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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful!By Stella NemethThis is an amazing, wonderful book. Filled with just enough help that you will actually make something amazing using its techniques. Yes, there are projects complete with patterns, but there are also enough examples of what the author's students have done in her workshops that you are free to do just about anything with the patterns. Like I said, just enough help.She also explains how to figure out patterns of your own. The ones she gives you are fish, but if you don't like fish, there is an explanation of how to take a large photo and create something totally different using the same techniques. And finally, she shares the process for one of her large projects so you have an idea of where this method can go.If you are ready to take steps out of traditional piecing and applique and what to do something wild, this will help you take those first steps. I've got a couple of things I need to get through before I work on my first fish, but I WILL be working on one.0

of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Ray Kraljwife happy60 of 60 people found the following review helpful. Quilting As An Art FormBy Luann UdellAs a fabric artist myself, I've become quite jaded with most of the quilting books out there, but Susan Carlson's book is a truly exciting and innovative exploration of the potential of fabric as an art medium. I'm familiar with Susan's work and have taken her class. This book is a wonderful extension of both. This book not only explains in detail her unique and exciting techniques, it also showcases her astounding fabric artwork. I found the instructions to be well-written and clearly developed, very similar to how Susan actually teaches her class. She is a very patient and encouraging teacher, and those qualities shine forth in her book. Her writing style is warm and personable. The book shows her development as a fabric artist, from early collage works based on snapshots of her family and friends, through beautiful fish collages derived from bookplates in an antique book on tropical fish, and ending with her creating her own images using Adobe Photoshop software. All of these designs are then translated into fabric, using Susan's free-form and organic quilting techniques. A truly inspirational book, from a truly inspirational fabric artist!

Cut fabric shapes freehand or use a pattern, building layers as you go. Complete the design, and you're ready to machine quilt. 3 patterns for fish designs, plus how-to's for flowers and butterflies.

.com Inspired by her love of fabric, Susan Carlson developed an approach to fabric collage that ultimately resulted in astonishing pictorial fabric art of richly layered textures and patterns. Her superb draftsmanship and masterful sense of color yields quilts more akin to painting than piecework. Luckily, she is just as expert at explaining her methods to others as she is at using them herself; the result is a book filled with crisp color images of her own work as well as some by her students, along with well-written text that details everything quilters need to know to start using her techniques. Rather than present specific how-tos to duplicate her designs, she teaches readers all her secrets so they can create their own designs, using her amazing works as inspiration. --Amy HandyAbout the AuthorSusan Carlson, an award-winning quilter whose work has been featured on public television, teaches fabric collage in her hometown, Berwick, Maine.