

Quilt Block Library

Fabric Studio™ has put together a collection of Quilt Blocks within this CD. The CD comes with three separate file folders. The first file folder contains examples of all the Blocks that are contained within the CD. This is a great place to start and get ideas for fabric selection and image placement. The second folder contains 13 new swatch images. These images are more tone on tone which makes them great for designing your quilt blocks. Several of the new images come with multi color combinations. The last folder contains the 17 templates which make up your Quilt Blocks.

Most of the Quilt Blocks measure 8” squares so that they fit a standard 8 ½ inch sheet of printable fabric. There are three templates that are not square; Circles, Film Strip and Stretched Nine Patch which measure 8” by 10”. All the blocks can be resized using **Image/Resize/Print Size**. Make sure the **Maintain Aspect Ratio** is checked before adjusting the size.

Also, some of you might want to change the intensity of the line drawings on the templates. To lighten or darken your lines go to **Adjustments/Levels/Output**. Carefully move the bar up or down to get the desired effect for your template. If you want to change the coloration of the lines you will need to select the **Magic Wand with the Flood Mode in the Global setting**. Carefully take your Magic Wand and place it over one of the lines within the template and click on the line with your mouse. Now take your Paint Bucket with your new color selected and place the bucket carefully over that line. If you miss the line, you will color in the entire block.

Don't forget that there will be no need for Appliqué or fusing photos to your fabric. Remember you are creating a seamless photo image. What you are actually doing is creating your background fabric (in this case a Quilt Block) and your photo all at the same time. Once you print out your blocks and they are pieced into your project or quilt, you might want to stitch over the lines to give it a pieced look.

Let's review some of the basic tools and techniques you will be using in creating your Quilt Block:

- **Magic Wand**: Use this tool to select the area you wish to fill with color or fabric. Remember you always need to be on the background layer to use this tool. When you are ready to start adding fabric or coloration make sure that the **Selection Mode is in Add** and the **Flood Mode is in Contiguous setting**.
- **Layer Box**: Each time you use the Auto Fill function it adds a layer to your project. You will also use the layering concept to add your photos to your block. Make sure its open at all times. To open the layer box go to **Windows/Layer**.
- **Auto Fill**: Use this function when you want to place fabric or coloration within your design. Pick from one of your new image swatches or if you have the Deluxe Version choose one of the many within the 12 different libraries.
- **Invert Selection Tool**: You can use this tool to frame your photos. Watch the video from the front panel teaching you this technique.
- **Cropping Images**: You can use either the **Rectangle Select** or the **Ellipse Select Tools** to crop your photos.

Some creative ideas for your Quilt Block:

- Use several different blocks and make a Sampler Quilt.
- Do several of the same blocks, and lay them out to form secondary designs.
- Use one block in the center, and create pieced blocks all around.
- Try mixing fabric and solid colorations in your blocks.
- Get inspired and try creating your own blocks with the line tool.