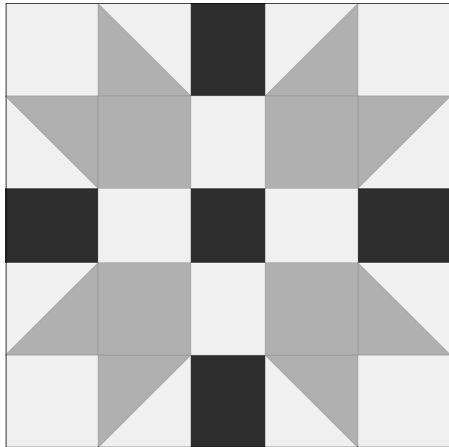






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# 43- 2 Maccabees (Greek Cross)



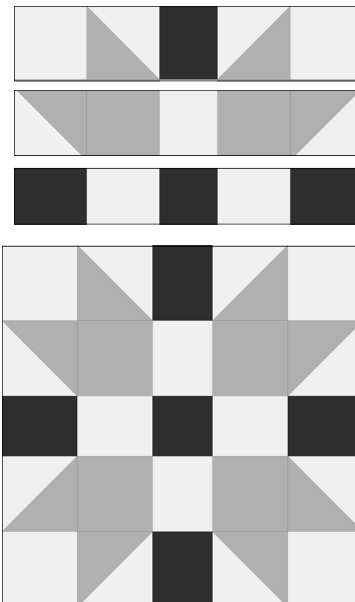
Pattern for 6" finished block — All seams are 1/4".  
 Pressing directions are indicated.

Fabric needed for one block & Cutting instructions	
Dark	1/8 yard or scrap (4) 1-1/2"x1-3/4" rectangles (1) 1-1/2" square
Medium	1/8 yard or scrap (4) 1-3/4" squares (4) 2-1/8" squares cut once diagonally 
Light	1/8 yard or scrap (4) 1-1/2"x1-3/4" rectangles (4) 1-3/4" squares (4) 2-1/8" squares cut once diagonally 

**Instructions:**



1. Create the half-squares by stitching (8) Medium triangles to Light triangles along the long side. Press seams toward the Medium triangles. Make (8) units.
2. Stitch the top and bottom rows together in the sequence shown right. Press seams toward the inside.
3. Stitch the (2) inner rows together in the sequence shown right. Press seams toward the outside.
4. Stitch the center row together in the sequence shown right. Press seams toward the inside.
5. Complete the block by stitching the rows together, as shown. Press seams toward the inside.



*In the Roman Catholic Bible, 2 Maccabees appears in the Old Testament, following 1 Maccabees. 2 Maccabees was originally written by Jason of Cyrene. It is an historical accounting from about 180-161 BC. Jason is the first writer to celebrate the deeds of the martyrs. He also includes stories of the miraculous intervention of angels.*

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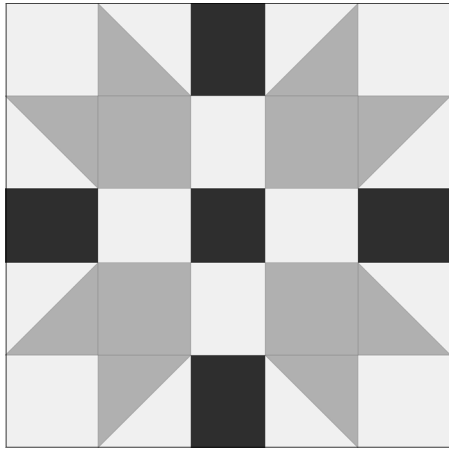
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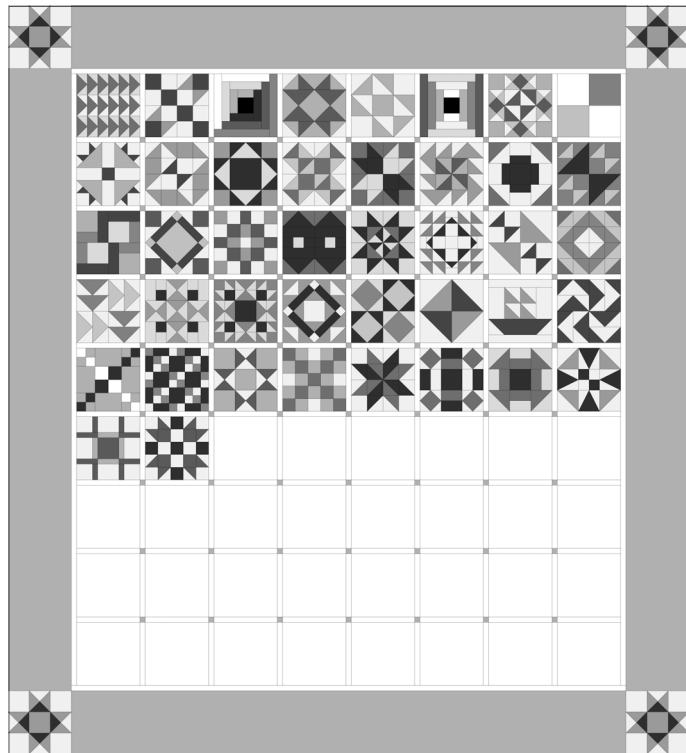
# 43- 2 Maccabees (Greek Cross)



This is Block 43 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 lap quilt shown at right is one of three possible settings for the Bible Studies blocks. In this setting, Genesis is constructed (4) times for the outer border cornerstones



*2 Maccabees was written in Greek. For that reason, I chose Greek Cross to represent the book. The original is a five volume history, which was later abbreviated into this single book. The author who abridged the original added several comments and rearranged some of the incidents. For this reason, 2 Maccabees is a less trustworthy historical account than 1 Maccabees.*

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