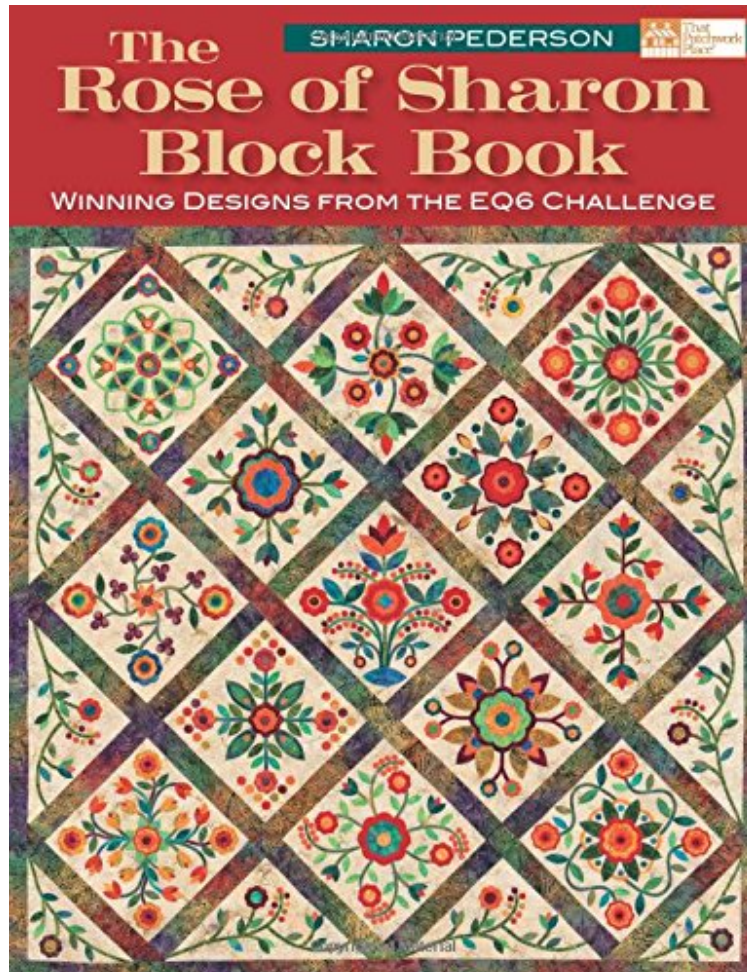


The Rose of Sharon Block Book: Winning Designs from the EQ6 Challenge

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Sharon Pederson : The Rose of Sharon Block Book: Winning Designs from the EQ6 Challenge before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rose of Sharon Block Book: Winning Designs from the EQ6 Challenge:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Only half a bookBy An Old HippyThe designs in the book are beautiful and the book is very well done. That said, however, there are NO patterns! There are 4"x4" pictures of the blocks with the (un)helpful notation that you can just blow up the pictures by 300%. If you want the actual patterns, you need to buy the companion DVD. Not many hones are equipped with the hardware and software to take a page from a book, blow it up 300% and then print out a 12" wide pattern. Or you can go to your local copy store and pay \$2-\$5 per block to have them blown up. Look at Elly Sienkiewicz's Bsltimore Album Quilts for how a book of this sort

should be done. If you want to look at beautiful quilt blocks to get ideas to design your own, this book is fine. If you want to actually try to make a quilt using the designs in the book, be aware that this book as a stand-alone guide falls well short. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Quilt Blocks - - terrible with no patterns By Sue W The quilt itself is beautiful, photos show each of the blocks in the quilt in detail. However, the ONLY way to make a "pattern" to applique the blocks is to enlarge the photo of a FINISHED block. This means that the pattern you will be trying to make your block from is no longer exact and crisp. If you are a fanatic for precision, it is impossible to use the blown up copies of a photo of a finished block to get a crisp pattern for applique placement. After several attempts, I will have to re-draft each block so that I can make a block that is symmetrical, and not distorted by piecing and quilting and embellishing. It's a real shame that the author did NOT put in either drawn patterns of the quilt blocks or the Electric Quilt blocks that would have been accurate. There are drawings of Electric Quilt blocks in the book for many additional blocks, so it would have been SO EASY to do the same for the blocks that were actually used in the quilt. (Since I don't own Electric Quilt software, I can't download copies that are available on the site) The photos are lovely and inspirational. The direction and guidance on applique are great, but I am left with a book that requires far more work than I would like on my part to just get an acceptable pattern. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A pattern book well worth the money. By Donna Clark Love this pattern book. It is fairly easy to follow. You don't need drawing skills, just trace what is already there. The explanation is pretty clear as all the directions. And the graphics or pictures are beautiful.

Martingale Company, in collaboration with Nine Patch Media, proudly presents the winning entries from the EQ6 Rose of Sharon block-design challenge! Chosen by judges Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims, these 12 blocks--plus a 13th specially designed by Sharon Pederson--are beautifully set on point in an inspiring quilt. We are proud to support the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. Discover more than 60 additional blocks from the Rose of Sharon challenge entries. Find complete instructions for machine applique and quilt assembly. View alternate settings and explore even more design possibilities.

I was drawn to the intricate designs of The Rose of Sharon Block Book by Sharon Pederson. I love simple pieced blocks, but I had to know more about these blocks! Aren't they beautiful? The first few pages introduce the book and show you exactly how to use it. Also, Sharon's business partner is Ami Simms, founder of the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. Ami shares the story of her mother and how she turned difficult times into a beautiful project to honor and remember those who had forgotten themselves. The Rose of Sharon Block Book is the product of an online competition. EQ6 users were given three shapes in multiple sizes to design blocks with. The variety of blocks made is incredible to me. In the book, all the patterns needed are ready to be traced in the desired size per the block directions. Also if you happen to have a Go! Cutter there is a die to cut perfect pieces, too! One thing I love about this book is Sharon's encouragement. She knows how she likes to applique, and shares all those details with you. BUT if you have a way that works for you, do it that way! No right or wrong way, just your way. I do love all the detail she shares about her method, needles, thread, stitch length and width. Did I mention that her favorite way is machine applique? It is! Proceeds from the book go to the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. I love this book and can't wait to gather the fabric supplies and courage to get a block or two made. --Amy Ellis, Amy's Creative Side About the Author Sharon Pederson is a best-selling author who has taught hundreds of quilting classes, both nationally and internationally.