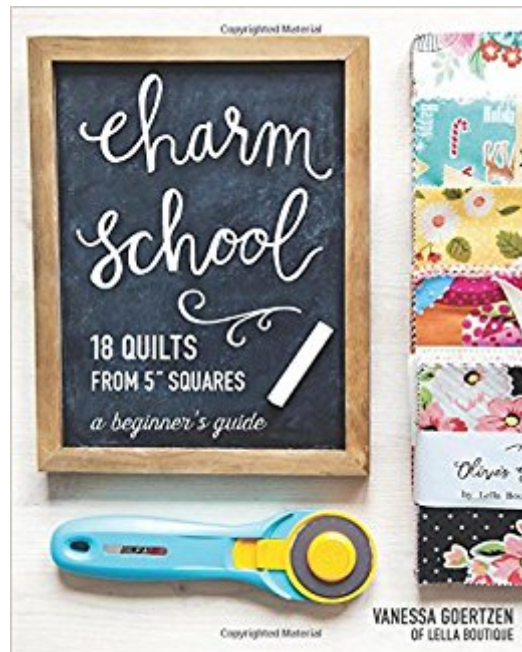


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# Charm School, 18 Quilts From 5" Squares: A Beginner's Guide



## Synopsis

Put charm squares to the test with 18 quilts using precut 5" x 5" squares. Start with fresh, beginner-friendly patterns and build your skills to sew snowballs, stars, flying geese, and more. Using precuts from your stash or your own charms cut from scraps or yardage, you'll learn tips to take the guesswork out of piecing. Modern and traditional quilters alike will fall in love with these quick, clever, and clean designs!

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## Customer Reviews

A charm square, a popular fabric precut, is a five-inch square that can be used on its own or subcut into a variety of shapes and sizes. Quilt and fabric designer Goertzen's lively collection explores the versatility of charm squares. She begins with quilts that use these squares with little or minimal subcutting, then demonstrates how to use them as rectangular and triangular components. The style is best described as "modern traditional," with the majority of the quilts applying a standard, symmetrical grid layout. Pieced as presented, the majority of the quilts are throw-size, but the simple block construction makes the quilts easy to resize. VERDICT These cheery quilts demonstrate the versatility of charm squares and will inspire quilters to make use of these popular precuts. (Library Journal, 2/15/2017) Use precut 5" squares to make 18 easy projects by author Vanessa Goertzen. You'll learn how to transform the simple squares into Snowballs, Stars, Flying Geese, and more. This book, featuring both traditional and modern patterns, is a must-have for precut collectors. (American Patchwork & Quilting, August 2017) Using 5 x 5 inch squares known as charm packs, this book brings you 18 fab designs to quilt. Each design is beginner friendly. You can

buy pre-cuts or cut your own squares. You can alter squares too. Fantastic blocks bridge the gap between traditional piecing and modern designs. Contents include fabric selection, tools, supplies and before you begin plus finishing at the end of the book. The designs include blocks made with squares, rectangles, easy corner triangles, half-square triangles, quarter square triangles and wonky designs. For each design you'll see materials, cutting, construction with diagrams and good photos. An excellent way to begin quilting or to use charm packs. (yarnsandfabrics.co.uk, 4/19/2017) This book will certainly appeal to any scrap lover! You can use precuts or 'shop' your stash to create your own collection of five inch blocks – it is a revelation to see the variety of patterns than can be made from this starting point. The quilts progress to more complex designs, but every step of the way there are pretty photos, diagrams and instructions. It truly is a book you would want to give a beginner, but the quilts are so lovely that even more experienced quilters will want to make them. The designs are shown in modern fabrics but would work equally well with a more traditional colour palette. (Down Under Quilts, 180)

Vanessa Goertzen has been a pattern designer since 2010, when she started her quilting blog and pattern shop, Lella Boutique. Her work has been published in American Patchwork & Quilting, McCall's Quilting, and McCall's Quick Quilts.

This book is amazing! The quilt patterns inside are beautiful and fun to piece! I already made one quilt and am working on two more. The best thing about the patterns is the directions: they are excellently written and easy to follow. Another thing I really love about the patterns is that there are fabric options listed in addition to charm packs. Ms. Goertzen is a talented quilter and writer. Grab this book and some charm packs and get quilting!

Great book and great patterns. From easy to intermediate. Even though the book is about using charm packs I love how the author includes cutting instructions for fat quarters or scraps alternatively. It makes the patterns really flexible. You will enjoy this.

I bought this for a fellow quilter and ended up buying another for me. I love the quilts in this book and the instructions were easy enough that this beginner could follow.

I will be making several of the quilts.

So many fantastic patterns in this book! Vanessa outdid herself. Instructions are clear and the photos are beautifully done. It's definitely worth buying.

Wonderful patterns with 5" squares. Highly recommend if you use 5" squares and like easy, fun quilt patterns.

Great ideas!

I take my scraps that are small enough and cut them into 5" squares. This is a great book for using those or purchased precuts. I purchased the Kindle Version and I love it!

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