

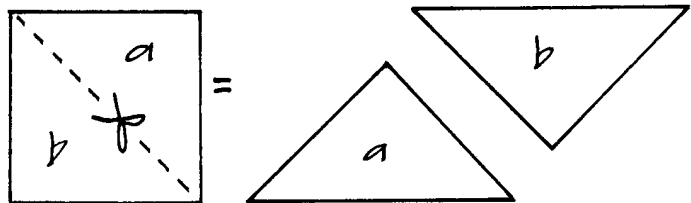
# Quilt Block Card

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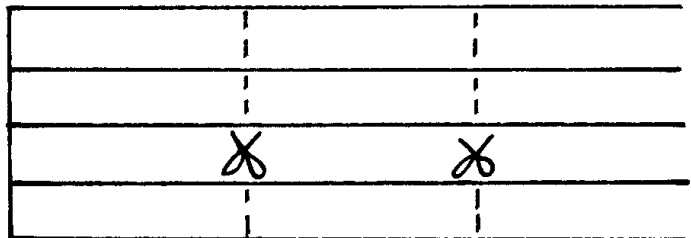
Those of us who love paper, inevitably accumulate scraps of every shape and size. This is a project that will help you make use of those small pieces, and share them with others in the form of cards.

Experiment with various combinations of color, pattern, texture and weight of papers. You may want to use the cardstock of your card as part of your design, leaving it uncovered by any other papers. Otherwise, glue the pieces of your block to a lightweight backing paper such as bond, cut to the exact size of your finished block. Then glue this to the front of your card blank.

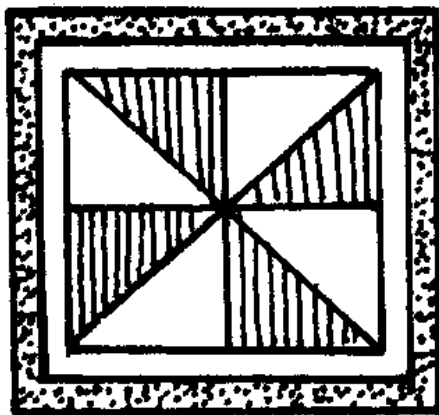
1) Accurate measuring and cutting will guarantee success, and a glue pen may make gluing small pieces easier. Keep the patterns simple, and when possible, cut triangles from the correct square, giving 2 useable pieces.



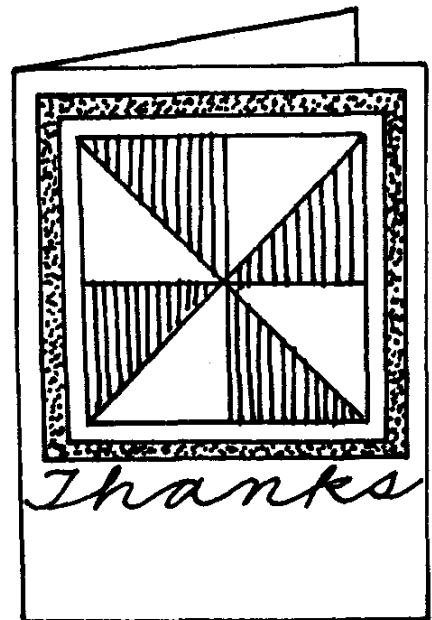
2) When you need a number of identical blocks, as for "Roman stripes", glue your strips to a backing paper of the correct width, then simply cut off the number of blocks required.



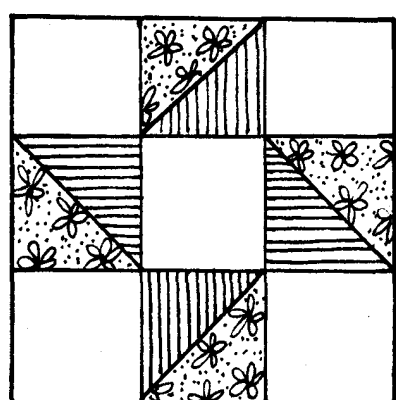
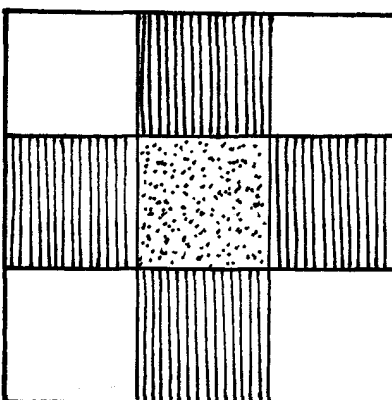
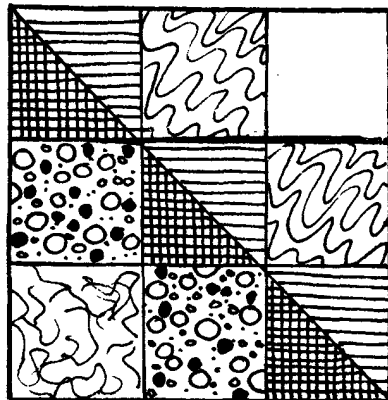
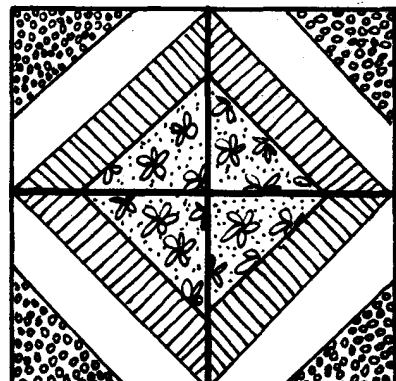
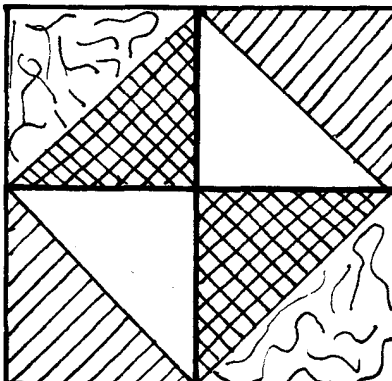
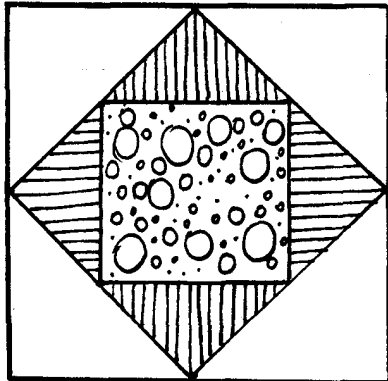
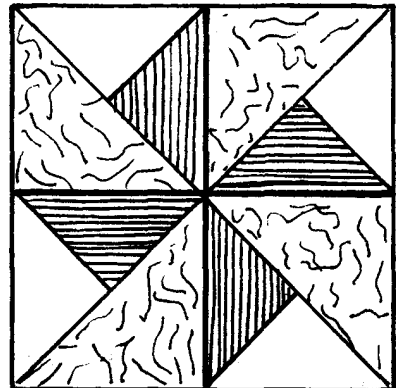
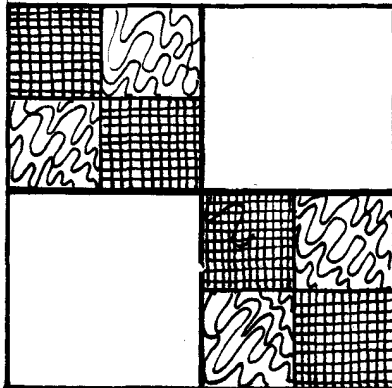
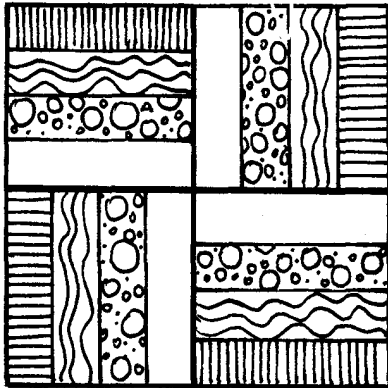
3) Consider gluing your finished block onto one or more decorative papers, leaving a border to frame your finished work.



4) When the framed block is complete, glue it onto a blank card and add the message.



Following are some traditional quilt block patterns for you to try. Double the size for a 4-inch finished block, or print this page at the desired size and use this as a paper pattern. Be creative and have fun!



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