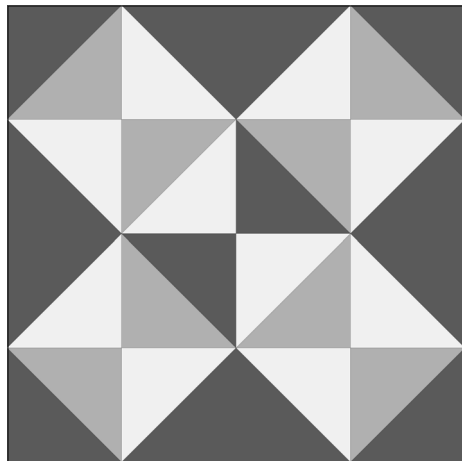


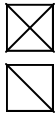




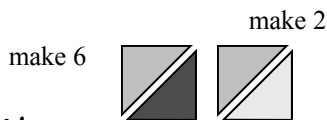
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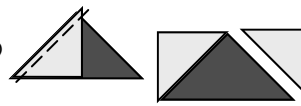
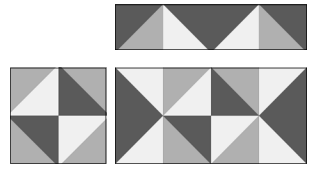
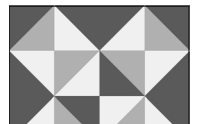


Pattern for 6" finished block — All seams are 1/4".
 Pressing directions are indicated.

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



Instructions:

1. Create the half-squares by stitching small Dark triangles to Medium triangles along the long side. Press seams toward the Dark triangles. Make (6) units. In the same manner, create (2) Medium/Light half-square units. Press toward the Medium triangles.
2. Create the flying geese units by stitching a Light triangle to each side of a large Dark triangle to form the flying geese unit, as shown. One point of the Light triangle will slightly overlap the Dark triangle (approx. 3/8"). Press toward the Light triangles. Trim dog ears. Make (4) units.
 
3. Stitch the top and bottom rows together, as shown. Press open.
 
4. Stitch the center square together, as shown. Press seams toward the Dark triangles. Stitch a flying geese unit to each side of the center square. Press seams open.
5. Complete the block by stitching the sections together, as shown above. Press seams open.
 

Ecclesiasticus, or the Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach, is the only book in the Apocrypha with a known author. The book was written by Joshua ben Sira, which is Hebrew for "Jesus the son of Sirach. Ben Sira was a Jewish professional teacher of the Old Testament law.

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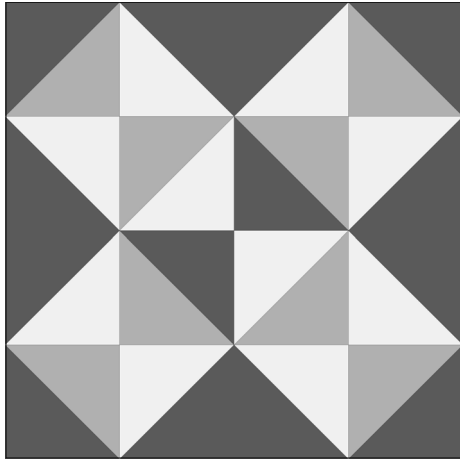
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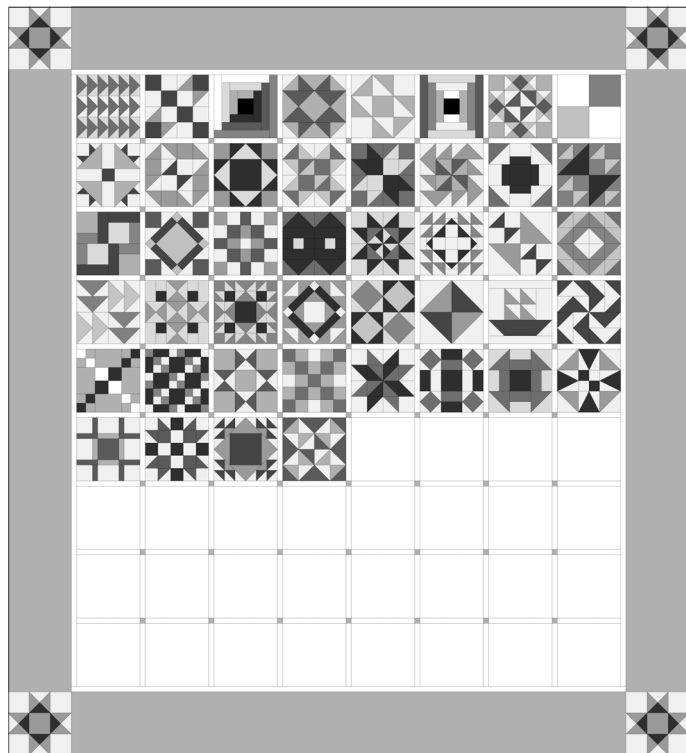
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45 Sirach (Wheel of Time)



This is Block 45 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.



The book of Sirach was originally written in Hebrew, then later translated into Greek. Several centuries later, a different Hebrew text resulted in a Syriac translation. Because of the differences in translation, early bible scholars disagreed on the authenticity and importance of this book. In 1952, several pieces of Hebrew text were found in a cave near Qumran by the Dead Sea, which confirmed the antiquity of Sirach. I chose Wheel of Time to represent Sirach because of the time that it took to confirm the importance of the book.

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