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### Introduction

How many quilts are lying on your pile of WIPs? One of the reasons that quilt tops turn into UFO's (UnFinished Object) that I hear so often is that we don't know how to quilt our quilts. We can't come up with a design. We're scared that we will pick the wrong design.

I'm so happy that you found this ebook. Not only will I be sharing 101 ideas for straight line quilting. I'll also share my five steps to finish those quilt. Not a reader? Check out this YouTube video. It's no rocket science, I promise! But it just might give you that little push that you need to turn your UFO in to a AFO (Awesome Finished Quilt).

**Step one** Take a good look at your quilt top. There are probably some clues in there which can help you pick a design for your quilting. Let me give some examples: What is the scale of your quilt top? Are there distinct lines you want to accentuate? Does your quilt top has shapes around which you can stitch in the ditch?

**Step two** Then go through his ebook with a specific quilt in mind. What design resonates with you? Maybe you have a top three after going over all those different designs. That's great! Three favorites is already better that having no idea where to start.

**Step three** Then. Most important step: make a choice. Don't be indecisive. Just don't let yourself go over and over and over all of the options. Pick one that you feel comfortable with. Or pick one

that you would looove to try but feels a bit scary to you. Making a choice at this point, and not changing your mind after that, is going to feel so good! Because making a choice mean you can finally start!

**Step four** Go quilt your quilt. You've picked a design which you want to quilt. Now pick your favorite thread and hop behind your sewing machine.

**Step five** A funny one. But when you're halfway through the quilt. Don't get second thought. Don't hesitate. Just go one, and finish that quilt. The only way to get better at anything is to practice practice practice. So it's just not fair to expect from yourself that your quilting is going to be perfect when you're just starting out. Of course you don't want to mess up all the hard work you've put in to your quilt top by choosing the wrong quilt design. But here's the thing, I don't think there is something like a wrong quilt design. Some will suit your quilt top better than others, yes of course. But you can only learn that by doing. So go quilt your quilt. Done is so much better than perfect!

I hope you'll enjoy this book and that it helps you finish your quilts. Please feel free to ask quilty questions, or send requests for video tutorials to info@sugaridoo.com.

Also I would love to see what you make! You can tag me @sugaridoo or use #SugaridooQuilting on Instagram.

Love, Irene

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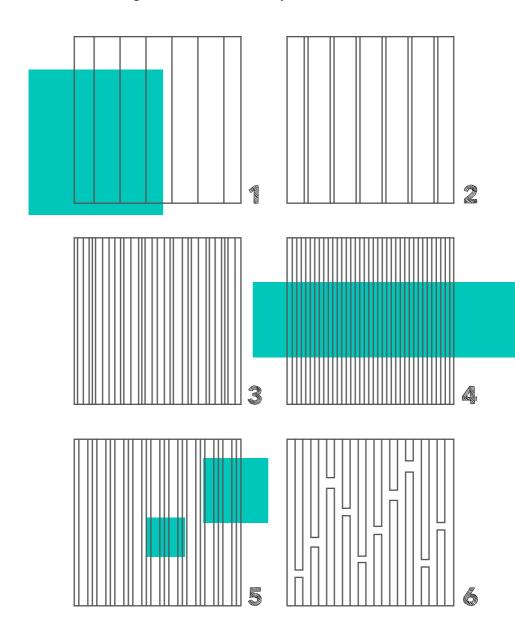
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# Parallel straight lines

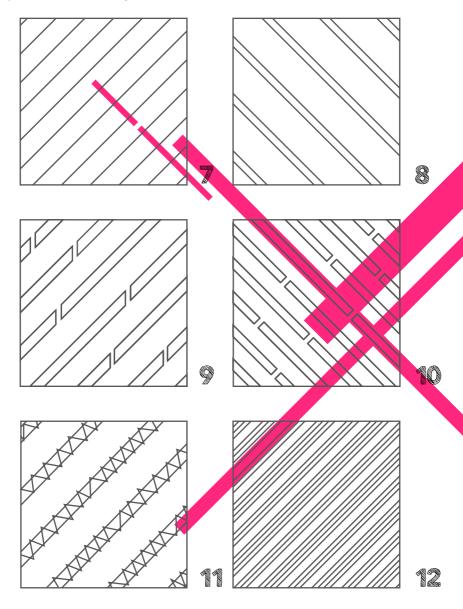
Let's start with some basic quilting ideas. Straight lines, just let that walking foot do the work for you.





# Diagonal lines

You can use the guide bar on your machine, an erasable pen and ruler, a hera marker or even masking tape to prepare where your lines should go.

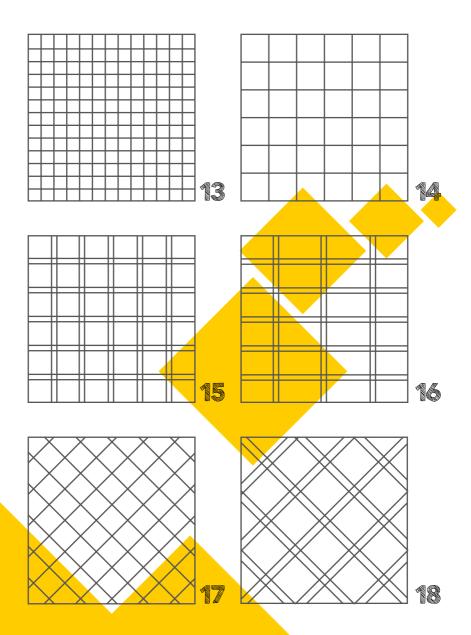




This owly is a block from the Sugaridoo Sampler

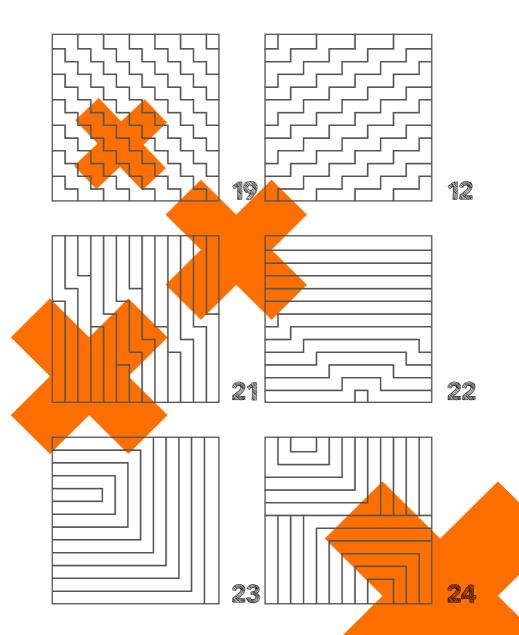
### Lines over lines

Your can cross you straight lines to create tiny squares, blocks or checkered patterns. Use diagonal lines to make diamonds.



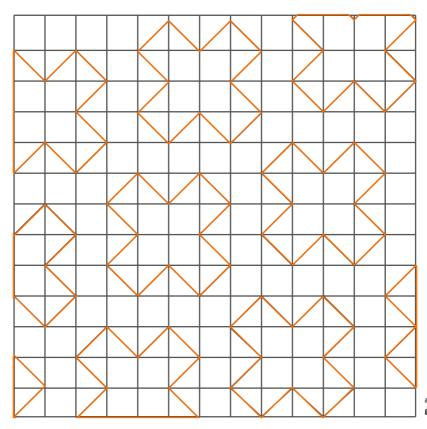
# Doodling on a grid

These designs were created by simply taking graph paper, a pencil and a ruler. Go ahead and try to make some for yourself!



You could even quilt the graph paper first and then go back in with a different color to create this crazy cross pattern.

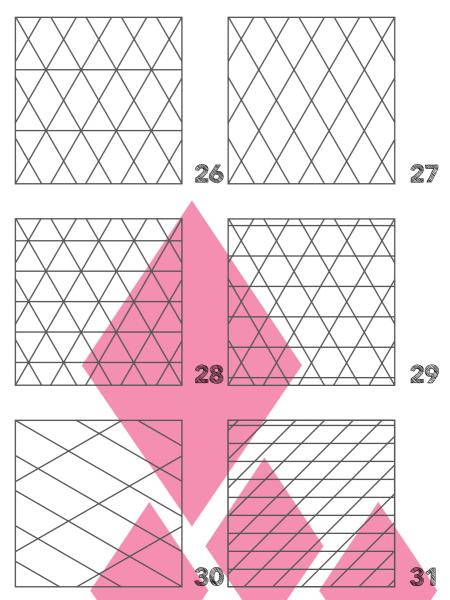




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### Diamond variations

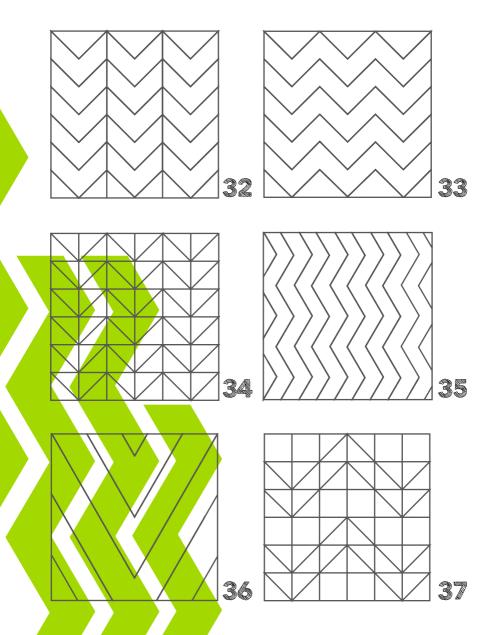
Taking some diamonds and straight lines can give all sorts of ideas for quilt patterns. Scale them up or scale them down to get different overall effects.





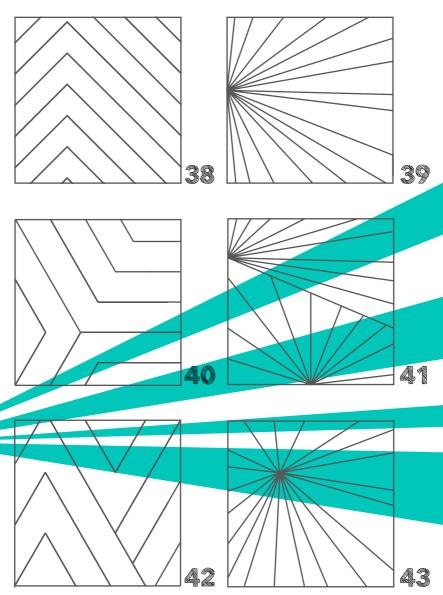
Chevron

Because. Who doesn't love a good chevron?



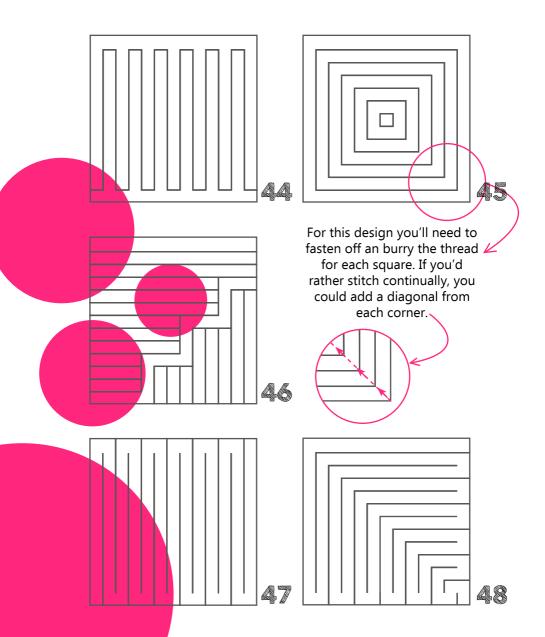
### Focus

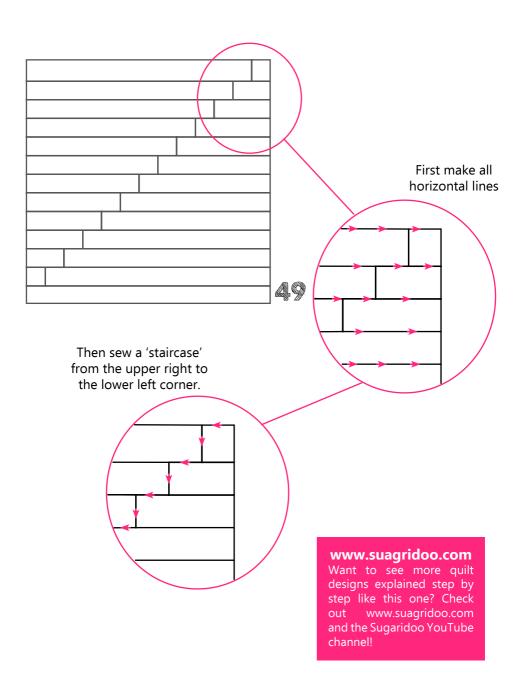
With these designs you can draw the focus to a specific point in your quilt. The designs on the right do have very dense quilting, which can make your quilt a bit stiff in that area.



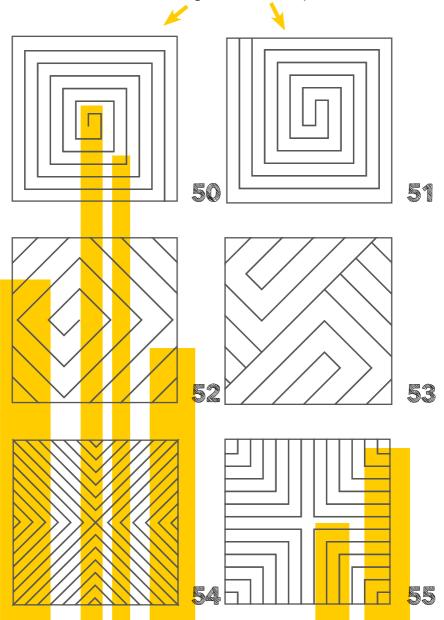
### Follow the path

Just some more fun with drawing on grid paper. Create a box in a box in a box or a maze effect by simply using straight lines.

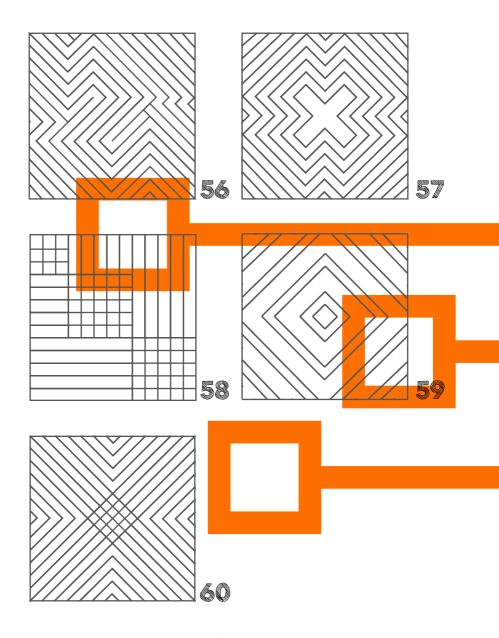




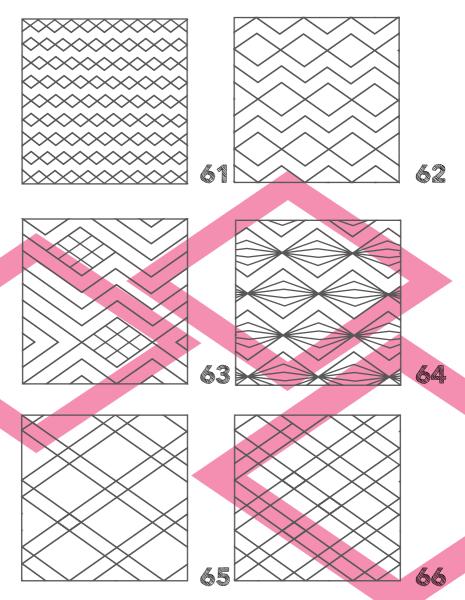
Spiral away!
Start your spiral in the center of the quilt and sew your way towards the outside with a single or a double spiral.



X marks the spot Always a good design, you can put the X in the center or make it a bit more interesting by making it asymmetrical.

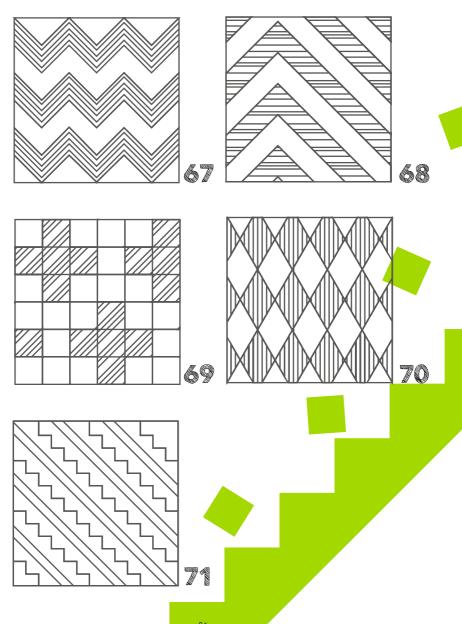


Flip that diamond Rotate those diamond shapes 90 degrees, scale them, echo around them, combine them with extra quilted lines and voila, another set of quilting patterns.

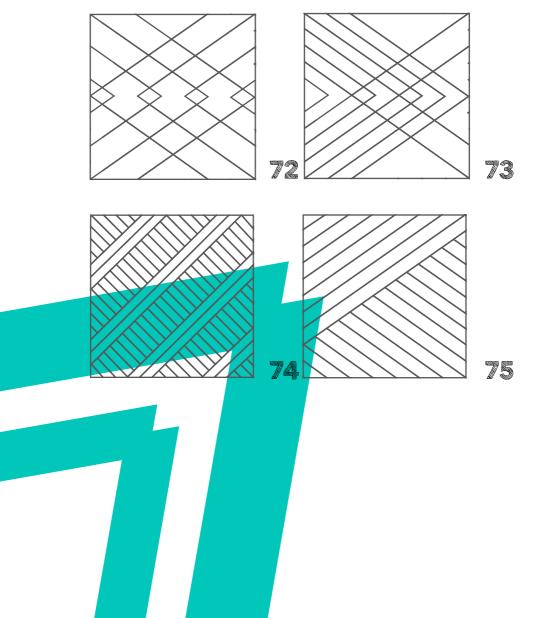


### Mix and Match

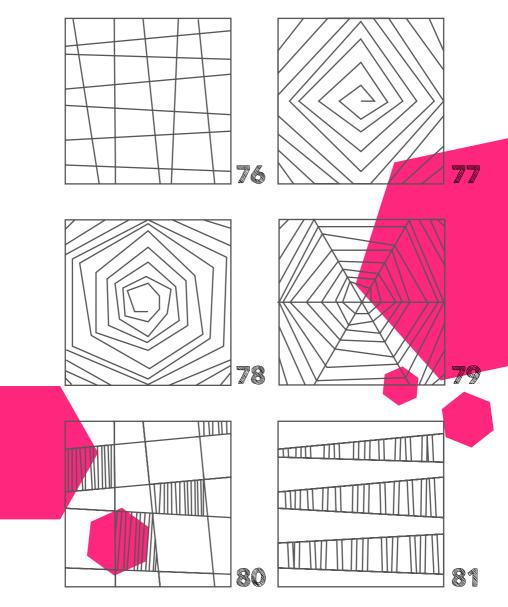
Combine multiple quilt designs to create more texture or to generate fresh reative designs.



Patchwork or quilt?
These quilt patterns would do great as patchwork as well!
Don't you just want to get out your pencils and start coloring these in?

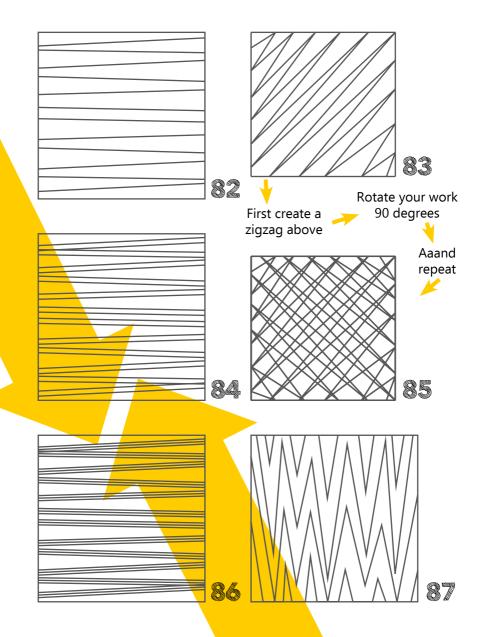


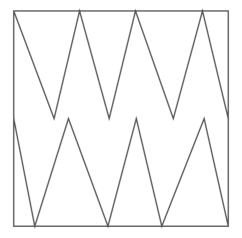
Let go of parallel lines and just start quilting. These are nice quilting designs to practise your straight lines without marking them all down on your quilt on forehand.



Adand repeat

Not sure how much quilting you want on your quilt? You can always go back and add more quilting in with these designs.

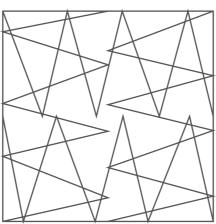






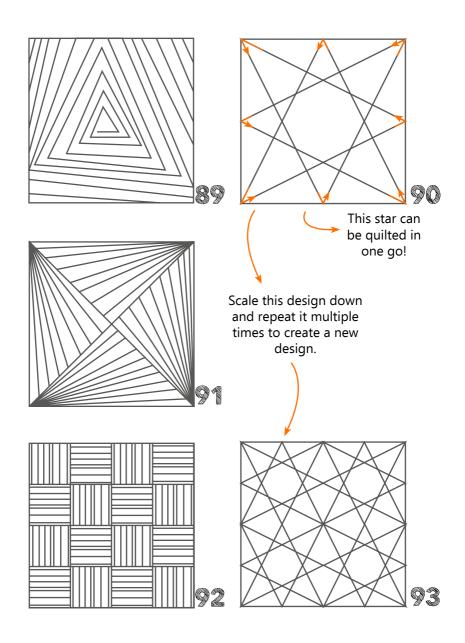
Another sew, rotate and sew again kinda design

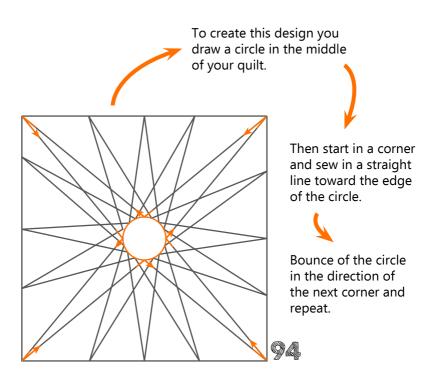






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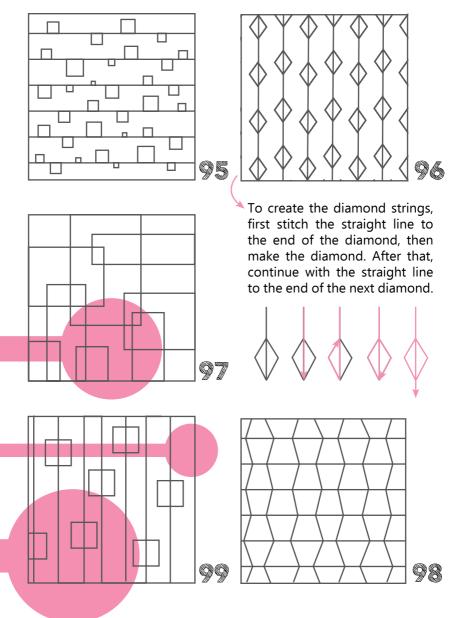


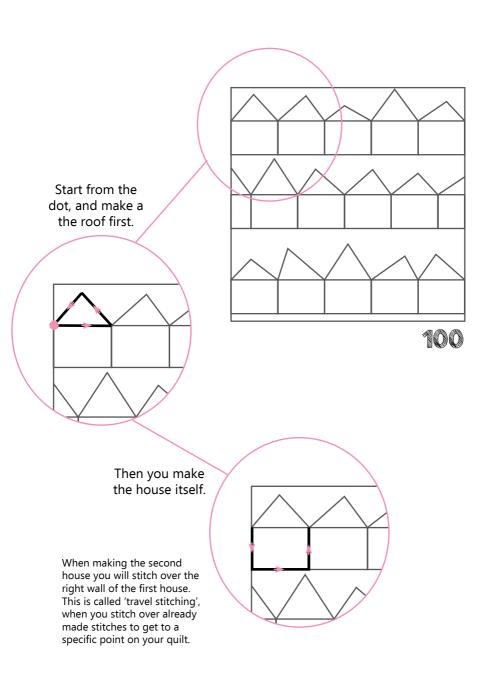


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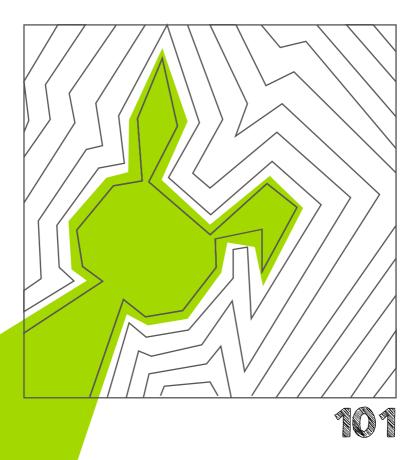
Fun with squares
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# Echoing

When quilting on a quilt with a geomatric pattern, you can do some very cool echoing around that shape. This bunny mini quilt is made by quilting lines 1/4 inch apart around the bunny. The clear corners and the overall shape will fade out gradually the further away you quilt from the shape itself.





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# Happy Quilting!



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