

Crazy Quilt Block

Supplied for you: 8.5" block of muslin, fabric scraps

You need to add: additional fabric scraps that coordinate with supplied fabric.
Decorative threads

Construction

There are two methods commonly used to construct a CQ block. The first is known as sew & flip. Begin by placing a fabric scrap (try a 5 sided piece) somewhere on your muslin, right side up. Cut a piece of another fabric and place wrong side down over the first fabric, lining up one edge. The fabric pieces do not have to be the same size or shape, just have one common edge. Sew along this one edge, about a 1/4", through both fabric layers and the muslin. Now flip the top fabric over to its' right side. Cut a third piece of fabric with one edge long enough to cover the first two pieces, lay it right side down, sew, and flip. Continue until you have covered the whole muslin. Sew and flip can be done by machine or hand.

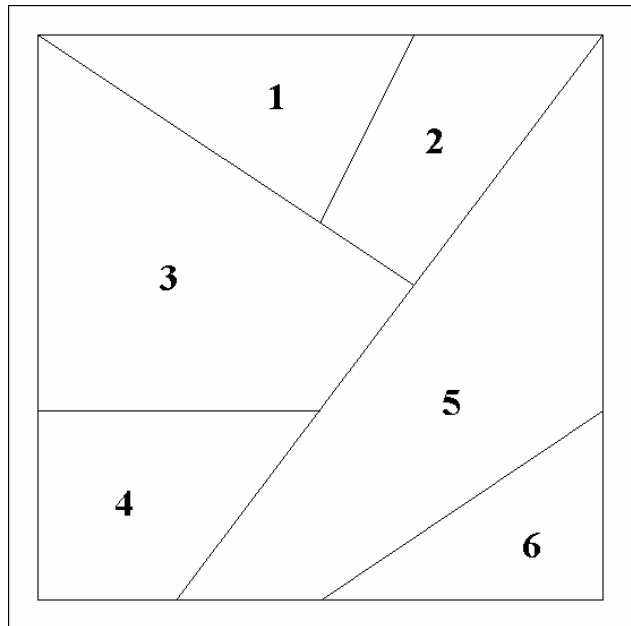
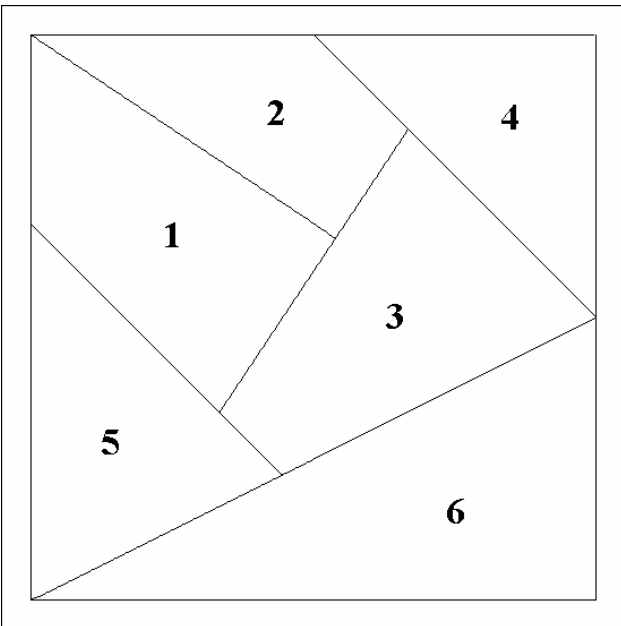
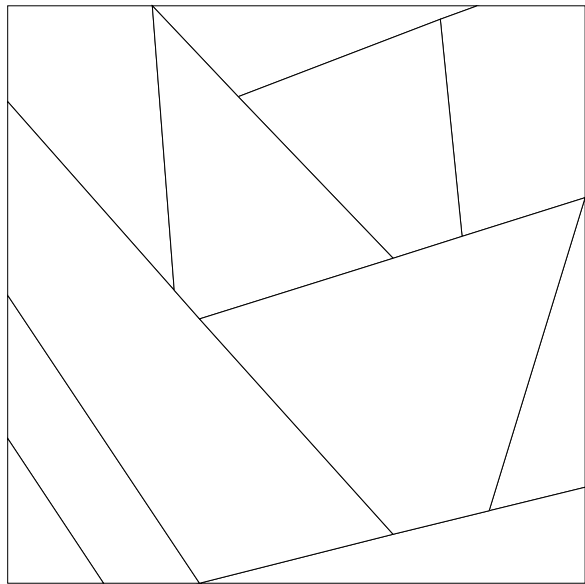
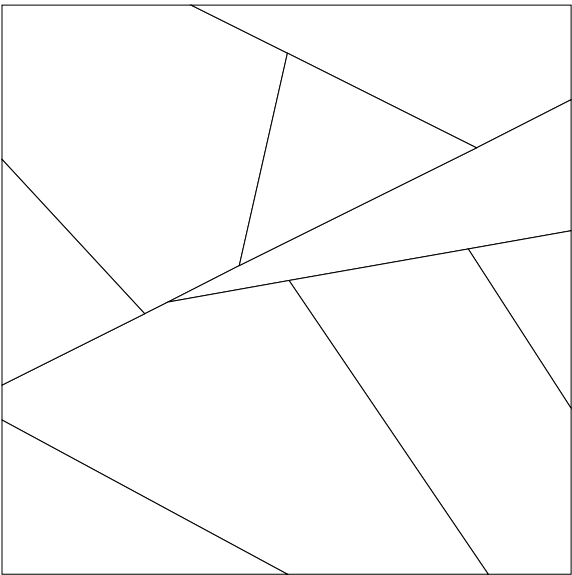
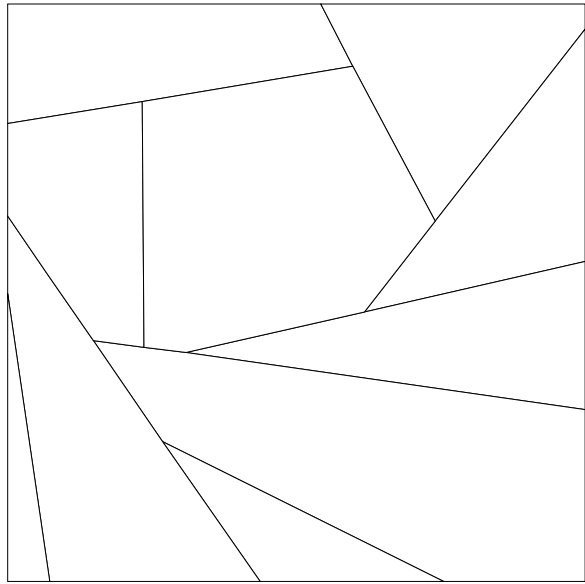
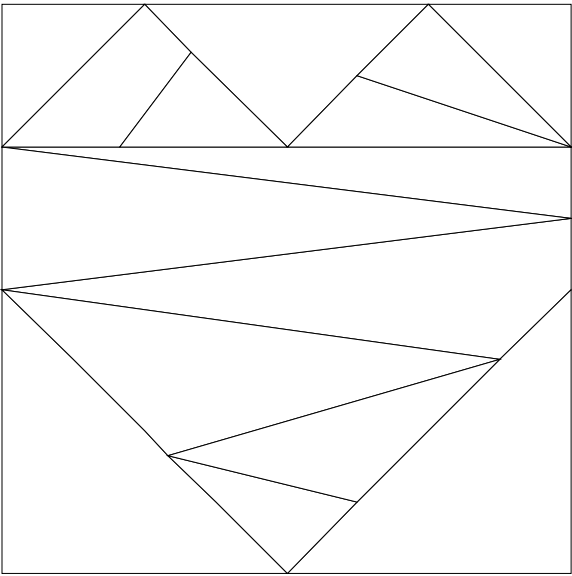
The second method is called mosaic. This gives a more old-fashioned and intriguing look to your quilt. Begin by placing a scrap on the muslin, face up. Cut a second fabric with a curved or shaped edge. Place it right side up along one edge of the first fabric, covering one raw edge of the first piece with the second piece. Finger press the shaped edge of the second piece under and baste in place as for appliqué. Continue covering the muslin in this manner. The embroidery will hold these edges in place.





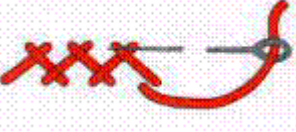



- ⊙ You may end up using both methods in your block.
- ⊙ As you work on your block, trim seam allowances and any excess fabrics away.
- ⊙ Trim away any fabric that hangs over the edge of your muslin.
- ⊙ If you are working with velvets, or very slippery fabrics, baste across the patches themselves with big stitches, as though you were preparing a quilt to be quilted.
- ⊙ If you have ended up with a small piece of muslin showing where two fabrics didn't quite meet, don't worry; you'll sew a button over it!
- ⊙ You don't need to use a hoop; the muslin gives you a sturdy enough foundation.











If you don't feel comfortable with the randomness of these methods, I have included some patterns for you to choose from. You will have to enlarge them and trace on your muslin. Then you can flip and sew (ala paper piecing) or use the mosaic with the pattern you traced.

Embroidery (this is the fun part)

Each seam is covered with stitches in a crazy quilt. This is to be fun! Don't worry about perfection unless you just can't help it. Your stitches reflect your personality and your mood! Experimentation is an important part of making your crazy quilt. You may prefer to stitch by hand, or maybe you want to try out all the neat stitches on your machine! Variegated thread, embroidery floss, metallic threads, silk ribbon, maybe even some of the new fancy yarns are all options for your stitches. Beads, buttons, sequins are all options too! There are basic embroidery stitches that are often used in combination to cover the seams: Running stitch, Back stitch, Outline stitch, Chain stitch, Lazy Daisy, Cross stitch, Herringbone or Catch stitch, Blanket stitch, Feather stitch, and French knot.



 <p>Blanket Stitch</p>	 <p>Chain Stitch</p>	 <p>Feather Stitch</p>	 <p>French Knot</p>
 <p>Herringbone Stitch</p>	 <p>Lazy Daisy Stitch</p>	 <p>Straight Stitch</p>	 <p>Cross Stitch</p>

 <p>Blanket stitch, French knots, and lazy daisy stitch</p>	 <p>Straight stitch, lazy daisy stitch, and French knots</p>	 <p>Lazy daisy, and French knots</p>	 <p>Straight stitch</p>
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 <p>Double blanket stitch</p>	 <p>Feather stitch, French knots and Lazy daisy</p>		