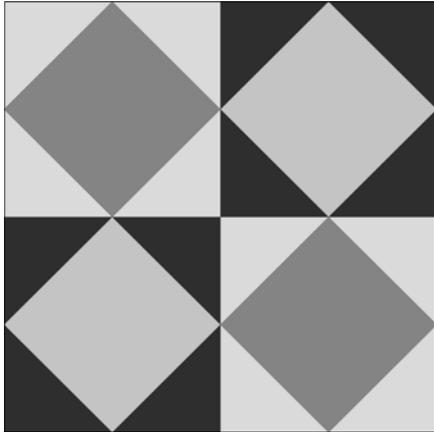




Women of the Bible FREE PATTERN

# Block 26: Mary Magdalene



Fabric needed for one block & Cutting instructions	
Dark	1/8 yard or scrap (4) 3-3/8" squares, cut once diagonally 
Medium #1	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 4" squares
Medium #2	1/8 yard or scrap (2) 4" squares
Light	1/8 yard or scrap (4) 3-3/8" squares, cut once diagonally 

Mary Magdalene was a prominent woman traveling with a group of women, together with the disciples, following Jesus. Separate companion groups were not uncommon at the time. Mary was the leader of the women's group, while Peter was the leader of the men. Mary joined the group when Jesus cured her of an unknown illness. Some accounts indicate that Mary Magdalene was a former prostitute, but these claims have been found to be untrue. She was, most likely, a woman from a prominent family with considerable resources. She and the other women in the group used their own financial resources to help support Jesus and his followers. Mary was present throughout the final days of Jesus life, death and resurrection. During His crucifixion, the disciples fled; it was too dangerous to remain near Jesus. But Mary Magdalene and a few other women stayed as close to Jesus as possible. Jesus died on a Sabbath day, and the women were unable to buy the burial spices needed, so they returned to the tomb the following day, and discovered that Jesus' body was missing. Inside the tomb were two angels dressed in white. The women began weeping, thinking that Jesus' body had been stolen. Mary Magdalene begged the angels to tell her where they had taken Jesus. "Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' which means Teacher" **John 20:14-16**. The New Oxford Annotated Bible Revised Standard Version. Mary Magdalene was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection. Some historians have suggested that maybe Mary Magdalene and Jesus had an intimate relationship, but she greeted Jesus with a term that would have been used by his disciples. If Mary Magdalene and Jesus had been involved romantically, she would have, most likely, greeted him by name, or by a term of endearment. We do know, for certain, that Jesus had great regard for Mary and trusted her to report his resurrection to the disciples.

Some times, in our busy lives, we are gifted with an uncommon friendship: someone we can trust implicitly and can count on to stand by us through thick and thin. Mary Magdalene held this uncommon friendship with Jesus Christ. She must have been an incredible woman.

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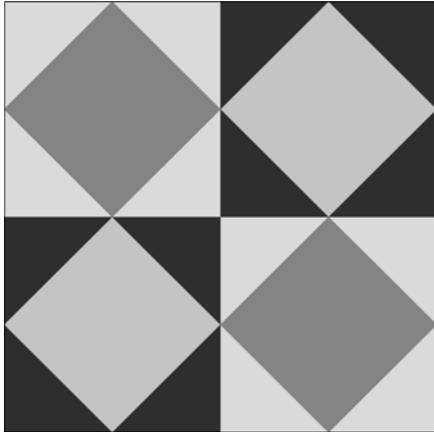
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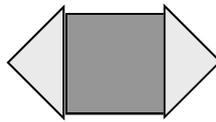


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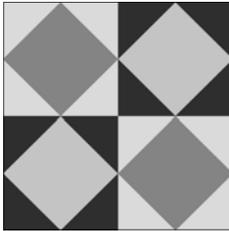


Pattern for a 10" finished block—All seams are 1/4".  
Pressing directions are indicated.

NOTE: The actual cutting size for the squares should be 4-1/16", so use a SCANT 1/4 inch when stitching the square-in-a-square units.



## Instructions:

1. Begin by creating the square-in-the-square units. Stitch the Light triangles to (2) opposite sides of the Medium #1 squares, overlapping the edges approximately 3/8". Press to the outside. Stitch (2) Light triangles to the other sides of the square, again, slightly overlapping the edges. Press to the outside. Make (2) units. 
2. Follow the same instructions to make (2) units using Dark triangles and the Medium #2 squares. Make (2) units. 
3. Stitch the square-in-the-square units together, as shown. Press seams open. Make (2) rows. 
4. Complete the block by stitching the (2) rows together, matching center seams and square points. Press seam open. 

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