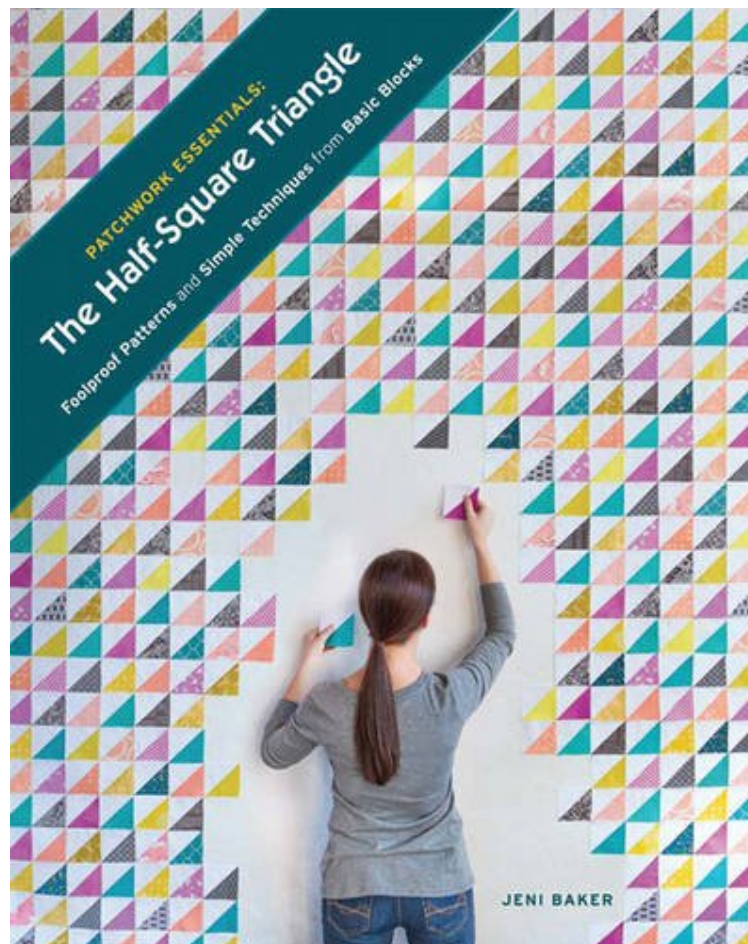


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13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Super amazing quilt book! Very educational and extremely inspiring. By CustomerI've been a fan of Jeni's work for years, reading up on her blog and in magazine articles, collecting her fabrics etc. and think she is a super awesome person. When you read this book you feel as if she is right there with you talking you through each method she shares with warmth and charm. And she is also a very "understanding" and non-judgmental person who gets that mistakes happen and not to worry, with practice we can

always improve and I just love that attitude that she shares in the book and you definitely get the impression that she is one fantastic teacher if you ever get to take a class with her. I only bought this book because I was seriously stumped on some HST's I needed to make to finish one simple project and even though some of the information I needed was available online, this book is like the definitive authoritative source for everything you ever needed to know or didn't know you needed to know about how to make HST's, PLUS its pretty exciting once you realize the huge number of block designs you can make from just HST's based on the very awesome gallery and design pages in the book. There was only one area in the book that I thought could have used a few more pages to expand on and that was related to the tutorial on how to trim the HST's. There are step by step photos, and step by step instructions, but after reading through it I was left feeling a little confused but perhaps if I actually gave it a go it would just come right to me and I'll have an "ahah" moment! But the author did say the secret to success was in the trimming and all her measurements for making HST's (excellent tables for a huge number of them based on 3 different methods) assume that you will trim them down to the final finished size. Perhaps the author had wanted to include more information and this was a publisher call that deleted more complete details that might have been originally submitted in the author's manuscript? Either way, I'm sure if I needed clarification Jeni seems like the kind of person that would be more than happy to email back a reply. There is also a recommended ruler in her favorite supply section in the back of the book for trimming the blocks which I do have so will definitely give it a whirl with that and I'm sure all will go well. So very appreciative of the enormous amount of work and effort that went into the making of this book. I seriously think it will be a "classic" for any quilter's library and I'm sure we will be seeing lots of quilts with HST's in the blogosphere inspired by this book!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Broaden your knowledge of half square triangles
By gayle51 Great ideas for using half square triangles. Not enough instruction on squaring up large squares. But contact with author was very easy. Nicely written
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By Cathy Dwyer Great reference and inspiration book. True, a lot of the basics that are covered are available online, but this is a good reference, has lovely pictures and projects, and is worth it to the quilter who likes to do her own thing (but with some structure).

Turn a basic HST quilting block into a star project. HST Half Square Triangle is a quilt-making staple, and Patchwork Essentials is here to show you how to work with it to create the most magnificent quilts to hang and to cover. While the HST may be a simple block, it yields complex, beautiful results as proven in the 50 colorful images of the 12 finished, timeless quilts you can make with Patchwork Essentials. This inspiring book features a series of one dozen patterns built with the HST workhorse block unit. It shows you the multiple methods for making them (from the slow to the speedy) and combines HSTs with other pieced blocks that complement the triangle blocks. Divided into 5 easy-to-follow sections Color, Size Matters, Patchwork Play, Half-Square Triangles Only, and Tools Quilting Basics Patchwork Essentials offers quick and easy designs as well as more detailed work. Patchwork Essentials features: 12 quilts from the beginner-friendly to the complex and an index of 60 mix and match blocks Over 50 bold and bright photographs and 80 step-by-step illustrations to showcase the production of each lovely quilt Techniques to try your hand at color and color placement, various sized patterns, and incorporating other elements for even more unique results Patchwork Essentials is a pattern and inspiration book for everyone from the true beginner to the intermediate sewist who is looking for new inspiration but doesn't want to think about complex piecing strategies. See how an HST (Half Square Triangle) project will net a TQYC (Timeless Quilt You'll Cherish)!

Jeni takes the maths out of quilting and makes it easier for you to create amazing designs with half-square triangles. After she has shared her cutting menus so that you can create without having to do the maths, she then builds on this with 12 beautiful step-by-step designs. Each of the designs is presented in its finished format. You are given details of how the look was created. You are then taken through the materials required, the cutting required and how to assemble the HST's. From there you are given details of how to add the borders. At each stage there are pictures to guide you on your way. I love the modern designs and colours that have been used in each of the projects. However these are only guides so you can make your own look for your own taste. Jeni takes you through everything you need to know about colour scale. The book is jam packed with different designs that you can use with your HST's. As a newbie to quilting I found this invaluable. I love the fact that you can make the projects or use the information to create your own designs. I love the section on Patchwork Play. It's so much fun and seems such an easy method to create a unique quilt of your own. I also love the fact that you get projects to be able to try new methods out. The block party is filled with an amazing array of block designs. It has so many designs the only problem you might have is trying to pick which blocks you want to start off with. I think this book is one I'll be using time and again. I can't wait to get started on my project and seeing how mine comes out. My fingers are crossed and I am very hopeful that it will turn out well. I am sure it will with all the clear and easy to understand. * Crochet Addict UK * In this interesting book all the 12 quilts are entirely made with half square triangles (HSTs). There is an introduction to making HSTs, all are made larger than needed and trimmed to the correct size. The designs progress from simple rows of HSTs to a quilt resembling a medallion quilt made from 3 different sized HSTs. Scrappy HSTs can even be made by sewing 2" squares and small

rectangles of fabric together to form squares. A gallery of 60 blocks shows HSTs in different arrangements. There are black and white grids to photocopy and colour. An original approach to a simple block. * British Patchwork and Quilting * The Half-Square Triangle (HST) is a quilt making staple. Whilst the HST may be a simple block, it yields complex results. A series of 12 patterns start with a beginner friendly, fast and easy design and progress to more challenging designs. The HST is a basic block unit that can be used to make beautiful, timeless quilts. This book shows you the multiple methods for making them (from the slow to the speedy) and combines the HSTs with other pieced blocks that complement the triangle blocks. The final chapter features an inspirational index of over 60 HST block variations and encourages the reader to design their own quilts using a single block design or combining a few. * Sewing World * About the Author Jeni Baker is a fabric designer for Art Gallery fabrics as well as a well-know pattern designer. She lectures nationally on the art of quilt making with a focus on exploring effective color choices, one of the most challenging areas for quilters. She lives in Madison Wisconsin with her bunny, George.