

# Book Reviews

We have resisted temptation for weeks and weeks, but we've finally succumbed to all the new Kaffe prints! Debbi has stitched her version of Facet. Even a wonderful photo can't do the wash of glorious color justice. You will have to stop in to see the piece. The pattern

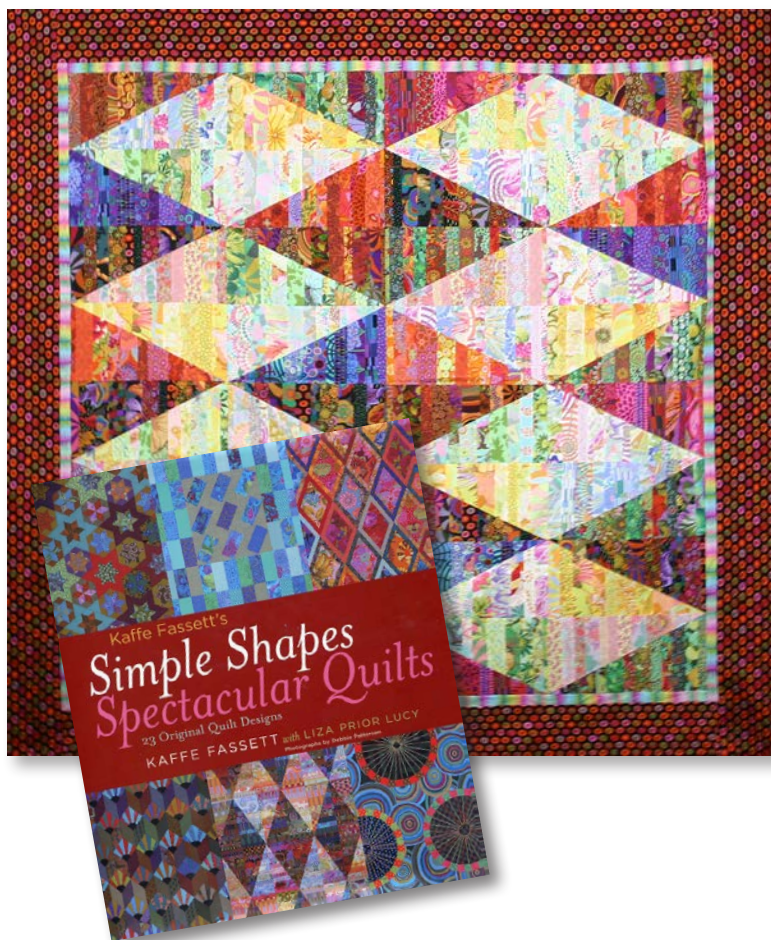
can be found in Kaffe's Simple Shapes book. It is just one of the remarkable designs influenced by ordinary scenes viewed through Kaffe's eyes.

The book is broken down into chapters based on various shapes. The quilt Debbi made comes from the triangles section. The quilts are made from a wide variety of fabrics. We cut many of the pieces Debbi included, but she also added a few pieces from her Kaffe collection. At it's most basic the quilt is a study in light and dark. Many of the prints can be considered either light or dark – it all depends on which fabrics they are next to.

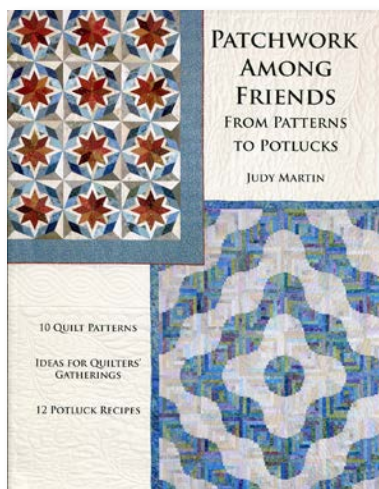
The prints are first cut into strips, sorted and then sewn into large rectangles. Trimming and angled cuts yield the pieces for the blocks. Debbi pressed all of the seams open in the quilt – time consuming but it yielded a fantastic, flat, straight finished top.

Every single quilt in the book is as wonderful as Debbi's piece. Take a look at our wide selection of Westminster prints and then select a project from the book. How about Bounce? Circles can be so much fun!

Book \$35.00, Fabrics \$9.00 to \$11.20 per yard



New Kaffe fabrics also are the attention-grabbing component of my Cactus Blossom Pincushion. The useful accent is created entirely by hand. A series of circles are manipulated into the different parts of the piece – good thing there are photos of every step! My thread snapped during my first attempt, but it was well worth starting over. I love the bold result – there will be no problem finding pins in my sewing space! Pattern \$9.00



Judy Martin has released a new book that will have you convincing your friends to begin a group project. The book actually begins with a section on quilter's get-togethers. From an old fashioned bee to online groups, classes, friendship exchanges, quilts for a cause and good old parties the ideas keep on coming. Even if you plan to work alone, you will find the spectacular quilts a pleasant challenge.

Judy shares construction details, diagrams and color photos of each of the ten quilts. She has also sprinkled the text with tasty looking recipes – perfect for group events or to lavish on your family so they won't notice just how much time you are spending stitching!

Consider adding any one of the quilts to your winter "to do" list (I'm thinking of starting Morning Glory first – only because Barb already called Boston Beauty). You won't mind being trapped inside at all! Book \$27.95