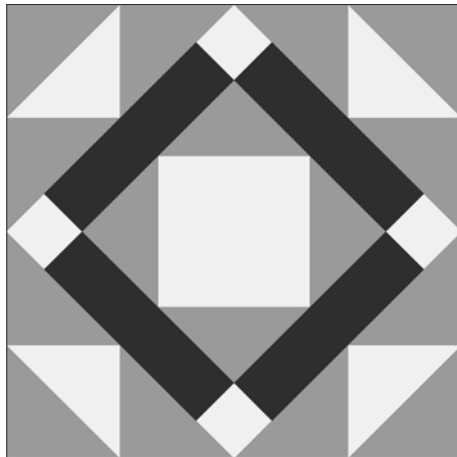







Block 39: Elizabeth



Fabric needed for one block & Cutting instructions		
Dark	1/8 yard or scrap (4) 1-5/8"x5-1/4" rectangles	
Medium	Fat 1/8th yard or scrap (1) 4-5/8" squares, cut twice diagonally (6) 3-3/8" squares, cut once diagonally	 
Light	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 3-3/8" squares, cut once diagonally (1) 3-7/8" square (4) 1-5/8" squares	

Elizabeth was a respected woman (descended from a long line of priests) married to Zechariah, a member of the Jewish priesthood. They had been married for many years, but remained childless. Elizabeth was past the age of childbearing and Zechariah was quite elderly, so she had given up hope. An angel appeared to Zechariah while he served in the temple and told him that Elizabeth would give birth to a son. The angel specifically stated that the boy child would be *"great before the Lord... will be filled with the Holy Spirit... to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."* **Luke 1:15-17.** Zechariah doubted the words of the angel, and because he doubted, he was stricken deaf and mute. Imagine Elizabeth's (and Zechariah's) surprise when she became pregnant.

During Elizabeth's pregnancy, her cousin, Mary of Nazareth came to live with Elizabeth and Zechariah. Immediately, both women knew that the children they bore were destined for greatness. Intuitively, Elizabeth knew that Mary would be the mother of the Messiah. Elizabeth pronounced this blessing on Mary, *"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that their would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."* **Luke 1:42-45.**

When Elizabeth's son was born, she told the visiting relatives that the baby would be named John. The relatives argued because John was not a family name. They appealed to Zechariah, asking him to write on a tablet the name for his first born. Zechariah wrote "his name is John," and immediately regained his ability to speak and hear. This would be the first miracle associated with the future prophet, John the Baptist.

When pregnant with the first born, most mothers "know" their child is destined for greatness. All babies are born with the potential to change the world. In Elizabeth's case, her son, John, truly changed the world, paving the way for Jesus Christ.

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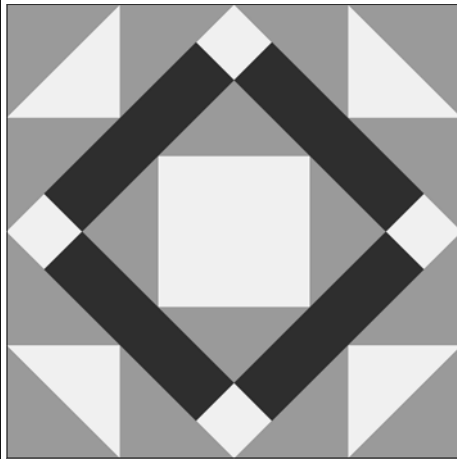
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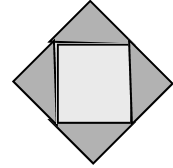
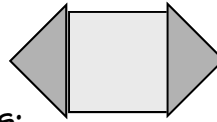




Block 39: Elizabeth



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

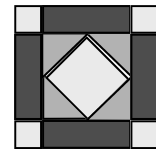
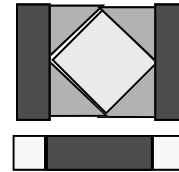


Instructions:

1. Begin by creating the square-in-the-square unit. Stitch the Medium quarter-square triangles to (2) opposite sides of the large Light square, overlapping the edges approximately 3/8". Press to the outside. Stitch the remaining (2) Medium quarter triangles to the unit, again, slightly overlapping the edges.

Press to the outside.

2. Stitch (2) Dark rectangles to opposite sides of the unit from Step 1. Press to the outside. Stitch small Light squares to each side of the remaining Dark rectangles. Press toward the Dark rectangle. Stitch these strips to the remaining sides of the unit, matching seams. Press to the outside.



3. Create the half-squares by stitching small Medium triangles to Light triangles along the long side. Press seams toward the Medium triangles. Make (4) units.



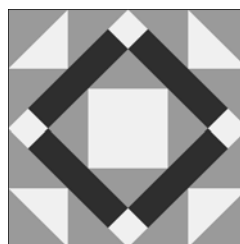
4. Piece the corner units by stitching a Medium triangle to each side of the half-square units from Step 3, as shown. Press toward the Medium triangles.



5. Stitch (2) of the corner units from Step 4 to opposite sides of the center square from Step 2. Note that the triangle points will overlap the square by approximately 3/8" on each side. Press toward the outside.



6. To complete the block, stitch the last two corner units in place. Press toward the outside.



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