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A Piece Of Cake: Sweet And Simple Quilts From Layer Cake Squares



Synopsis

Mix simple piecing with fabric from 10-inch-square Layer Cakes plus your favorite background fabrics and you've got a quilt you'll be proud of. Transform your Layer Cake collection into intricate-looking designs that are a breeze to stitch--Peta Peace's tips will help you start and finish like a pro. You'll love the cheerful colors and innovative designs in these 14 all-new patterns.

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Customer Reviews

This book is lovely, and inspiring and approachable for quilters of all skill levels who want something a little different. Buying bundles of small cuts of fabric makes it easy to coordinate a pieced project without stress, but for quilters who might not know what to do with these little squares, Peta Peace offers 14 fun projects suitable for beginners, in her book *A Piece of Cake: Sweet and Simple Quilts from Layer Cake Squares*. Layer Cake is the term used for collections of fabric produced and bundled by manufacturers. They typically include a ten-by-ten-inch cut of each fabric design in a line, and they make it possible to make quilts and other projects without the guesswork of finding fabrics that will look good together. Using these collections as inspiration, Peace incorporates other fabrics into her designs to make larger projects than would be possible just using Layer Cakes. She uses a lot of white to break up the patterns of the colored fabrics she chooses. The quilts range in size from those that would be suitable for a wall hanging or baby blanket up to those large enough to use as bedspreads (the largest is 84 inches by 84 inches). She also includes a pillow, a table runner, and a couple of mini quilts for those who like smaller projects or want to try their skills on a

small version before committing to a large blanket. The patterns are well designed, simple but interesting, and heavy on pastels and feminine colors. The samples are impeccably put together, and the quilting is beautiful, in some instances much more complex than a new quilter might want to attempt. The project instructions include many illustrations that show how the pieces go together, as well as several pictures of each finished project. Helpful tips throughout the book advise quilters on how to change the look of a project to make it their own. A tools-and-techniques section at the back of the book covers everything a new quilter would need to know in order to get started, from measuring, cutting, sewing, and pressing squares to putting the quilt together, quilting the top, and adding binding. --Foreword Reviews

This book has some great patterns in it that look simple enough to piece together. The instructions are straight forward and easy to understand!!

I've been waiting to get my hands on this book since I saw sneak peeks of the quilts on Peta's Instagram feed. I especially love that cover quilt and the LOVE baby quilt. I can recommend this book for both beginner and experienced quilters alike. There are some simpler patterns, but there are also some more challenging quilts - no matter who you are you will be able to find a quilt in here that you can make! The photos are gorgeous, and the patterns are easy to read, and very doable! If you have a layer cake (or 2 for a couple of patterns) hiding in your stash - buy this book and you could be snuggling under a quilt in no time!

Sometimes a book will have a beautiful cover but the inside of the book can be a little disappointing. This is not the case with A Piece of Cake by Peta Peace. All the patterns in the book are so beautiful! Instructions and diagrams are spot on and easy to follow. I have added the quilt called Delight to my must make quilts lists. Origami Squares is another favorite! There are 80 pages and 14 projects that make this book well worth a purchase. Beautifully done and a great addition to any quilters library.

I have bought many layer cakes over the years and this book is a great addition to finally making quilts from them! The patterns are very easy to understand, with great diagrams and helpful hints. Would definitely recommend to beginners and advanced sewers!

Nice book. Great patterns.

I have this book and absolutely adore it for several reasons! Not only are the projects amazing, the directions are so clear and simple! The graphics included with the directions make it so easy to follow and make these darling quilts quickly! The photographs are also beautiful!

Oh, what innovative ways Peta came up with for us to use 10" squares and make beautiful scrappy quilts! Her designs are exquisite yet surprisingly simple to construct. Her selection of bright fabrics against the white background (wait, there is a cool aqua background, too!) makes the patterns pop, and got me thinking already of which layer cake has been unclaimed in my stash, or what forgotten yardage I could cut up into 10" squares. The book has detailed instructions and [colorful] diagrams, as well as a Basic Tools and Techniques and Finishing Your Quilt sections at the end, full of information to make it easy to stitch the blocks and assemble the quilt: add fabric, a little bit of time, your favorite beverage, and you are all set for major sewing fun.

These patterns are a perfect combo of classic blocks and modern style featured in "candy" like colors. They really do look good enough to eat! They aren't too fussy and would stitch up easy with great directions and piecing charts. My favorite is a fun spin on the "LOVE" in a four patch.

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