

Welcome to This Week's Challenge: Square Blocks

It was a little difficult choosing the designs for this week's block. While there are so many ways to quilt it, one thing that I consider first is the placement of the fabric in the block. Often, if the corners are pieced with a different fabric, I will highlight that with by quilting a different design in that area. The good news is, the more you quilt these kinds of blocks, the more you know what you like.

This Week's Challenge:

Quilt the square in a square block on your quilt.. You can use the designs in the tutorial or create your own variations.

Square Blocks: Design #1

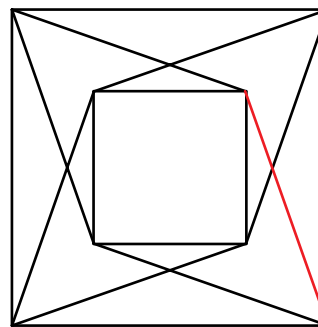
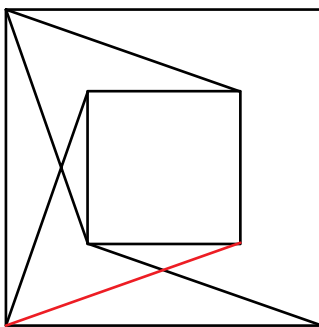
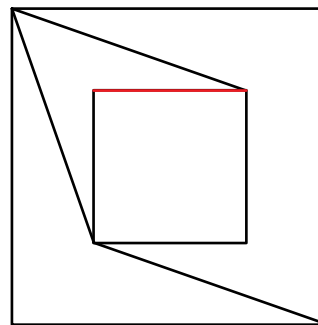
Connect the dots to create an intricate looking design for your blocks. If at any time you aren't sure where to go next, use your fingers to trace out the next couple of steps.

Perfect For:

Blocks of all sizes. You can add more or less lines depending on the effect that you are going for.

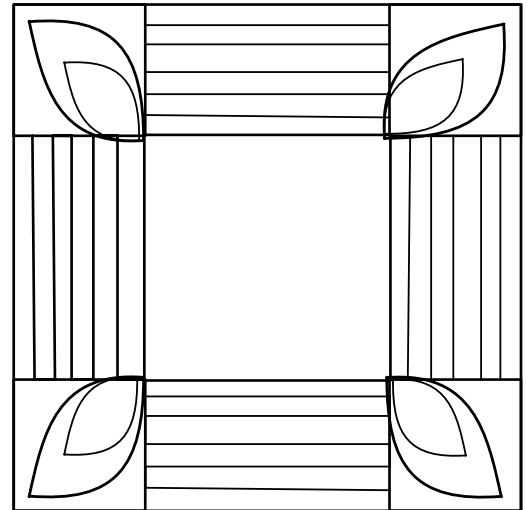
Additional Tips:

- This is just one dot to dot idea, try to come up with even more variations by connecting different dots and incorporating different fillers.



Square Blocks: Design #2

Echoing the pieces of a block is a perfect way to show it off as well as highlight whatever is in the center. You can echo inside or outside of the block, and you can make the quilting as dense as you'd like.



Perfect For:

Just as with the first design, this design is perfect for blocks of all sizes. You can add more or less lines depending on the effect that you are going for.

Additional Tips:

Instead of quilting only echo lines, you can quilt an echo line on each side and then fill in the space between them with a different design, such as wishbone or ribbon candy.

Square Blocks: Design #3

Think outside of the block to come up with even more design options. Even if a design is normally used in background or all-over the whole quilt, it might be a great option for a block.

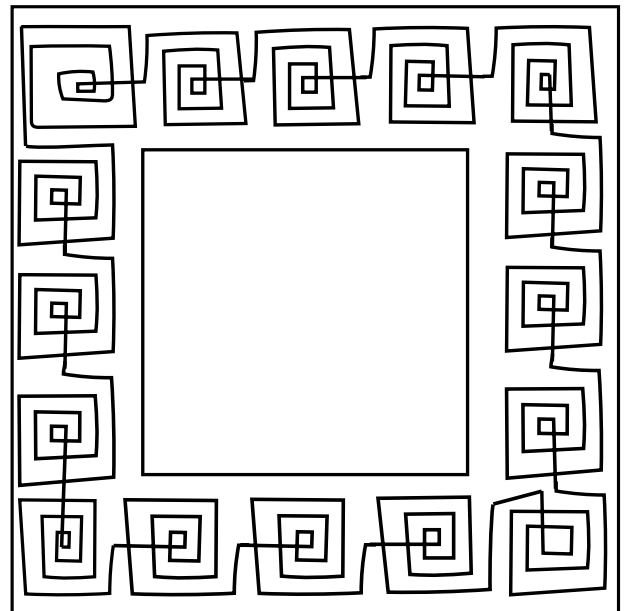


Perfect For:

Square blocks that are medium to large size, especially if using a design that needs a little space to develop.

Additional Tips:

Consider contrasting designs when quilting these blocks. If one design is geometric, make the other one curvy. It's not a rule, it's more of a suggestion which might make picking designs a little easier.



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