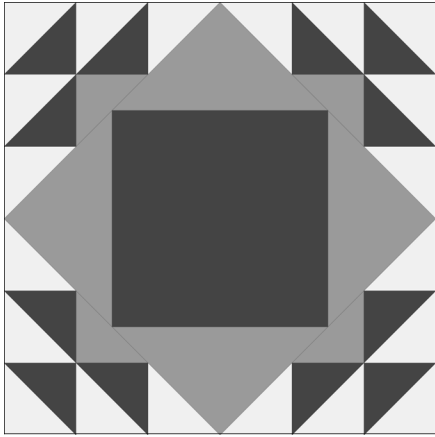






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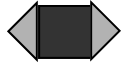


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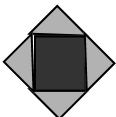






Pattern for 6" finished block — All seams are 1/4".
 Pressing directions are indicated.

Fabric needed for one block & Cutting instructions	
Dark	1/8 yard or scrap (1) 3-1/2" square (6) 1-7/8" squares, cut once diagonally 
Medium	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 1-7/8" squares, cut once diagonally  (1) 4-1/4" square, cut twice diagonally 
Light	1/8 yard or scrap (10) 1-7/8" squares, cut once diagonally 



Instructions:

1. Begin by creating the square-in-the-square unit. Stitch the Medium quarter triangles to (2) opposite sides of the large Dark square, overlapping the edges approximately 3/8". Press to the outside. Stitch the remaining (2) quarter triangles to the unit, again, slightly overlapping the edges. Press to the outside. 
2. Create the half-squares by stitching small Dark triangles to Light triangles along the long side. Press seams toward the Dark triangles. Make (12) units. 
3. Stitch (2) half-square units to a Light triangle, as shown. Press the seams toward the Dark. Make (4) units. 
4. Stitch a half-square unit to a Medium triangle, as shown. Press toward the Medium triangle. Make (4) units. 
5. Complete the corner sections by stitching the units from Step 3 to the units from Step 4 together, along with the remaining Light triangles, as shown. Press seams open. Make (4) units. 
6. Complete the block by stitching the corner sections to the square-in-the-square unit from Step 1, stitching opposite sections before pressing seams open.

*Originally titled **The Wisdom of Solomon**, Wisdom follows Song of Solomon in the Roman Catholic bible. The author of Wisdom professes to be King Solomon, but it is more likely that the book was written by an unknown Hellenistic Jew in the last part of the 1st century BC. In the first ten chapters, the word "wisdom" is used 29 times.*

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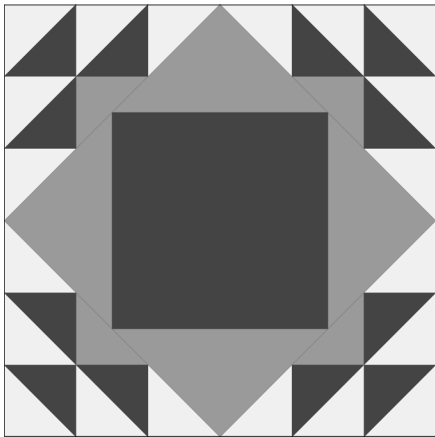
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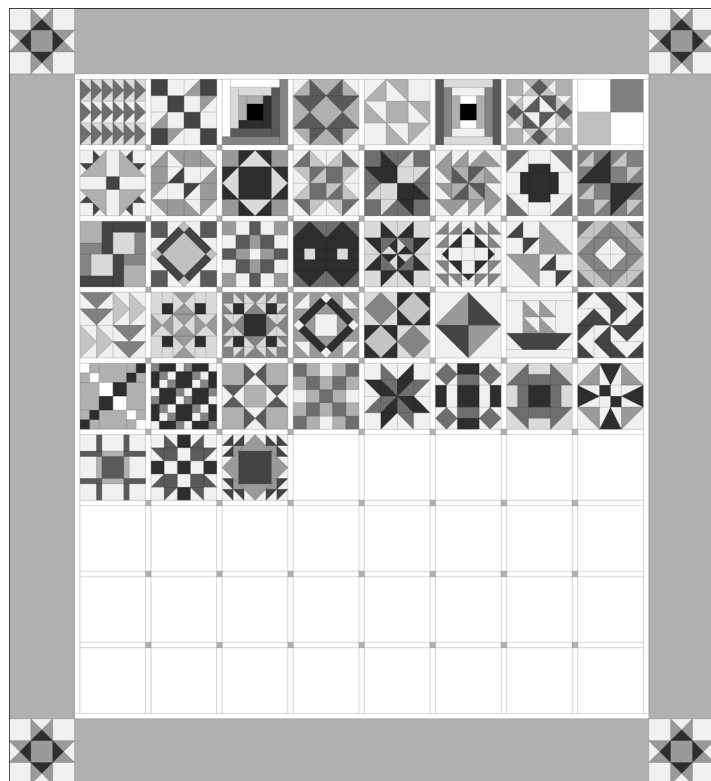
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This is Block 44 of a 73 block series representing the 39 books of the Old Testament, 7 books of the Apocrypha, and 27 books of the New Testament. I chose to name the blocks after books of the Bible as a testament to my faith. I call the finished quilt "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.



Chapters 7-8-9 recalls King Solomon's prayer for wisdom (included in 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles). Wisdom is personified as a female spirit who expresses God's power, glory, purity, light and goodness. King Solomon wishes to bring Wisdom into the Temple as his bride. King Solomon's Temple seemed a perfect block to represent Wisdom.

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