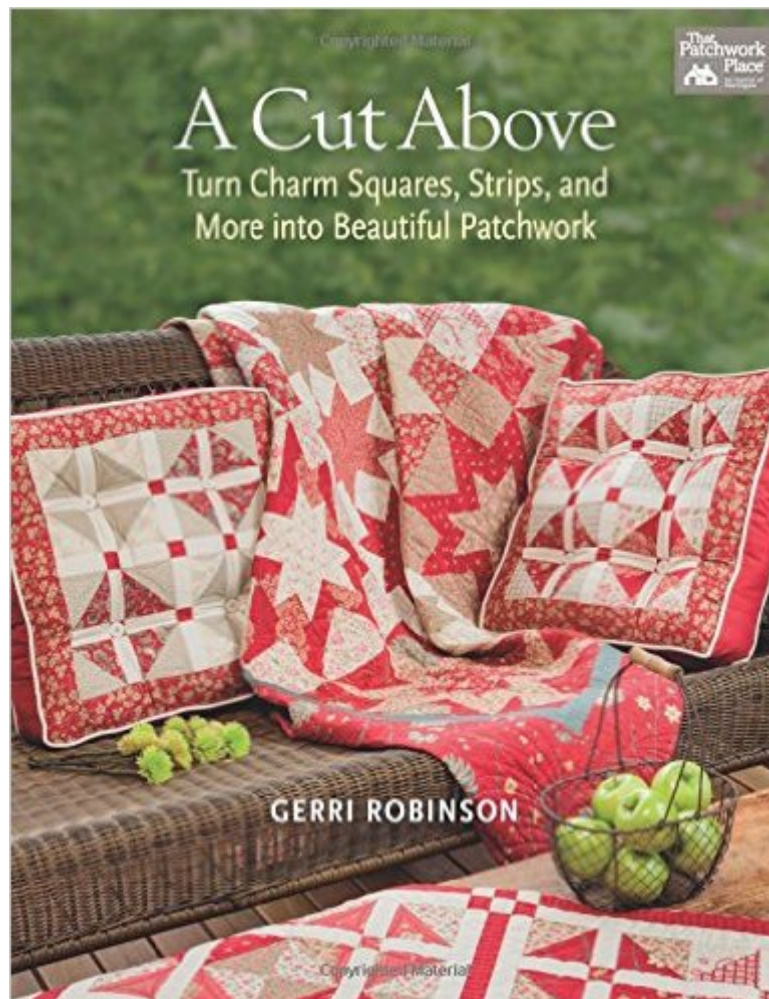


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# A Cut Above: Turn Charm Squares, Strips, and More Into Beautiful Patchwork



## Synopsis

Esteemed pattern designer Gerri Robinson shows how to turn ordinary precut fabrics into extraordinary projects for home decor. Find 18 enticing patchwork patterns that use 5" and 10" squares, 2" strips, fat quarters, and fat eighths. Create classic designs and open up new possibilities for your favorite precuts; achieve a controlled or scrappy look. Get lots of options with eye-catching projects in a variety of sizes, including bed and lap quilts, framed pieces, pillows, and cushions.

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## Customer Reviews

Gerri Robinson's book certainly lives up to its title! I love every project in this book! Seriously, and this is rare for me. I've bought a couple dozen quilting books this year and this makes it to my top five favorites. All the projects are made using "pre-cuts." The creator of these handy fabric cuts is my hero! I'm particularly fond of star blocks and Ms. Robinson features this in all 18 projects. There are framed wall hangings (ranging in sizes from 24x8-inches, 20x20-inches, 24x24-inches, 32x32-inches), small wall hangings and throws, bed sized, 16-inch square and 19-inch square box cushions, and 12-inch square pillows. The projects are broken down by the type of pre-cut fabric used for the projects. I love pre-cut fabrics but making my own from yardage is also presented as an option. Four projects use mini-charm and charm packs, four projects use layer cake squares, two use fat-eighths, and four use fat quarters. If this is Greek to you, have no fear, Ms. Robinson

explains these cuts. In addition to explaining pre-cuts, the beginning of the book contains Quilt-making Basics, Robinson shows her methods for making: flying geese units, quick-angled rectangles, square-in-a-square units, pieced sashing, and wool applique. She also details how she frames quilts. Other basic techniques are adding borders, layering and quilting, binding, and covered cording. The photos are beautiful. It's a bonus to me that Ms. Robinson's fabric choices appeal to my aesthetic. I'm especially fond of the reds shown on the cover quilts. I've learned that my eye appreciates high-contrast fabric usage and these designs are perfect for that. I highly recommend this book and hope this review helps you in some way determine if it is for you.

This book is a "must have" for all quilters. No matter what your skill level is, there is a project for everyone. Gerri continues to WOW the quilting world with her designs. I love how all the designs allow you to use precuts (jelly rolls, fat quarters, layer cakes, etc.) or fabric from your own stash. The directions and diagrams make it easy to follow when sewing the projects. The color photos are done beautifully and are a great inspiration when creating your own quilt.

WOW! I couldn't wait to get this book! I've been a huge fan of her designs for years. Gerri never disappoints with her designs and use of fabrics! It doesn't matter what your style...traditional, playful, modern... Gerri's work spans them all. If you are new to Gerri and Planted Seed Designs, you need to get this book and dig into that "precut stash" you have been hoarding (really! we all have one--jelly rolls, etc - they are so hard to resist). You won't be disappointed. The photography is bright and colorful, Gerri's directions are easy to follow. She presents designs and project sizes from the very quick and easy to the more involved. Beginners will have fun and the more advanced sewer will enjoy the challenge of a bigger project.

This is a wonderful book on how to use some of your precuts - as well as any stash on hand. Easy to understand. Colorful pictures and good diagrams on the patterns. I have always enjoyed Gerri's patterns and am glad to have a good book with illustrations and information on "how to". This will be a great addition for any quilter's library. Also a good gift idea for any quilter on your gift list.

I highly recommend Gerri Robinson's book, "A Cut Above". It's not only aesthetically pleasing, but charming and beautifully written. Gerri writes in a style that allows the reader to experience what it would be like to have her in our home, as if we were carrying on a friendly conversation with a best friend. Warm and inviting, I found myself smiling at her humor and candor in her Introduction,

admiring how she shared how she personally challenged herself to work with pre-cut fabrics for the projects contained in this book. All projects, from the framed, quilted wall art, to the beautiful quilts and lovely pillows and cushions, make this book interesting and full of unique projects; projects to make for years to come, due to their timeless design. The bonus? Patterns are clear, concise, and easy to understand. An ideal book for the beginner to seasoned quilter! A must-have for your sewing library!

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I have a habit of purchasing fats, charm squares, and strips and wanted ideas how to use them. Gerri Robinson hit it out of the ballpark with this collection of patterns. You don't have to purchase pre-cut fabrics--you can cut them from your stash!

I couldn't wait to get my copy of Geri's book "A Cut Above" it is wonderful! I cut my "quilters teeth" on her designs from the many quilt magazines she designs for. So I was thrilled when her book became available. What I like most about her book, is the short time she spends telling you about her journey in developing the book, then down to business. I buy quilting books for inspiration and knowledge and direction. I don't want recipes. I don't want lovely pictures of rooms cluttered with decor and quilts that patterns aren't included. I was pleased to learn that Geri had beautiful solutions for using up the "waste" blocks that quilters get when making quilts, that most of us just use to make a hodge podge scrappy quilt. You get 2 beautiful quilted projects for the the price and work of one! Brilliant! Beginners will love the ease and simplicity of her designs that result in absolutely gorgeous quilts! Experienced quilters will be inspired by her masterful use of basic quilt block patterns! Geri is an "amazing" designer! "A Cut Above" needs to be in every quilters library!

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