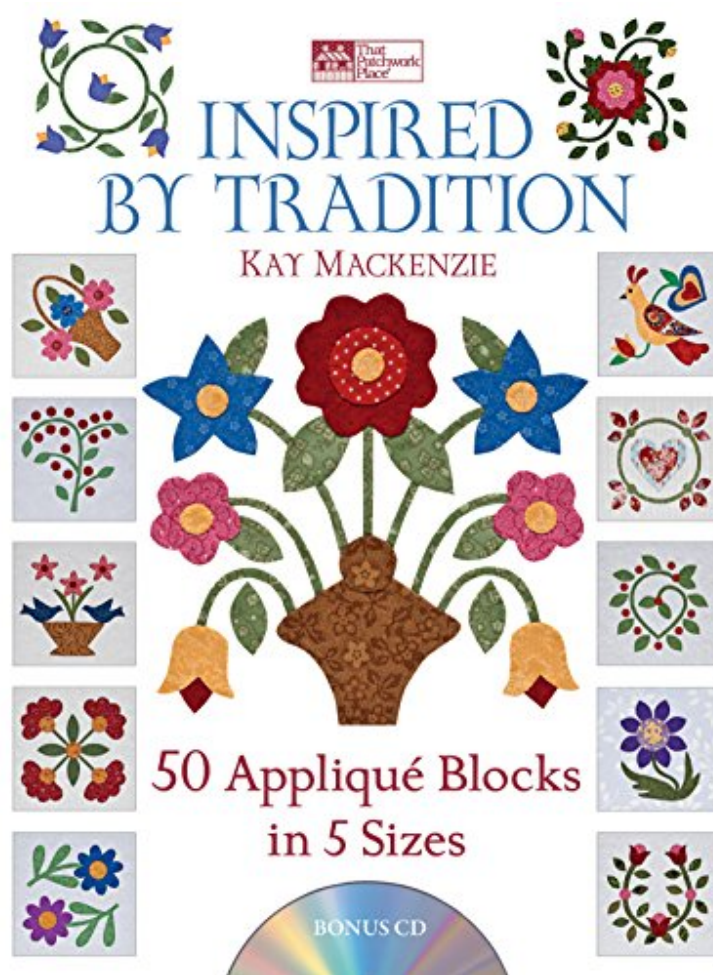


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Kay Mackenzie : Inspired by Tradition: 50 Appliqu Blocks in 5 Sizes before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Inspired by Tradition: 50 Appliqu Blocks in 5 Sizes:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of the best applique books EVER!By MaggieDAbsolutely beautiful book! Her patterns are lovely and her directions are clear and concise (a perfect book for someone new to applique. I am experienced, but did pick up a few tips and tricks). There are directions with illustrations for hand applique, back-basting, and raw-edge techniques, color illustrations with every block, and an "idea gallery" at the end. I was not aware that there was a CD included when I ordered the book, so the CD was a bonus! I was ready to start the (sometimes tedious) process of lightbox work to reverse the pattern for freezer technique and adjusting block sizes but discovered that not only can the pattern for 6-8-9-10-or 12" block but it can be printed in reverse! So, for the time it would have taken me to adjust sizes and reverse patterns, I will probably get a goodly number of blocks finished. Great job Kay Mackenzie!!!P.S. Be sure to heed instructions about checking the printing size and running the test

pattern. My printer defaults to "adjust to page size" so I must uncheck that to get the correct size pattern. Also, the system requirements listed only go up to Win 7, but I am running Win Vs. 8.1 with no problem (although that is usually the case, I have some very expensive design software that works with Win. 8 but the company has not upgraded it to work with 8.1). I am thrilled to be able to run this CD without a hitch!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Love the Disc Access!

By Shela Simpson I purchased this book because I was looking for some basic applique block patterns that would translate well into wool felt work. This book contains 50 different patterns, all of which are basic and simple, nothing overly complicated or confusing. The patterns themselves are illustrated in the book in color, but the book DOES NOT contain the patterns except for smaller 2x2 inch reference illustrations. The book DOES CONTAIN a disc which when inserted into your computer redirects you to an internet site from where you can download the patterns you desire. This is a great concept, but be aware that you must have internet access to make the disc function. The color photos are well done and there is quite a bit of discussion on applique technique, aimed at needle turn applique. This would be a good book for someone new to applique who wanted some instruction on the technique. Once at the redirected site you can print patterns in a range of sizes which is nice as you do not need to down-scale or up-scale them yourself. The patterns while very basic, do combine with each other well so you have some mix and match possibilities. Bottom line - the disc is a great asset, just be aware that you need an internet connection to use it. The patterns are basic spin-offs of the more complicated Baltimore Album style blocks, excellent for beginners or folks looking for more country/primitive applique designs. Well done and I wish there was another for the more complex designs as I would certainly buy it!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. fantastic patterns.

By Kathy F. Just plain simple, fantastic patterns... highly recommend

Quilters can't get enough of Kay Mackenzie's applique designs. In this elegant follow-up to Easy Applique Blocks, she presents 50 all-new designs with traditional appeal, such as Whig Rose, Pineapple, and Fleur-de-lis. The bonus CD features each block in five sizes, from 6" to 12". No need to enlarge--just print the size you need. See a color photo of each block design stitched in fabric, plus a line drawing for tracing. Find all designs on the CD both regular and reversed for hand or fusible applique. Discover Kay's tips for enjoyable hand and fusible machine applique.

Kay Mackenzie barely took a moment to catch her breath after the release of her first book Easy Applique Blocks: 50 Designs in 5 Sizes before she started work on her second book. While the first book was geared toward fun designs in a variety of styles from offbeat and modern to whimsical and traditional, her latest offering focuses on the traditional. Kay was so attracted to traditional blocks that she went on to create a library of 50 blocks, all inspired from the past. These blocks are now available in her new book Inspired By Tradition: 50 Applique Blocks in 5 Sizes. The blocks in Inspired By Tradition are reminiscent of old-time vintage flavor and feel, but are simplified for the modern quilter. There are baskets, flowers, wreaths, vines, birds, berries and more all included on a CD you can reach for at any time to create your own projects. The CD is easy to access and navigate. The "Block Index" page allows you to either click on a thumbnail rendering of the block in color or use the names of the blocks to link to the pattern. Once you click on your desired block, you are taken to a pattern page with a color photo of the block finished in fabric, as well as the outline of the pattern. You have the option of printing the block out in 5 different sizes: 6", 8", 9", 10" and 12". Once you determine the correct pattern orientation for your applique method, you are asked to choose either the "Regular" or "Reversed" format. Use the "Regular" option for freezer-paper-on-top hand applique and positioning patterns for fusible-web machine applique. Use the "Reversed" format for back-basting hand applique and fusible-web machine applique. If you choose to work on the large size formatted blocks, never fear--they are formatted to nicely split over several pages. Just trim and attach them together. With the popularity of smaller-sized applique blocks it is so nice to be able to print full size 6" and 8" patterns right from your own computer, and also print as many patterns as you need. Kay's preferred method of hand applique is the back-basting method and she includes clearly illustrated instructions to get you started. The applique stitch is also covered for beginners. The "Raw Edge Machine Applique" section will be a big help to all those trying to master that technique. Fusible-web management pages contain useful information for keeping your fusible product under control. Congratulations, Kay, on another terrific book. --Patti Ives, The Applique Society

About the Author While living in central Ohio as a newlywed, Kay took one class and became an instant quilter. She was an applique enthusiast from the get-go! A few years later, fortune took the Mackenzies to Santa Cruz, California, where Kay now lives with her husband of more than two decades, science journalist Dana Mackenzie. Classes in digital media at the local college introduced Kay to computer illustration, and again it was love at first try. Applique design and computer drawing--what a great combo platter! Combine them with a writerly bent and, according to Kay, you've got the best job in the world!