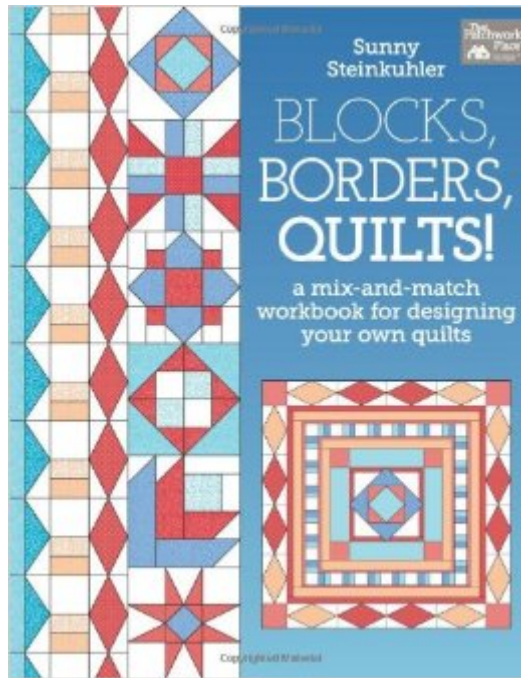


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# Blocks, Borders, Quilts!: A Mix-and-Match Workbook For Designing Your Own Quilts



## Synopsis

This is not your typical patchwork-block book. Now, everyone from confident beginners to experts can design a quilt with mix-and-match blocks in both the quilt center and the borders. With borders that fit beautifully, these quilts are perfect for round-robin groups! Choose from almost 100 quilt blocks, dozens of pieced borders, and seven sample quilt layouts--a great value! Create original designs using 3", 4", 6", and 12" traditionally pieced and paper-pieced quilt blocks. Get your creativity flowing with a vast selection of ideas and design options.

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## Customer Reviews

This book was one of two dozen review copies of different books that were recently donated by Martingale to the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, MA. I am a volunteer at the museum's library and agreed to review some of the donated books; this was one of those books. Initially, I found the organization of this book somewhat confusing. However, the more I looked at it, I could see the value of the content. The author presents a number of borders and cornerstone blocks that can be interchanged and mixed up to work with a wide variety of quilts. Some of the blocks are traditionally pieced, others are original designs by the author, and many are paper-pieced. If you are into paper-piecing, you will appreciate the 50 pages of paper foundation patterns in the back of the book. Some of the author's terms were confusing until I realized that what she calls "sew and slice" is what I call "strip-piecing", and what she calls "folded corners" is what I call "snow-balling the corners". While I'm not into paper-piecing, I did find some great border ideas in this "workbook"! I

tend to give little thought to my borders, but with this book as inspiration, I might be able to move beyond the plain borders I use now and start to make more intricate, interesting pieced borders. I just might have to buy this, once it is available again!

This is a great book to help with medallion quilt design. I like that I can take a single block in a variety of sizes and really showcase it with some stunning borders. I like too that there are some more dynamic foundation pieced borders along with some great basics. I see myself coming back to this book often!

This is a must have for all those quilters in the family. This book is a great gift for birthdays and mothers day. I have a wife that loves quilting and this is one of her favorite books on quilting.

There are several border books out there that give you different ways to do borders but none that I have found previously that give you a tried and true formula or template that works every time. This book made me think about borders in a whole different way - instead of just framing for the center of a quilt - it becomes part of the whole design. Good for beginners as well as seasoned piecemakers alike.

Are you someone who never follows a pattern or just begins with no specific pattern/block in mind? This book will give you all kinds of ideas on what design to use to create a quilt, wall hanging, table runner or even just a pillow. There are 6" and 12" block ideas and 1", 3", 4" and 6" border ideas. There are even paper pieced patterns. The book starts out with instructions on how to use the book --- always a good thing! Next is a short overview on color and suggestions for setting the blocks on point. Medallion plans follow next. The rest of the book has the block/border how to information and the paper piecing templates. If you have some wonderful fabric and are stumped on what pattern to use, get a copy of this book and soon you will have the perfect pattern for your fabric.

A good addition to any quilters library with many descriptive and interesting ideas for borders. Lots of good directions. I was very pleased with this book and used one idea immediately after I received it.

If you need a good reference book this is one to have. A great go to book for doing your own block designing. Lots of interchangeable pictures with diagrams.

This is a really good book to show different pattern blocks and how to make them in various sizes. Very handy reference tool.

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