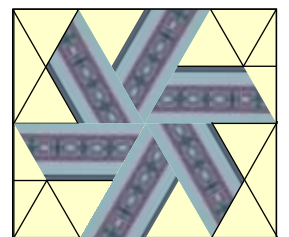
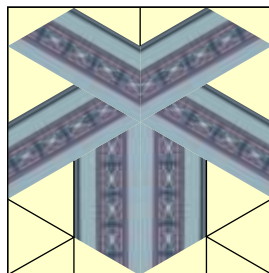
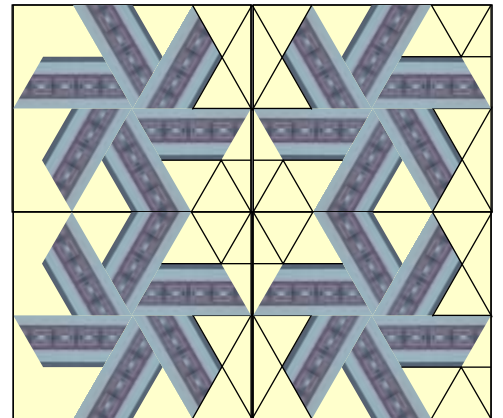
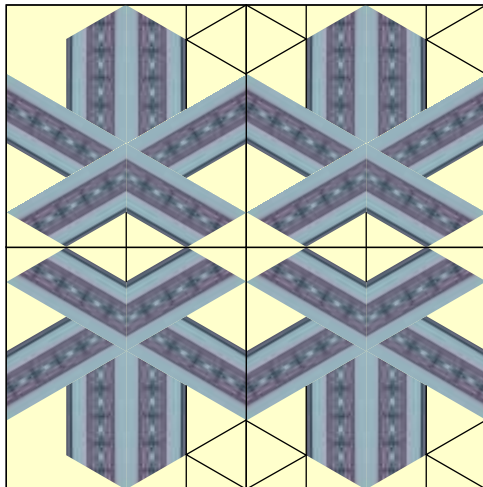
HALF HEXAGON STASH BUSTER

You can make amazing blocks using the Half Hexagon Stash Buster

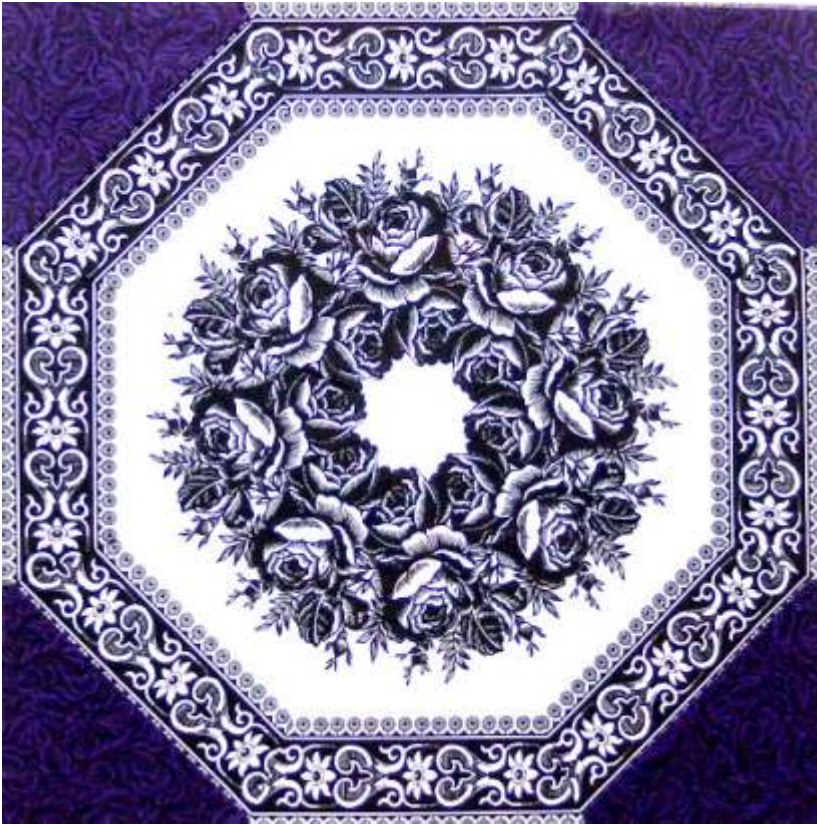
These 2 blocks use our NEW ADJUSTABLE HEXAGON SETTING TRIANGLES designed to make Hexagon and Half Hexagon quilts easy to sew.

With the **Hexagon and Half Hexagon Setting Triangles** you can now make these fabulous shapes (the Hexagon and Half Hexagon) to make many different blocks to use in your quilts.

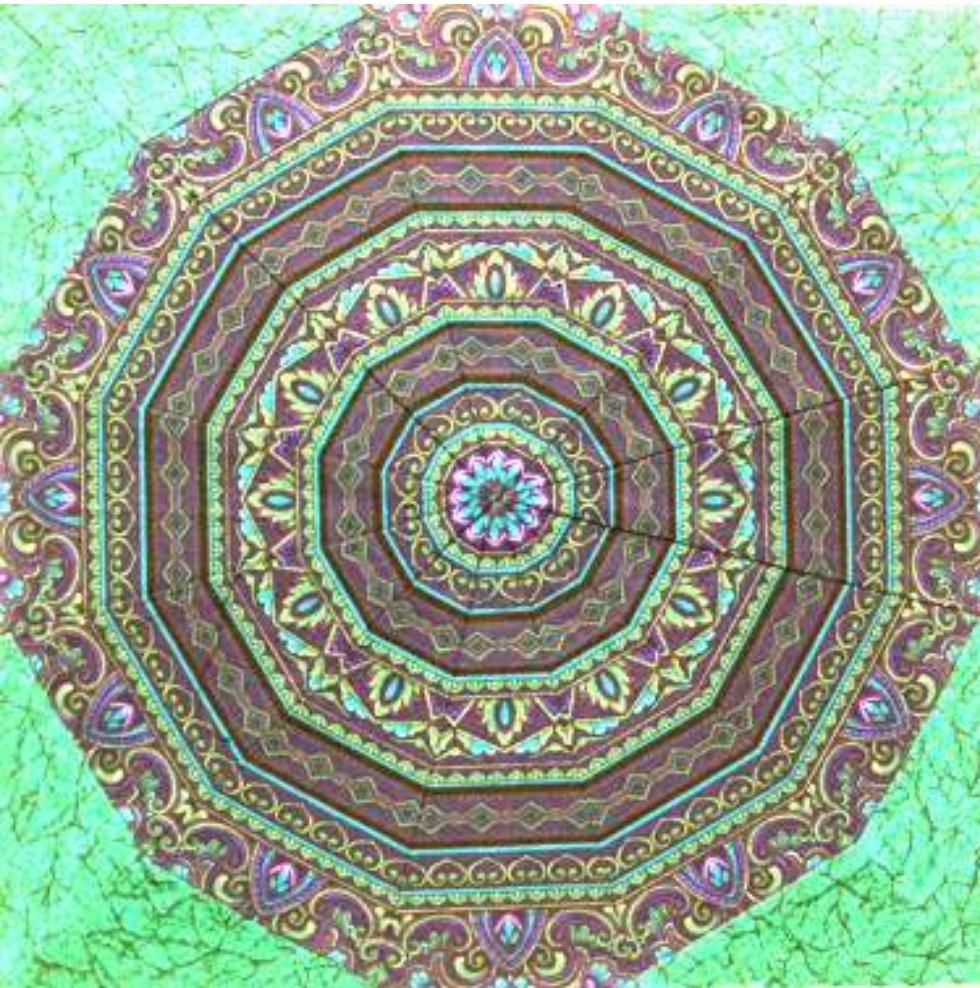
There are no Y-seams in these blocks



Kaleidoscope



45 degree 8 Point
Kaleidoscope



30 degree 12 Point
Kaleidoscope