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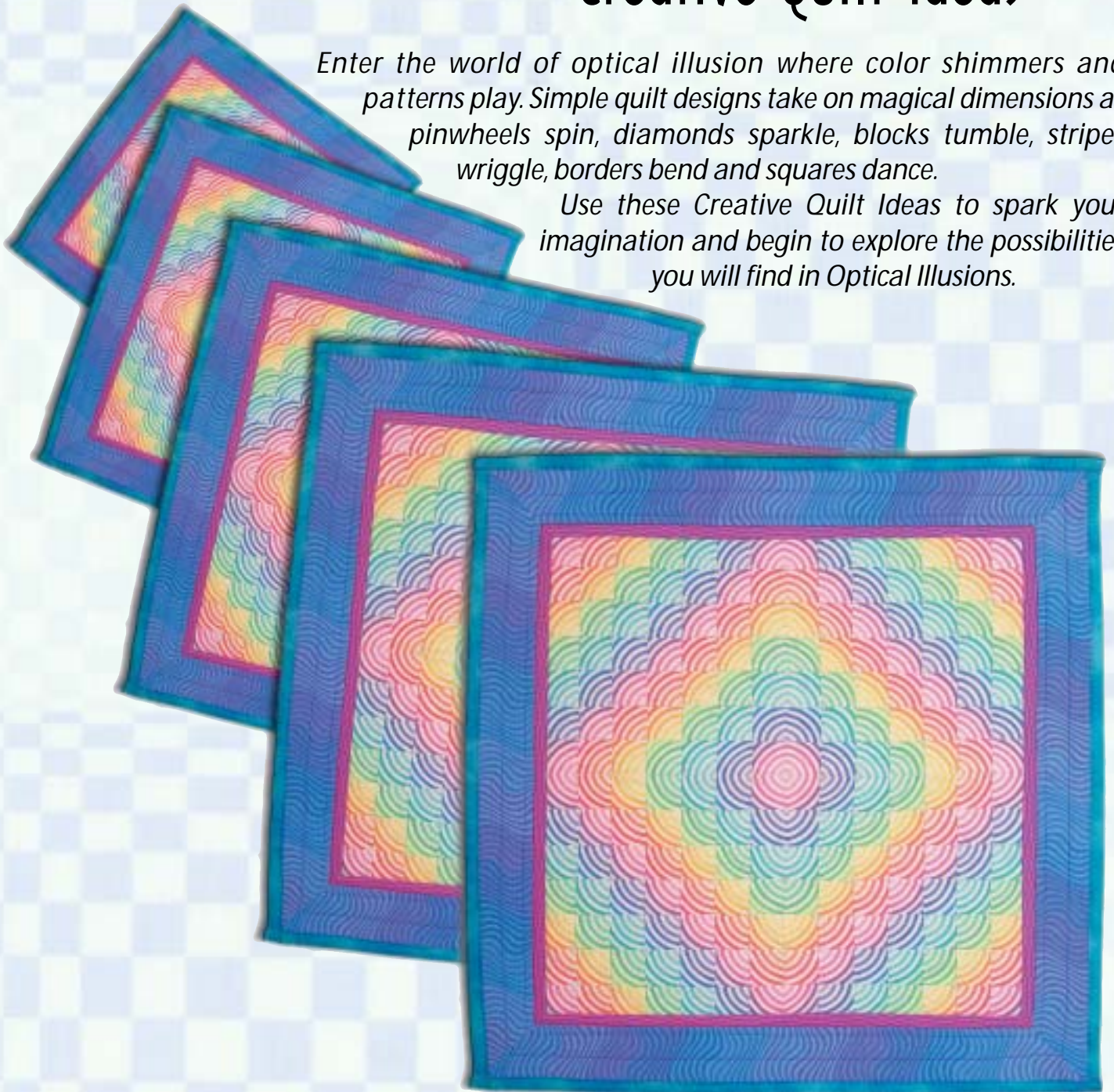
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Optical Illusions

Creative Quilt Ideas

Enter the world of optical illusion where color shimmers and patterns play. Simple quilt designs take on magical dimensions as pinwheels spin, diamonds sparkle, blocks tumble, stripes wriggle, borders bend and squares dance.

Use these Creative Quilt Ideas to spark your imagination and begin to explore the possibilities you will find in Optical Illusions.

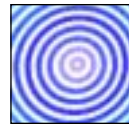


BULL'S EYE (Lunn-C6518)

Concentric rings in rainbow colors alternating with white. Colored rings are lighter in center and more saturated at outer edge of Bull's-eye. Seven colorways span the rainbow. (Also available in Black/White—Lunn-C6493 Black)



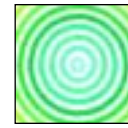
Pink



Purple



Blue



Green



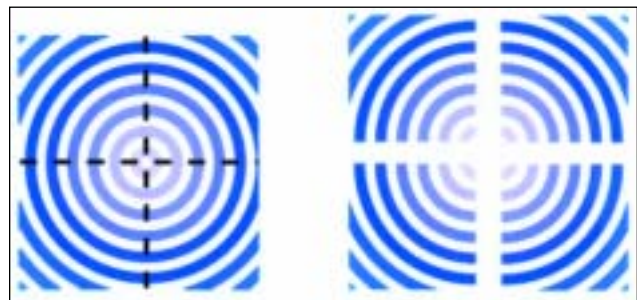
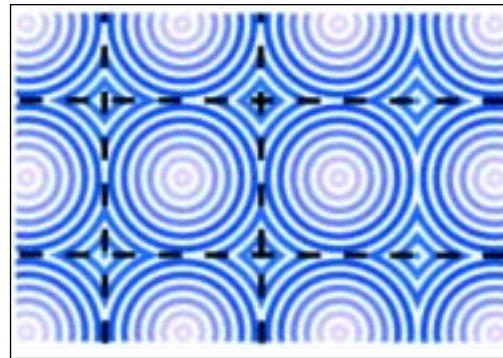
Yellow



Red



Grey



Four-Patch (Above)

Quilt Center: Lunn-C6518 (Bull's-eye) Pink, Purple, Red, Blue and Grey. Narrow Inner Border: Lunn-C6516 (Oval Dot Gradation) Grey. Wide Outer Border: Lunn-C6506 Blue (This was cut to make the "frame" of the quilt look dimensional.)

Trip Around the World (on front cover)

Quilt Center: Lunn-C6518 (Bull's-eye) Pink, Purple, Red, Yellow, Blue and Green. Narrow Inner Border: Lunn-C6506 (Elongated Check) Magenta Wide Outer Border: Lunn-C6504 (Wavy Stripe) Periwinkle.

Instructions

- Cut Bull's-eyes into individual square blocks.
 - Cut Bull's-eye blocks into quarters.
 - Arrange as shown and sew together.
- These instructions apply to the quilt shown here and the one on the front cover. Only the arrangement of the quarter blocks is different.*

ELONGATED CHECK (Lunn-C6506)

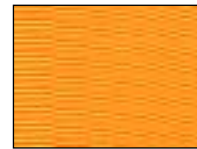
Saturated tone-on-tone checkerboard changes in size from small to medium to large checks and back again across the width of the fabric. Use as a blender or resting point with the more optical designs.



Green



Lime



Orange



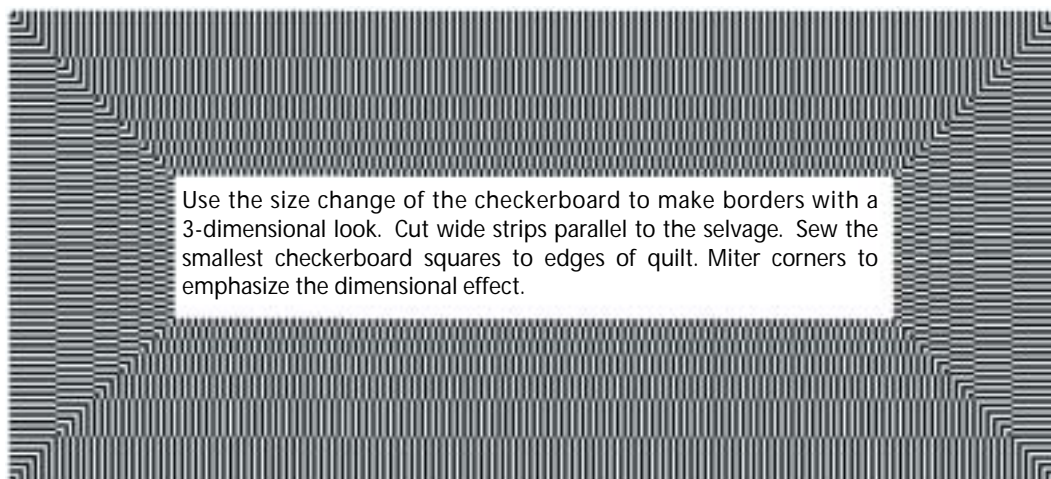
Red



Magenta



Blue



Use the size change of the checkerboard to make borders with a 3-dimensional look. Cut wide strips parallel to the selvage. Sew the smallest checkerboard squares to edges of quilt. Miter corners to emphasize the dimensional effect.

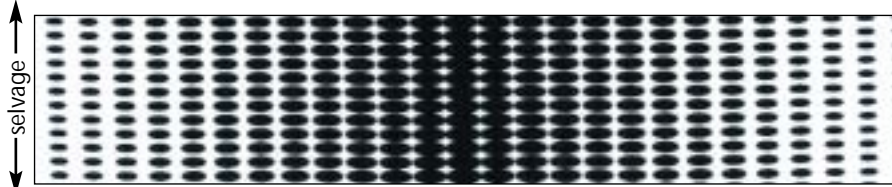
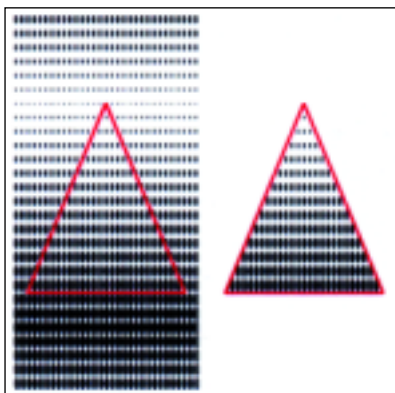
Black/White colorway:
Lunn-C6501 Black.

OVAL DOT GRADATION (Lunn-C6516)

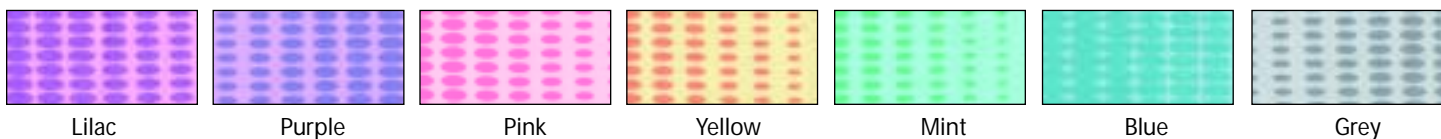
The ovals in this tone-on-tone print change size from very small to large giving the appearance of a simple light-to-dark color gradation.

Instructions

- Cut 9" strips parallel to the selvage. The width of the strip should encompass a range from the lightest to the darkest part of the gradation. The gradation repeats four times across the width of the fabric.
- Cut triangles from these strips. (We used the Easy Eights template from EZ Quilting.) Place the base of the triangles, as shown, in the darkest part of the gradation to create the pillow shown at right. For a different effect, reverse direction and place the base in the light portion or mix light and dark bases.
- Lay out and sew the triangles together.
- Experiment by mixing triangles from different colorways.



Black/White: Lunn-C6494 Black



OPTICAL CHECK (Lunn-C6505)

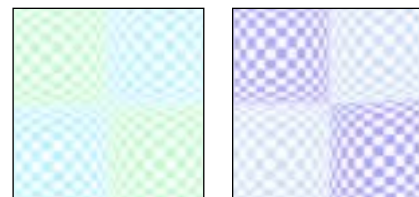
Large-scale 4" Optical Check blocks shimmer in coordinating pastel colorways. The design looks curved but the pattern is made of all straight lines.



Instructions

- Cut check into 4" blocks.
- Cut 4" blocks in half once on the diagonal.
- Pair up in 1/2-square triangles as shown and sew together.
- Arrange squares in rows as shown and sew together.
- Zigzag quilt along all seam lines.

Extra Idea: Cut the Optical Check into four-patch or nine-patch blocks. Mix 'n match the colors to make an instant, easy-to-sew baby quilt.



Blue

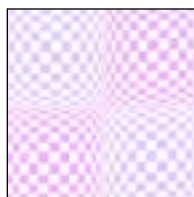
Purple



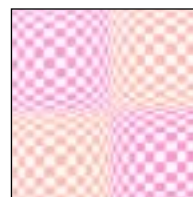
Green



Grey



Pink



Orange



Yellow

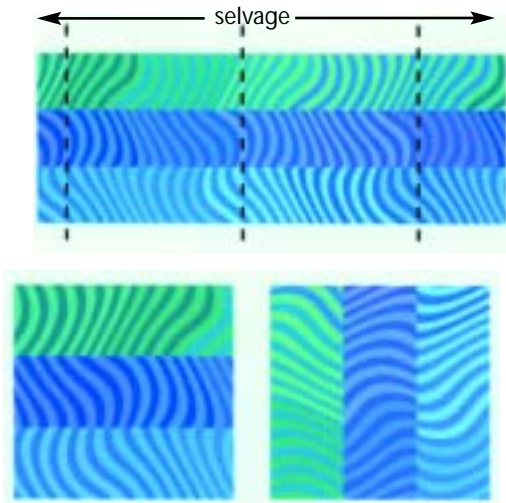
Curvy 1/2-Square Triangles

Lunn-C6505 Orange, Pink, Blue, Yellow, Green, Purple and Grey

Also available in Black/White (Lunn-C6502 Black)

WAVY STRIPE (Lunn-C6504)

Multi-colored wavy stripe: Neighboring colors alternate with each other in gradation to make a lively and fun-to-use stripe.



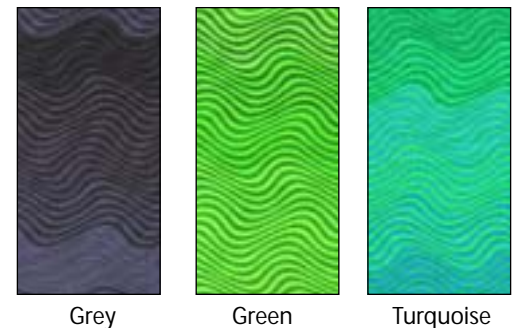
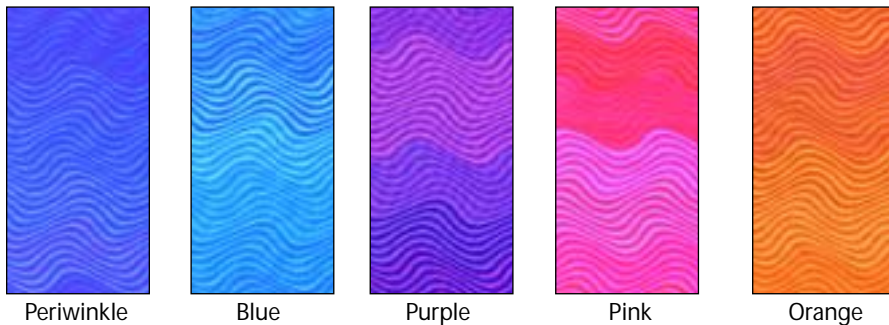
Instructions

- Cut 2" strips parallel to selvage.
- Sew strips together as shown in diagram.
- Cut pieced strips into squares.
- Sew squares together to match quilt.
- Add borders.

Extra Idea: Cut strips along the bias or across the stripe to make interesting narrow borders and bindings or to add extra pizzazz to Celtic Appliqué or Stained Glass Designs.

Rail Fence (Above)

Quilt Center: Lunn-C6504 (Wavy Stripe) Blue, Turquoise & Periwinkle
Narrow Inner Border: Lunn-C6506 (Elongated Check) Blue



Wavy Stripe also available in Black/White
(Lunn-C6503 Black)

Creative ideas suitable for Optical Illusions fabrics will be found in:

- *Stack-n-Whackier Quilts*, B. Reynolds (American Quilter's Society)
- *Optical Illusions for Quilters*, K. Combs (American Quilter's Society)
- *Freddy's House*, F. Moran (C & T Publishing)

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