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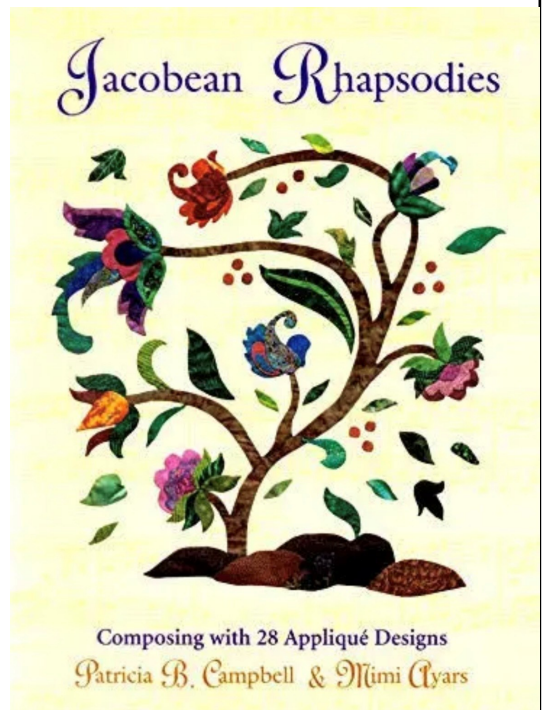
## Apply one-laid applique

Hi Everyone,

For this month, I have gone back to an unfinished project from Oct 2024 challenge. There were large corner areas that seemed perfect to add a feature to, so I have decided to use on-laid applique as our challenge this month.

Now I have stitched plenty of applique both needle turn, blanket stitch and machine versions, so you may ask how can I do something new to follow the overall challenge theme.

I have found 2 things — I have never used a Jacobean Applique, but I have book in my collection, so I plan to use one of the designs from that.



The other thing is I have not used the Applique paper from Hugs 'n Kisses.

I do have a packet, and I feel this will be the perfect project to trial it on.

This paper can also be used for English Paper Piecing. The advantages are that the paper can be printed on, plus it can stay in and when the project is washed, the paper partially dissolves and the remainder stays as soft layer within the project.

**For On-laid Applique there are many methods you can use.**

You may prefer to use the Vlisofix method and stitch by hand or machine.

There is traditional needle turn applique, or maybe you have not tried Back Basting Applique—this month would be a great time to trial a method you have not used before, or try a pattern you have been wanting to use.

Have fun exploring these processes this month.

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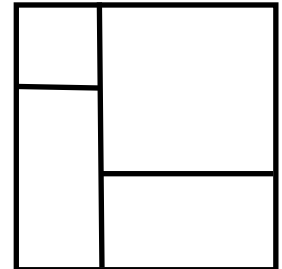
## Cupboard to Creativity

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## Block for gifting Quilts

This simple block/unit can be made in a variety of sizes.

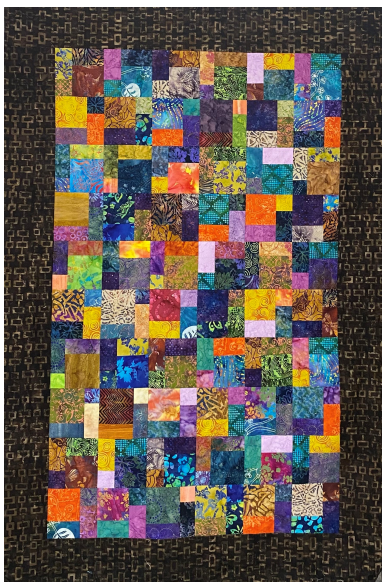
Use this chart as your cutting guide per unit



Finished size ( incl S.A)	Cut Small square	Cut large square	Cut 2 rectangles
5" (5½")	2¼"	3¾"	2¼" x 3¾"
OR same size different simpler cutting use	2"	4"	2" x 4"
6" (6½")	2½"	4½"	2½" x 4½"
7½" (8")	3"	5½"	3" x 5½"
9" (9½")	3½"	6½"	3½" x 6½"
12" (12½')	4½"	8½"	4½" x 8½"

I found it easiest for the 5" blocks/unit to make a make a block of 4 units with no repeat of fabric—shown here top 2 in same orientation, then upside down for the bottom 2.

This means when sewing the larger 10" blocks they can be turned up or down to help spread the fabrics best through out the quilt.



Work out how big you want your quilt and if you want to have a border or not, then work out how many blocks/units you need for your project.

As 5" sized units I used 6 across x 10 down then added a 5½" cut border to make a quilt 40" x 60" finished.

Without borders I would have needed 8 across & 12 down.

Have fun making your scrappy quilt.

Jan P.