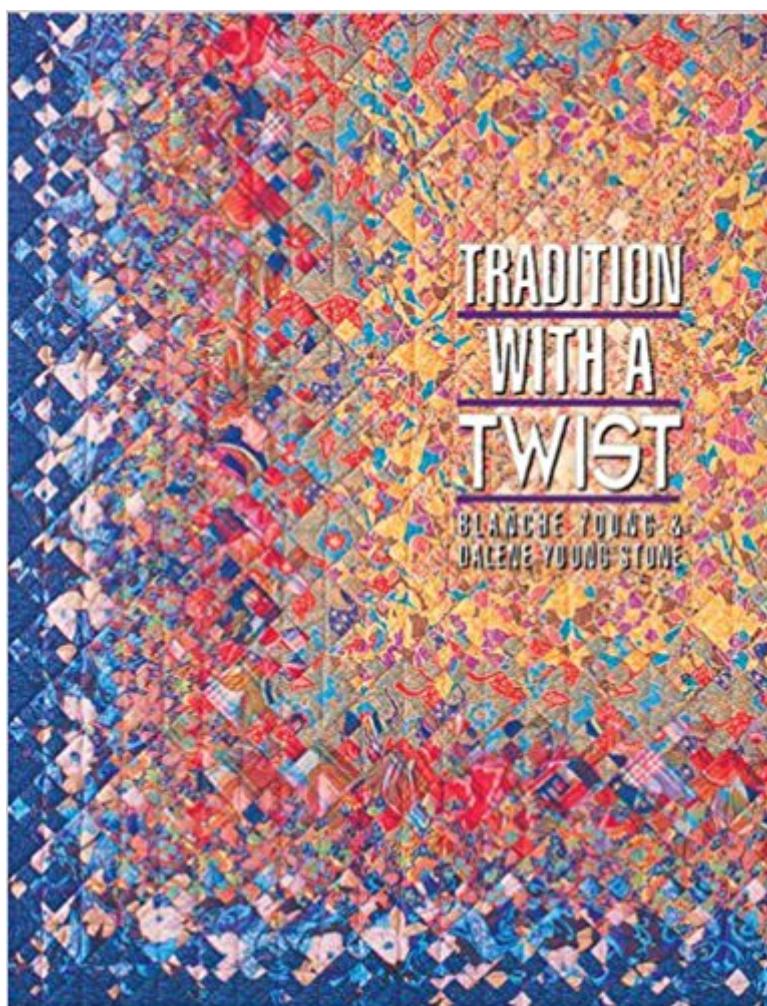


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Tradition With A Twist: Variations On Your Favorite Quilts



Synopsis

Over 26 projects use rotary cutting and streamlined construction techniques to easily construct magnificent quilts.

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Customer Reviews

Putting a new spin on time-tested quilt methods, this book shows that today's tools and techniques--namely the rotary cutter and cutting mat, which greatly facilitate the strip-piecing approach--can ease the labor intensity of many traditional patterns, yet yield equally beautiful results. Trip Around the World, Sunshine and Shadow, Nine Patch, and more are dissected into logical, streamlined strip sets that still require precision but demand far less time and painstaking care than the old methods. --Amy Handy

Blanche Young is a familiar name and face in the world of quilting. She has had a life-long romance with fabric and sewing machines. Blanche has been teaching quiltmaking since 1970, after having worked for a dress factory and major sewing machine companies. By applying time-saving cutting, sewing, and construction techniques to her quiltmaking, she developed innovative methods that have made complex pieced patterns quicker and easier. Blanche is the author or co-author of ten books and many patterns. Over the years, Blanche has taught and lectured all across the United States and in Japan and Norway. She has been the Featured Artist at numerous quilt shows. In October 2001, at Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas, she and her daughter Helen Young Frost were two of the six women chosen for a Special Exhibit entitled: "Women Who Challenged Quilting."

Blanche is a true pioneer in quilting. A prolific quilter, Blanche makes several dozen quilts each year. She has donated more than sixty quilts for fundraising purposes to quilt guilds and groups across the country. Blanche moved from California to Hurricane, Utah, in 2001. She has seven grown children, two dozen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

I made a queen-size Blooming Nine-Patch quilt, using oriental-design fabrics, and it is still my family's favorite over the numerous other kinds of quilts I have made since making this one. This book has proven to be one of my favorite quilting books out of the many I have in my personal library. The instructions are well done, and the possibilities are endless. I not only garnished lovely quilt designs from this book, but quilt-making and color blending techniques as well. Beginners might need to research and practice some of the techniques to be able to make these quilts, and I would recommend they start with one of the crib blankets so as not to be overwhelmed by the organizational techniques required for making these quilts with the least amount of stress. Intermediates and well-seasoned quilters should have no problem working with the authors' explanations. Personally, I don't really enjoy making "traditional" quilts with stars, hexagons, triangles, etc. I seem to gravitate towards blending colors and fabric designs into large canvases of color and texture, and the quilts in "Tradition with a Twist" are ideal for that desired effect. FYI, having a Dritz® Petite Press, or a Clover Mini Iron, next to you will really help you breeze through the sewing process, because a lot of ironing is necessary for these particular quilts!

For someone like me, this book is a lifesaver. I have an admittedly huge stash, and the patterns in this book have been a real treat for using some of the more 'unusual' fabrics in said stash. I fell in love with the Bloomin' 9-Patch pattern, with its magnificent use of colour, and just had to make it. My first one, done in reds, came out great, and I was off. I have made several since then, most given away from holiday gifts, and I have one on my own bed, made in shades of rust and maroon that I just love. There are several other patterns in the book that are great, and all of these are super simple to make. Your cutting board, rotary cutter and ruler are your best friends for all these quilts, as they are all made from strips of fabrics. Instructions are quite clear in all cases, though you might want to buy a little extra of your fabrics, as requirements are tight in the purchase requirements. If you aren't a whiz at cutting, and get off on a strip, you may wind up piecing together some of the pieces out of scraps. As I am Ms. Frugal on my cutting methods, I don't have that problem as much as some, but it is something to think about. Overall, a favorite in my quilt book collection.

My best friend just made her first quilt with this book. It was so impressive, that not only was I inspired to start quilting, but also her local quilt shop put it on display. I have never quilted before, but this book, with its easy instructions, assists you in becoming creative and gives you the confidence to make your own prizewinner.

Very Helpful book! Written clearly for someone who has quilted a while and knows the basics. Finished my quilt much quicker then normal with the pattern and directions. Included additional patterns with a similar appearance I will be trying out.

Great quilting book. I've gotten many ideas for new quilts and can't wait to get right into it.

I really don't like the cover photo or most of the fabrics they used for the quilts in this book, BUT the patterns are wonderful, easy and every quilter should make the quilts in this book. I have seen quilts made from this book using other fabrics and they are gorgeous so don't let the photos in this book keep you from buying it! a Must Have!

just what I wanted

Found the title for this quilting book on Bing. The picture of the quilt I was looking for is not in this book so I was a little disappointed as the techniques I wanted for that quilt had a very different and hard to recognize example of that style which was cascading flowers. It's called the blooming 9 patch pattern. The price was not that bad, and had free shipping so I am sure I will be able to get enough of the others techniques out of it to make it worth the purchase. suggested I look at another book called 9 patch Pizazz which I absolutely loved. So check them both out, or do like I did and get the both...not a bad price through .Gloria

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