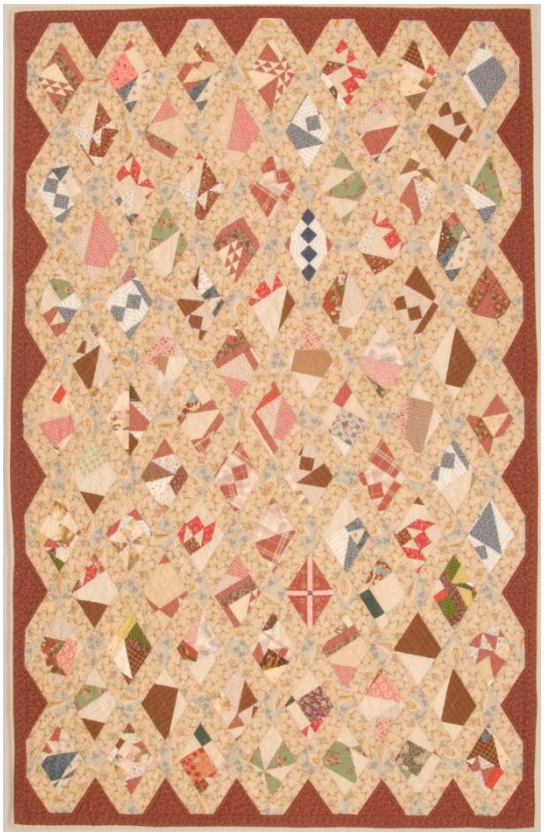
Lancaster Diamond Template Project
"Orphan Blocks Quilt"



Somewhere in your sewing area, in a box or drawer or a tub or a shopping bag, are huddled together all of your orphan blocks. These are the blocks that you made in a class. Maybe you tried a new technique that turned out not to be your cup of tea. Maybe it was an intricate, meticulous block that you made to test your abilities, but now don't want to make an entire quilt-full of them. Maybe you won them at a guild meeting or bought them for a quarter at a yard sale. However you got them, they will never see the light of day unless you decide to make an "Orphan Blocks" quilt.

Use your Lancaster Diamond template, rotary cutter, and mat to cut the orphan blocks into diamond shapes. Please refer to the cutting and piecing instructions that came with the template. Sew the leftovers back together and cut more diamonds.

- What size quilt do you want to make?

Finished size without borders	Crib 36" x 46"	Twin 57" x 80"	Queen 80" x 80"
Large Diamonds Needed	32	98	137

- Plan the layout of your quilt. Use 40-44" wide, first quality quilting fabric.

Yardage Needed	Crib	Twin	Queen
Sashing	1	2 1/2	3 1/4
Cornerstones	½	1	1 1/4
Edge Diamonds	5/8	7/8	1
Plus additional yardage for borders, as desired			

- Use rotary cutter, mat, and 6" x 24" ruler to cut strips across folded width of fabric.

Strip Widths	# strips for Crib	# strips for Twin	# strips for Queen
Sashing 2 5/8"	14	38	52
Cornerstone 2 5/8"	5	11	15
Edge Diamonds	3	5	6

- Use Lancaster Diamond template to cut strips into shapes.

# Pieces Needed	Crib	Twin	Queen
Sashing PAIRS*	40	112	154
Cornerstones	49	127	172
Edge Diamonds	18	30	36

*NOTE: Sashing pieces are mirror-image shapes. In order to cut these pieces, place strips right sides together OR wrong sides together, and then cut the sashing PAIRS. Please refer to template instructions for cutting and piecing techniques.