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I have loved my well-worn and dog-eared copy of Barbara Brackman's popular 1993 edition Encyclopedia of Quilt Block Patterns since it was first published. I turn to it all of the time and, though I have EQ's BlockBase on my computer at my fingertips, have often wished for an updated in-print version, as I am one who loves to slowly turn paper pages rather than click a mouse. To see the blocks in actual fabric and thread as well as full-color digital images is just WONDERFUL! Every quilter, no matter their quilting-style needs this updated encyclopedia in their quilt reference library. Color me sew excited!
- Bonnie Hunter, Author, Designer, and Teacher, Quiltville.com

No matter how much we evolve as quilters our foundation will always remain rooted in the traditional building blocks of patchwork. Barbara Brackman's earlier (1993) edition of this book has been on my desk for many years as a constant source of inspiration and reference. The new updated version with more detailed illustrations and even more historical background is an essential primer for anyone who is passionate about quilts, whether you are a collector, a maker, a designer, or a historian.
- Tula Pink, Fabric Designer and Quiltmaker

I love Barbara Brackman's Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns and reference it often. It sits on the shelf behind my sewing table. I'm excited to add this updated Encyclopedia with all the blocks in color to my collection. Barbara is a quilting treasure and so is this book.
- Jenny Doan, Founder of the Missouri Star Quilt Company

When Barbara's first edition of her book was released, it instantly became the most valuable, helpful, and necessary quilt reference work ever written. It has been my go-to inspiration for any project that involves traditional blocks. I still have that copy and use it to this day, but even so, I am thrilled at this updated volume. I recently purged 90% of my quilt books, but with the additional blocks, full-color illustrations, and the brilliant partnership with Electric Quilt, it too, will have pride of place on my bookshelf. I did not think Barbara could top her first classic opus, but she has!
- Alex Anderson, Co-host of The Quilt Show

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With this new edition of Barbara Brackman's Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns, literally ANY quilter, whether experienced or a newbie, can become their own quilt pattern designer. With over 4,000 quilt blocks to choose from, the sky is only limited by our imagination!
- Mathew Boudreaux (Mister Domestic), Designer and Teacher, www.MisterDomestic.com

Barbara Brackman's Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns is the only available resource on pattern names and sources and comprises a meticulously recorded and illustrated collection. At the IQM we use Brackman's system to consistently organize and identify the patterns of the thousands of quilts in our collection and to provide sources to the many individuals who regularly contact us for help in identifying their family quilts. Our copies of the book are dogged eared and in constant use! This third edition makes the information even more accessible and so much easier to use. It is so exciting to see this vital resource updated to include color images, which makes the various elements of design stand out! And now, once you've found a pattern you like, you can find its history in the book and then use the Electric Quilt Company's BlockBase software for help in constructing it. What an amazing partnership!
Brackman's Encyclopedia is now a twenty-first-century resource that will be invaluable for any quilt lover! Whether you are a collector or a maker, this resource gives you thousands of patterns for identifying your special historic quilts or for creating new exciting ones!
- Dr. Carolyn Ducey, Curator of Collections at the International Quilt Museum

My very first quilt class was from a small quilt shop near my house almost 20 years ago. I learned how to hand sew four patches and found out that I was good at sewing! I wish I had this book when I was first learning to quilt! It shows you all the possibilities from basic patterns to the most adventurous designs. This book helps me to challenge myself to become an even more skilled quilter!
- Minki Kim, Designer and Author, www.MinkiKim.com

It is wonderful to see an updated version of quilt historian Barbara Brackman's Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns. Her original book, long out of print, has been a must for quilters, quilt historians, folk artists, or anyone interested in geometric design. The impeccable decades-long research that Barbara has done makes this updated version the most thorough reference there is for identifying pieced quilt patterns and the various names associated with them.
- Jinny Beyer, Author, Fabric and Pattern Designer, www.jinnybeyer.com

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The new edition of Barbara Brackman's essential reference, Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns exceeds all expectations. Barbara's research is invaluable, and her system for organizing blocks by their construction basis is genius. It allows you to easily find a pattern and learn its name, based on what it looks like. You will want this new volume even if you already possess an earlier edition. This volume includes a precise line drawing as well as a color image of each block. The color images are truly inspiring! This book belongs in the library of every quilt collector, quilt historian, quilt guild, or quilt maker.
- Judy Martin, Designer, Author, and past editor of Quilter's Newsletter and Quiltmaker magazines

The one thing our diverse quilting community truly celebrates together is our rich visual history. Everyone from quilt historians, to traditional quilters, to cutting-edge fiber artists draw upon our common treasure, which is so comprehensively compiled by Barbara. Personally, I eagerly anticipate her new Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns, and know I will love it to tatters as it informs and inspires my work. Thank you, Barbara, for making it easy for all of us!
- Karen K. Stone, Author, Teacher, Quilt Maker, & Designer

I can't state how incredible this encyclopedia is as a resource for quilt designers. Many historical quilt blocks share names or seem nameless, so categorizing them by theme and appearance is immensely helpful and makes these quilt blocks more accessible. I love reviving old blocks in my quilts and I can't wait to explore every page.
- Kimberly Jolly, Founder of Fat Quarter Shop and It's Sew Emma

As a modern quilter and pattern designer, sometimes I have a modern block or quilt design idea and I want to research similar types of blocks that have been used by quilters in the past. I wonder "who might have created a block like this?" or "how long has this traditional version of the block been around?" The Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns is organized to make it easy to find the block that you are looking for when you do not know the original or common name for a block! It includes source and date of publication for each block–it is so cool to have this info at our fingertips. I find that conducting this kind of quilt block research always sparks several new ideas for "making it modern." The Encyclopedia is in my library of must have tools.
- Carole Lyles Shaw, Modern Quilt Designer and Teacher, www.CaroleLylesShaw.com

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With the 3rd edition, I am thrilled that every quilter will have access to the most comprehensive and useful guide to quilt blocks. With exciting new graphics, it helps you visualize what the quilt blocks will look like when made in fabric. It is a must have for every quilter!
- Pat Sloan, Author, Designer, and Podcast Host, www.PatSloan.com

Barbara Brackman's updated Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns is an incredibly detailed reference guide for identifying and learning the history of a vast variety of quilt blocks. This book is also a great source of inspiration for quilt designers today, who are taking these timeless designs and breathing new life into them for fresh, contemporary takes on classic quilts.
- Amy Smart, Quiltmaker and Designer, diaryofaquilter.com

As a trained art historian, I really appreciate Barbara Brackman's research and the fact that beside every block diagram is its original source. It's so great to have a resource like this available when someone shares a family quilt or antique quilt and asks for help identifying a repeated block. With a little knowledge about block construction, I can easily locate the correct section of the book and try to identify the block for them.
- Amy Friend, Designer, Author, and Owner of During Quiet Time, LLC

I am so excited for this new addition to my quilt book library. I own a copy of the 2nd edition, which was in black and white and am thrilled the new version is in color. I often refer to this book when designing my original, modern quilts. It's fun to start with a traditional quilt block and see where it can go. What a fabulous resource for any quilter!
- Christa Watson, Author, Teacher, and Designer, ChristaQuilts.com

Barbara Brackman has done the work for you! In a comprehensive, easy to read display, this book will be your best friend when you're dreaming and needing inspiration to create something new or as a reference to identify your next flea market find. It's overwhelming, in a good way, how much information is included.
- Heather Givans, Modern Quilter, Designer, and Quilter-in-Chief at Crimson Tate

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Brackman's Encyclopedia is well-established as the standard—in fact, only—reference for identifying and classifying quilt patterns, and is used as such by museum and private collections in their cataloging. With multiple names for a design and vice versa being common, "Brackman numbers" provide a much-needed, common frame of reference. With new drawings in color, this edition will prove even more accessible and is even more user-friendly.
- Alden O'Brien, Curator of Costume and Textiles, DAR Museum, Washington DC

The new edition of this classic — which every quilter should have on their desk — is a quilter's dream come true. It has clean illustrations of the blocks, as well as a depiction of the same blocks in full color. I reach for my original version almost daily as I try to puzzle out a block, or dream up new combinations in making my quilts. While I didn't think Brackman's Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns could be improved, I was wrong. This new version will make it easier to find interesting blocks to make, to research the history of our work, as well as to link us to our rich heritage of quilting.
- Elizabeth Eastmond, author of OccasionalPieceQuilt Blog

As a dealer, appraiser, and historian, I always have this treasure right at hand. Nowhere else can I find names of patterns so brilliantly organized for easy searching. And now in full color! My customers enjoy knowing as much as they can about the quilts they buy. This source is well... encyclopedic... and absolutely invaluable.
- Julie Silber, Quilt Dealer, Appraiser, and co-author of Hearts and Hands and Amish: The Art of the Quilt