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Moda All-Stars - Lucky Charm Quilts: 17 Delightful Patterns For Precut 5" Squares



Synopsis

Join the Moda All-Stars as they use 5-inch charm squares to make scrappy quilts with style. Got one charm pack, two packs, or three? Make the most out of them with quilts that use up nearly all of the charms in your favorite packs. You don't need a huge fabric stash to achieve a dynamic, scrappy look--just your choice of charm packs. Make a range of projects, from table runners to lap-sized quilts, all by top Moda designers. Tips and tricks from each designer are included to help you show off your unique collection of charm squares.

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Customer Reviews

Fun little book filled with great ideas

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The gorgeous designs in this book were created by the Moda All-Stars designers, so I knew I was in for a treat. Speaking of treats, Lissa Alexander included in the book answers to her survey "Charmed, I'm Sure", where you can find out each designer's preferences regarding Charm

Squares and how they use them. There is one more reason why I liked this book: it is good for the quilter's soul and creativity, while it has a very practical purpose. All royalties from the book will be donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to raise funds "for research into new treatments and cures for all children battling cancer." A great addition, indeed, to any quilter's library.

Can you resist those darling 5" x 5" precut bundles called "Charm Packs"? I know I can't. In fact I enjoy collecting all the precut fabric bundles but then I wonder what should I do with them? I have made tote bags and mini-quilts but I am always searching for something "new" to try. I was delighted to see this little 96 page book just packed full of projects featuring these cute little 5" x 5" squares of fabric. 18 of Moda's fabulous designers have contributed to the projects in the book. I am sure you will recognize their names: Lissa Alexander, Lisa Bongean, Janet Clare, Jenny Doan, Karla Eisenach, Sandy Gervais, Barbara Groves and Mary Jacobson, Lynne Hagmeier, Jen Kingwell, Sandy Klop, Sherri McConnell, Carrie Nelson, Bonnie Olaveson, Kathy Schmitz, Laurie Simpson, Pat Sloan, Deb Strain and Anne Sutton. Links to their work are also included. Every project in the book begins with a charm pack; add some background fabric and you are good to go. There are five projects that use one charm pack, six projects using two charm packs and six projects using three charm packs. The projects range from small quilts and table runners to lap size quilts. As an example of size 57 3/4" x 70 1/2". This quilt takes 120 charm squares or three charm packs and 2 1/8 yard background, 5/8 yard binding and 4 yards of fabric for the backing. At the end of each project is a section titled "Charmed, I'm Sure!" In this area the designers are asked a series of eight questions or comments. These questions include: What charms me most about charm packs? About those pinked edges, here's my advice to taking them into account when you sew? Besides a 5" x 5" charm-square, my other go-to precut shape is??? Just to list a few. I found it so interesting reading the designer's comments and I recommend you not skip over this feature. All in all I think you will enjoy working on the projects in this book using your charm packs. Best of all when you purchase the book you will become a lucky charm for a child. All royalties for the book are being donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, an organization dedicated to raising funds for research into new treatments and cures for all children battling cancer.

This cute book has a little bit of everything including 2 projects I LOVE!!! One is a beehive pattern where you piece strips and then cut out an applique in the shape of a beehive from it. The other is a mostly pieced project in greens but also includes black (or indigo) silhouettes for a really amazing looking quilt in my opinion. The book also features a nice variety of quilts in the classic and modern style. The fabrics used are in a wide variety of colors and styles.

There aren't many of us who don't have a stack of pre-cut 5" charm squares - or who don't cut some of our own from scraps. But what do you do with them - especially when you might want or need a smaller project? Lucky Charm Quilts has seventeen different projects that use one, two or three charm packs - most pre-cut charm packs come with 42 squares. Some projects need background, some need only the charm packs. Pieced and applique projects are included, and any project in the book can be made larger. The sizes of the projects vary from small - maybe mug-rug size - to lap-sized. Some are easy and a few are a bit more complicated, but isn't that what most of us want in a quilt book that isn't geared specifically to beginners? As another reviewer has written, one of the best things about this book is that all the proceeds go to charity.

This instruction/pattern book is one of the best I've read. All of the patterns are user friendly and really beautiful. You can expand on the pattern for a table runner, for example, to a larger quilt. I rate this particular book as great on all points. The price on was excellent, as compared to quilt shops, etc., and I received it in 2 days. Definitely recommend.

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