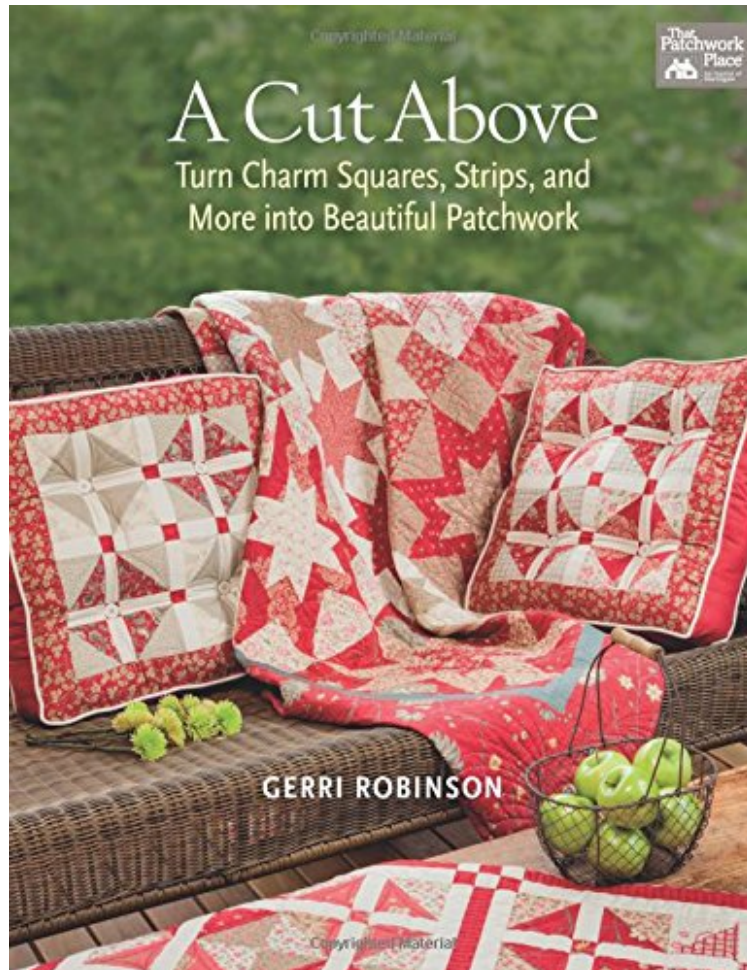


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**Gerri Robinson : A Cut Above: Turn Charm Squares, Strips, and More into Beautiful Patchwork** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Cut Above: Turn Charm Squares, Strips, and More into Beautiful Patchwork:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. One of the Best of 2013! Hands Down!By ElleGerri Robinson's book certainly lives up to its title! I love every project in this book! Seriously, and this is rare for me. I've bought a couple dozen quilting books this year and this makes it to my top five favorites. All the projects are made using "pre-cuts." The creator of these handy fabric cuts is my hero! I'm particularly fond of star blocks and Ms. Robinson features this in all 18 projects. There are framed wall hangings (ranging in sizes from 24x8-inches, 20x20-inches, 24x24-inches, 32x32-inches), small wall hangings and throws, bed sized, 16-inch square and 19-inch square box cushions,

and 12-inch square pillows. The projects are broken down by the type of pre-cut fabric used for the projects. I love pre-cut fabrics but making my own from yardage is also presented as an option. Four projects use mini-charm and charm packs, four projects use layer cake squares, two use fat-eighths, and four use fat quarters. If this is Greek to you, have no fear, Ms. Robinson explains these cuts. In addition to explaining pre-cuts, the beginning of the book contains Quilt-making Basics, Robinson shows her methods for making: flying geese units, quick-angled rectangles, square-in-a-square units, pieced sashing, and wool applique. She also details how she frames quilts. Other basic techniques are adding borders, layering and quilting, binding, and covered cording. The photos are beautiful. It's a bonus to me that Ms. Robinson's fabric choices appeal to my aesthetic. I'm especially fond of the reds shown on the cover quilts. I've learned that my eye appreciates high-contrast fabric usage and these designs are perfect for that. I highly recommend this book and hope this review helps you in some way determine if it is for you.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Charming! By Linda Lubke I keep buying 'charm' packs because they are so pretty! NOW, I have some ideas of how to use them! Secret is to make myself make the time to actually make them. I keep looking at the book and choosing projects. My resolution is to complete one by March 1st! The directions seem to be easy to follow and within my skill level as a confident 'beginner'.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By N. VANGORDEN Well written and several patterns that I would love to make!

Esteemed pattern designer Gerri Robinson shows how to turn ordinary precut fabrics into extraordinary projects for home decor. Find 18 enticing patchwork patterns that use 5" and 10" squares, 2" strips, fat quarters, and fat eighths. Create classic designs and open up new possibilities for your favorite precuts; achieve a controlled or scrappy look. Get lots of options with eye-catching projects in a variety of sizes, including bed and lap quilts, framed pieces, pillows, and cushions.

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About the Author Gerri Robinson lives in Dublin, Ohio, with her husband, Eric. She's the creative force behind Planted Seed Designs, an online retail store featuring her latest quilt patterns, fabric designs, and quilt kits. Her quilt designs have been repeatedly featured in numerous national quilting magazines worldwide. If you've followed Gerri for any length of time, you've come to realize her two favorite quilting blocks are Pinwheels and Stars. She loves the classic look of both and the movement they give a quilt. Gerri's designs are not complicated. In fact, if you're comfortable making half-square-triangle units, flying-geese units, and quick-angled rectangles, there's no design you won't be able to master.