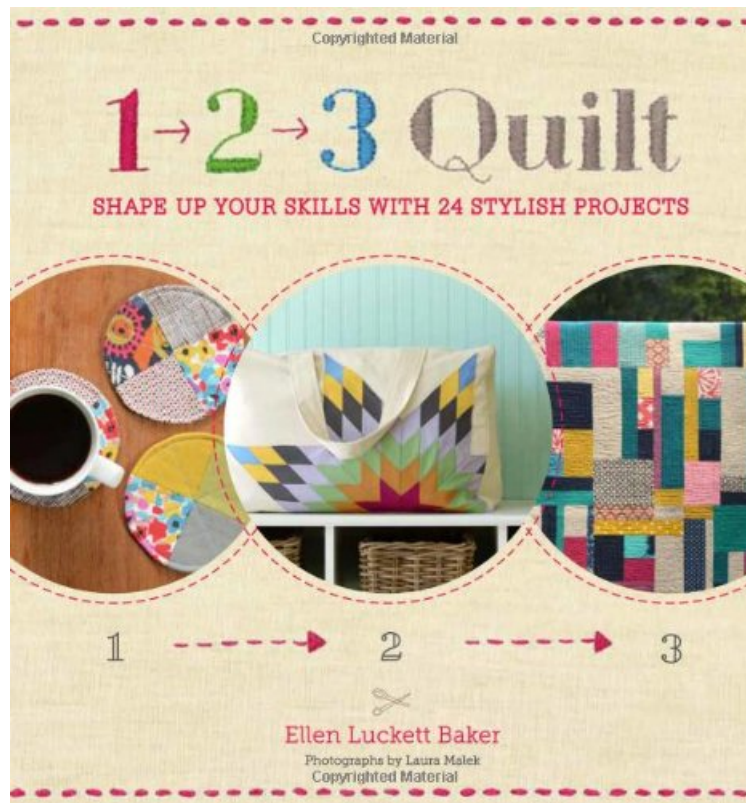


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Ellen Lockett Baker : 1, 2, 3 Quilt: Shape Up Your Skills with 24 Stylish Projects before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 1, 2, 3 Quilt: Shape Up Your Skills with 24 Stylish Projects:

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In this follow-up to *1, 2, 3 Sew*, expert seamstress and craft blogger Ellen Lockett Baker shares her fun building-block approach to quilting. Organized by quilting shapes—squares, triangles, hexagons, circles, flowers, stars, and diamonds—this easy-to-follow guide provides a simple way to master the elements of quilt design. Twenty-four projects progress in difficulty, allowing readers to develop technical skills as they work through the book. From the minimal Argyle Apron to the stylish Hexagon Handbag and more intricate Star Quilt, these modern, bright designs will appeal to beginning and intermediate quilters alike.

From Publishers Weekly Baker's book is good to have, especially for teachers—not because anyone needs another tote or coaster, but because the book is as much about process as product. Baker (*1,2,3 Sew*) sets out to hone sewists' skills with 24 quilting projects, including table runners and duffels, that don't require a room's width to produce. As she notes, You don't need to take on a daunting project like a full-size quilt to get started. She organizes the book by shapes: squares (a game mat), rectangles (a rail fence tote), triangles (a flying geese pillow), hexagons (a soft toy), and diamonds (an apron) with stars (a tablet case) and flowers (a skirt) thrown in. Each project is slightly more difficult than the previous one, and each presents an opportunity to learn or sharpen a skill, such as inserting a zipper or mitering a corner, or to try a technique, such as string piecing or freezer-paper appliqué. Baker leads with basics of quilting, including selecting fabric and sizing the quilt, as well as putting the quilt sandwich together. The spiral book includes an envelope of templates. (Sept.)

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