

Quiltmagine Challenge #1 – Thinking Out of the Block

The quilt top below has a selection of 2x2 blocks (two patches wide by two patches high called 4-patch), 3x3 blocks (9-patch), 4x4 blocks (the stars or may be called uneven 9-patch), and other common blocks.

Use some of these blocks, or segments of these blocks, as ideas to draw on your practice piece. Think about how a pattern is designed and whether it would look best in the block to highlight portions of the block.

If you have EQ7, you can go to the block library and find other blocks you may want to try. Rather than try all of them, pick what interests you and on your practice piece draw the block large enough to work easily with. Try different placement methods, different fill options, and play with the margin and ditch settings for other options. QM has many patterns that work well in these blocks. One quilter has an idea that divides the area, so think about placing different patterns in portions of the block rather than one pattern over the whole block. Think out of the “block” and get creative.

Have Fun!!!

