

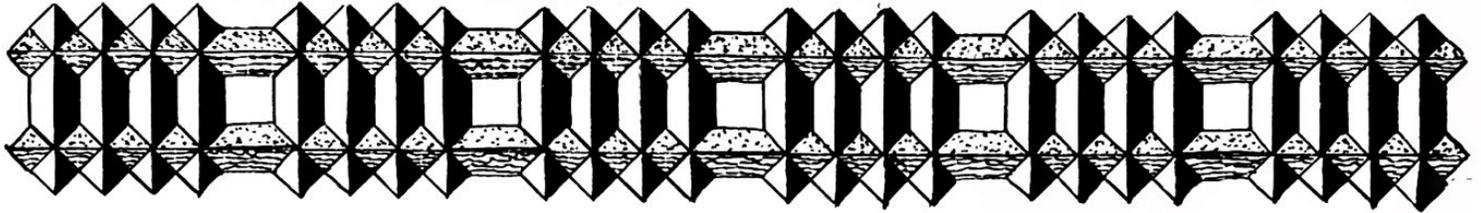
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CAROLYN KOETSE

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1993



President's Corner

As the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun!" Do you realize we have only four meetings left this year? Quilt show is just around the corner and a nominating committee is putting together a slate of officers for next years' Board. Having been on the Board four years, my exit is required. I will miss it because I am having fun.

The Challenge display last meeting was as inspirational as always, containing everything from superb traditional miniatures to large innovative extravaganzas. Congratulations to the ribbon winners, who are credited in another article. Slides of last year's quilt show added the final touch of NSQG excellence to the evening's program. OOOHH! Such talent in those quilts, and we were all having fun. Thanks to Mary Rossetti for her clever musical accompaniment to the slide show.

Update on Quilter's Hurricane Relief--at least a dozen boxes and shopping bags of donated items were hand-delivered in Florida by Gloria Hartley. Six more huge cartons were shipped early in February. I know your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

By the way, Karen Hagert is still collecting ABC quilts. Please call her if you want further information about this on-going project at 271-5732.

It seems appropriate here to give special thanks to all the local quilt shop owners and their workers for the many things they do to help the guild. They permit us to use their shops as collection and distribution locations for many guild projects. The Country Quilter even provides a small postal sub-station for Board members. Fabric discounts are given in some shops simply for being an NSQG member. Help and tips are always offered with the smile. And best of all, they let us "hang out" and chat with our friends while we inspect the new fabric bolts and the current quilts on the walls. We salute you! You are part of the glue that holds us together.

March 20th is designated as National Quilt Day. I'm sure that gives each of you the right to indulge yourself with at least two extra hours to work on your quilt that day. Tell your husband and kids I said so.

Good luck and happy quilting,

Joyce Sullivan

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Financial Report

BALANCE 12/31/92	36136.79
GENERAL ACCOUNT 12/31/92	22363.96
Cash received:	
Interest	37.53
Membership	35.00
Raffle	193.00
Cash Dispersed:	
Program	155.96
Newsletter	205.82
Resource/Ed	78.77
Bank Charges	12.00
BALANCE 1/31/93	22176.94
QUILT SHOW ACCT 12/31/92	13772.83
Cash Dispersed:	
Bulk mail permit	75.00
Mailing	542.69
Balance 1/31/93	13155.14
BALANCE 1/31/93	35332.08

Nancy Mirman

Membership

Those members in the Katonah-Lewisboro-Goldens Bridge area who have received new house numbers, please stop at the membership table and give me your change of address. Thanks.

Bernice Strauber

Guild Calendar

3/2	Quilt Show Comm. Mtg.
3/16	NSQG General Meeting at SIS, Rt. 202, Somers Doors open at 7:00 Meeting starts at 7:45
3/23	NSQG Board Meeting
3/23	April Newsletter Deadline
3/26-27	Guild bus trip to "Heritage Quilt Festival"
4/6	Quilt Show Comm. Mtg.
4/17-18	Sheryl Morrow Robinson Workshop
4/18	Guild van trip to Anna Marie Tucker's quilt show
4/20	NSQG General Meeting
4/27	NSQG Board Meeting
4/27	May Newsletter Deadline
5/3	Nancy Halpern Workshop
5/4	Judy Dales Workshop
5/15	Guild bus trip to Great American Quilt Festival

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Traveling Quilters

We are going to the Great American Quilt Festival on Saturday, May 15, at Pier 92 in New York City. The price for the deluxe coach trip and admission to the show will be \$30.

There are still a few seats available for the Lancaster trip on March 26 & 27 at \$125. Please see your February newsletter for details or call me.

On Sunday, April 18, we will van pool to Anna Marie Tucker's "Quilt Show" at Maria's Dream House in the Catskills. We will leave Mahopac at 9 am and return about 5 pm. The cost will be \$5. Please call me for reservations.

If you are interested in going to the Vermont Quilt Show in July and staying at a ski lodge, let me know. Perhaps we can get a group together.

Linda von Ahn 628-5380

Programs

First, we want to thank all of those entrepreneurs who exhibited and generously contributed to last month's meeting. You were truly great hits with your fellow members!

Now, to welcome the coming of spring, we're celebrating with a fashion extravaganza--Virginia Avery's inspiring Wonderful Wearables Trunk Show. Most of you know Virginia and her work. A professional quilter since the late '60's, she is an internationally renowned and much sought after teacher, author, lecturer and judge. How she fits in her stints as a jazz pianist is beyond us, but Virginia also performs with the King Street Stompers, a Dixieland Jazz band.

In keeping with the spirit of the evening, Show and Tell will be limited to wearable items. We'd like to give you the opportunity to "show us your stuff" by being one of our Runway Stars. Strut down the aisle in your own creation, be it based on a commercial pattern or one of your own design. Parade something you've made for some Significant Other (e.g., companion, child, pet). We'd especially like to see those Kandu and Wannadu Coats as well as those items made at the Virginia Avery workshops sponsored by the guild a few years ago. If you are interested, please complete the attached form. Please note the time--if you will be taking part, come to the meeting at 6:45 pm so we can get our own show organized. If possible, please call Debi at (914) 232-0604 by Sunday, March 14, to let her know if you'll be participating or if you have any questions, We'll need an approximate head count.

Come and have fun with us
March 16.

Adrienne Yorinks
Debi Tong Gray

Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who has brought goodies for us to enjoy and a special thanks to Joyce Sullivan for providing the lovely table decorations for our February meeting. Is there anyone would like to provide a centerpiece to brighten the refreshment table for March's meeting? Let us know.

The following members have volunteered to provide goodies for our March 16 meeting: Pat Barker, Cathy Carey, Pat Davis, Ann Fitzell, Frieda Grischkowsky, Gloria Hartley, Cheryl Holly, Marybeth Lyons, Terry Melillo, Nancy Murphy, Sally Pietrobono, Ellen Shanahan, Maria Tamaoka, and Suzanna Valentinetti. Please remember to bring your own coffee mug and wear your name tag.

Barbara Yerks 769-0471
Vickie Ramella 769-5245

Fabric Raffle

For the March 16 meeting, please bring in as many fat quarters (18" by half the width of the bolt--about 22") or long quarters (9" by the full width of the bolt--about 44") as you wish in blue and white fabric. You will receive a fabric raffle ticket for each quarter yard.

Lillian Colyer



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Challenge Quilt News

Congratulations to ALL of the participants in the Challenge! We all commend you for a job excellently done. Only three ribbons were given out for the efforts that produced 21 magnificent quilts. It is amazing that such diverse quilts are produced from the same simple challenge. Many ballots included the comment that it was too difficult to pick just one winner, and it was.

The First Place Winner was BEYOND BEGINNINGS, ABANDONED PATCHWORK, ABANDONED MOON, a hand-appliqued, hand- and machine-pieced, and hand-quilted wallhanging created by Mildred Clinton. Millie lives in Brewster with her husband and two children--a daughter who attends Hampshire College and a son who is a high school junior. She started quilting 20 years ago, but put it aside until 2-3 years ago when she started quilting in earnest. She has been a member of NSQG for only 1 1/2 years and this was the FIRST Challenge that she has entered! Her other hobbies include crewel, sewing and creating Ukrainian Easter eggs. She enjoys piecing more than applique but does have four blocks completed for a Baltimore Album quilt. She has several other unfinished quilts including two for which she has dyed the fabric. We are looking for more prize winners from her in the future. Thanks, Millie, for sharing BEYOND BEGINNINGS with us.

The Second Place Winner was WINDOW GARDEN, a machine-pieced and machine-quilted wallhanging that was hand appliqued with dimensional flowers and was crafted by Barbara Broshous. Barb retired from a nursing career last year and lives in Lake Katonah with her husband who is a retired military man. Their two grown children, a son who is a Colorado State Policeman and a daughter who just graduated from college, live in Vail. Although Barb has been quilting for five years, she has been a member of the

guild for only three years. She is a self-taught quilter and is now improving her skills by taking classes. WINDOW GARDEN was her second attempt in our Challenge series. Her favorite quilts (this year) are Baltimore Albums, and at this time she is busily finishing up a king-sized Baltimore Album quilt for our Show in May. We know that it will be a beauty and are looking forward to seeing it.

The Third Place Winner was LOOKING THROUGH THE GLASS, a hand-quilted wallhanging that has a machine-pieced background and hand-appliqued flowers with embroidered details, created by Angela Kamen. Angela lives in Mt. Kisco with her husband and two children--nine-year-old Lisa and five-year-old Zakary. She began quilting ten years ago, took a four year sabbatical, then resumed quilting and joined NSQG last year. Her entry was not only her first challenge quilt, but also the first one she has ever shown! Her other hobbies include origami and doll making. Since she has resumed quilting she has not found enough time for the knitting and needlepoint she also enjoys. At present Angela is working with several NSQG friends on a quilt to be entered in our Show in May. She also has ten blocks completed for a Baltimore Album quilt. Those quilts that exhibit a Japanese influence are presently her favorites. Congratulations, Angela. May there be many more ribbons in your future.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Challenge and made it a great success. If you did not enter this year, put it on your "to do" list for next year. Members tell us that by entering they have grown not only in their own quilting skills, but in their appreciation of all quilts and quilters. If you were unable to attend the February meeting and missed seeing all the Challenge quilts, don't despair. They will be hanging in their own section in our Quilt Show in May. Be sure to look for them there.

Edith Pryor

Dear Runway Star,

Thanks in advance for participating in our Spring Wonderful Wearables Show. Please try to be at our March meeting by 7 p.m. so we can put together the final presentation and give final instructions.

As we mentioned in February's newsletter, Virginia Avery will be our guest speaker at next month's meeting. If your garment was created from and inspired by her last workshop with the guild, please let us know in your garment description below. Likewise if you are modeling one of Nancy Mirman's garments (Kandu or Wannadu). To help us do justice to your creation, please provide us with the following information.

Your Name:

Garment description (In 30 words or less tell the audience what pattern (if any) you used, the type of fabrics used, the predominant colors, any special touches used such as embellishments, hand-dyed or hand-painted fabrics, or any special reason the item was made, anything about pieces made to complement the garment like a blouse, skirt, pants, belt, etc.):

Please bring this form with you when you come to the March meeting. If you have any questions, please call Debi at (914) 232-0604.

Resource & Education

NEW BASICS CLASS TO START IN APRIL

We're happy to announce a new class, led by our own Joyce Sullivan, for those members who are new to quilting. If you feel hesitant to take workshops because of your unfamiliarity with the sewing machine, the use of misc. quilting tools, and the meaning of various quilting terms, then this class is for you! The class will cover these basics as well as how to find a 1/4" seam allowance on your machine; marking seams; lining up seams during construction; using a seam ripper; introduction to the use of rotary cutter and mat; and more. The class will be held in Joyce's home, and is scheduled to begin the week of April 19th, on a day and time that is convenient for those who want to attend. The cost will be \$5.00 per class. If you are interested, please give Joyce a call (277-3832) or see her at the next general meeting.

SPRING WORKSHOPS

Unfortunately it has been necessary to cancel the Virginia Avery workshop scheduled for March 17th due to lack of interest. Those who were registered to take this class have all been notified, and will be receiving refunds shortly.

Below is a recap of all other upcoming workshops. Please refer to your February newsletter for a complete description of each class.

Saturday & Sunday, April 17 & 18, 1993 - "The Landscape Workshop" with Sheryl Morrow Robinson

Time: 9:00am-3:30pm each day
Cost: \$40 members, \$55 non-members
Location: to be announced
(THIS IS A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP)

Monday, May 3, 1993 - "Architectural Forms for Quiltmakers" with Nancy Halpern

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm
Cost: \$20 members, \$30 non-members
Location: Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse

Tuesday, May 4, 1993 - "Kaledomosaics" (aka "Circle Geometry for Quilters") with Judy Dales

Time: 9:00am-3:30pm
Cost: \$20 Members, \$30 Non-members
Location: Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse

To register for any of the above workshops, see Mary Rossetti at the R&E Table at the next General Meeting; or send your name, address, and telephone number, along with the name of the class wanted and your check payable to NSQG for the total amount due, to:
Mary Rossetti, 2836 Sarles Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

HOLIDAY '93 SUPER SATURDAY

Do you have an idea for an ornament or tree skirt to be made at our fall '93 Holiday Super Saturday? The teachers at this event volunteer their time, NSQG pays for all supplies, and the items produced decorate a tree sold at Putnam Hospital's Festival of Trees to benefit the hospital. It is a day of great fun and sharing for all who take part.

We are planning for our '93 tree to have a Victorian theme and we're looking for ideas. If you would like to teach (speaking from experience, teachers always learn more than their students) or if you have an idea for an ornament that would fit this theme, please come to a planning meeting to be held at Joyce's at 10 am on Friday, April 16. If you are unable to attend, but want to teach or contribute an idea, call one of us. Thanks for helping us plan ahead.

Joyce Sullivan 277-3832
Pat Baker 279-8840

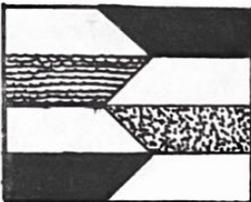
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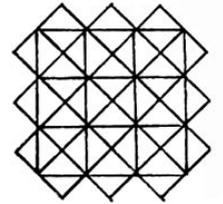
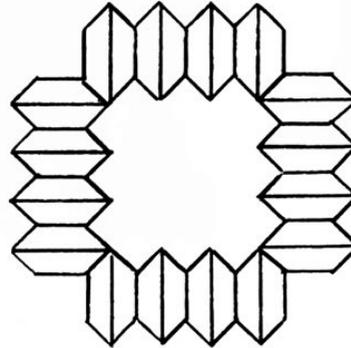
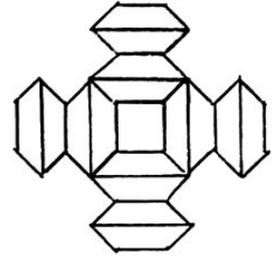
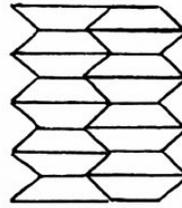
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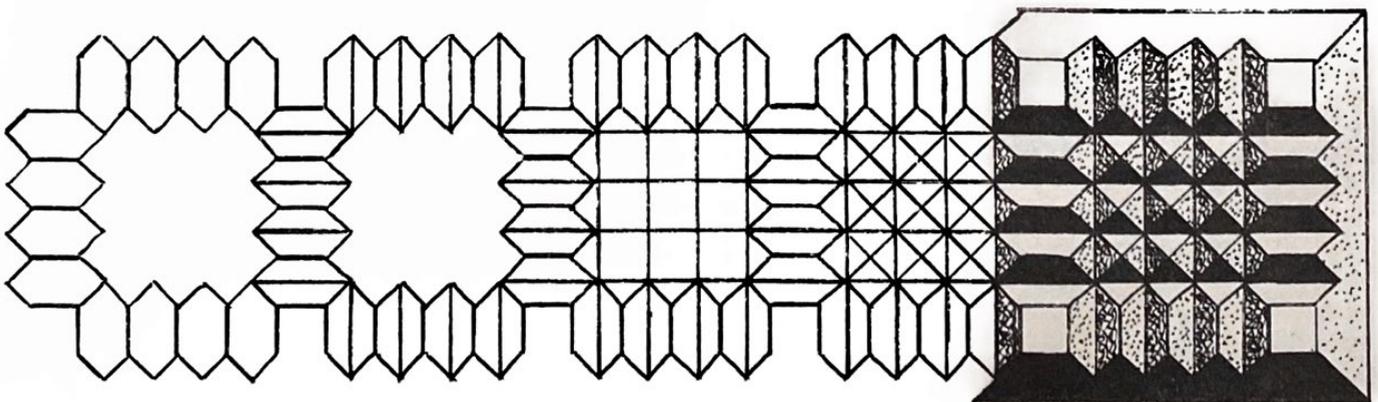
"The longest journey begins with a single step", and as simple as it may sound, pattern designing starts with actually picking up a pencil and paper. It is a learned skill just like cooking, and all the tips and tricks in the world won't help until you actually "get in the kitchen and start cooking". Here's a way to get begin. Take a pencil, a piece of graph paper and this simple illustration of an African Kente cloth pattern I found on the North County News Mini-Page (2/17-2/23/93) or some other very simple pattern that catches your eye.



Just doodle around with the shapes you see in the pattern and put them together in all different ways. Here are a few I found, and there are many others:



Take one shape you found and start "propagating" it--trace it, reverse it, cross it, repeat it, mirror it, stretch it, squeeze it, slice and dice it. Look at the negative shapes that form and fill them, perhaps with another shape you found earlier. The important thing is to just get cooking and the designs will come to you. The patterns are not in some other person's mind, but right there in the graph paper, just waiting for your eye and pencil to release them. Happy propagating! Carolyn Koetse



Quilt Show Report

It's March already--and less than two months until Show Time. Where has this year gone? We should all be busy finishing quilts to hang in the Show and items to sell at the Boutique. Sue Andrews (621-1043) is our Quilt Registrar and Caroline Kearney (232-7761) is handling the Boutique if you have any questions. If you cannot get everything done in time, Karen Hagert (271-5732) is handling Works-in-Progress. Now tell me, who does not have at least one work in progress?

I hope you have all been busy making aprons to wear at the show. It will add such a nice, warm feeling to see them again. The tabards will also be available to those who want them

The Raffle Quilt is well on its way but there's still room for your stitches--check with Maddie Horr (248-7454) to find our where and when. Liz Doyle (232-3040) will have raffle tickets at each of the general meetings or call her if you run out between meetings.

Jane Fulton (277-3864) will have her chart to sign up volunteers for various jobs at the March meeting, and Kate Pearson (528-3057) will have the list for volunteers to bring food and/or to work at our Pot Luck Supper for the vendors and workers on Friday night. You can bring wine or soda, finger foods, desserts, salad vegetables or fully cooked casseroles. Please remember that we can only reheat the food. It must be defrosted and cooked in order to be served. The food can be dropped off at JFK after 3:30 that Friday (no sooner!) If this is a problem, why not bring a bottle of wine or soda to the April general meeting and Kate will be glad to get it to the supper.

We thank you all for signing up for various jobs on our big weekend. We need lots of help.

Barbara Lerch

"WHAT I WOULD BE IF I WERE FREE TO BE ME..."
elinor peace bailey

Exhibit an original cloth doll that expresses your "inner self" or "alter ego" at World of Quilts XIV in May. Would you like to be an Egyptian Princess, a Renaissance Maiden, a Mermaid, a Nudist, an Alien from Outer Space... Would you like to run away and join the circus?

All cloth dollmakers are invited to create a doll for this non-juried exhibit, including non guild members. Dolls must be an original design, or an original adaptation of a commercial pattern (i.e. your doll must look completely different than the pattern prototype). If you are interested or would like more information, please call Jane Davila (277-4820-Country Quilter) or Lauran Tyler (232-8470). Dolls will be due by the April 20th General Meeting.

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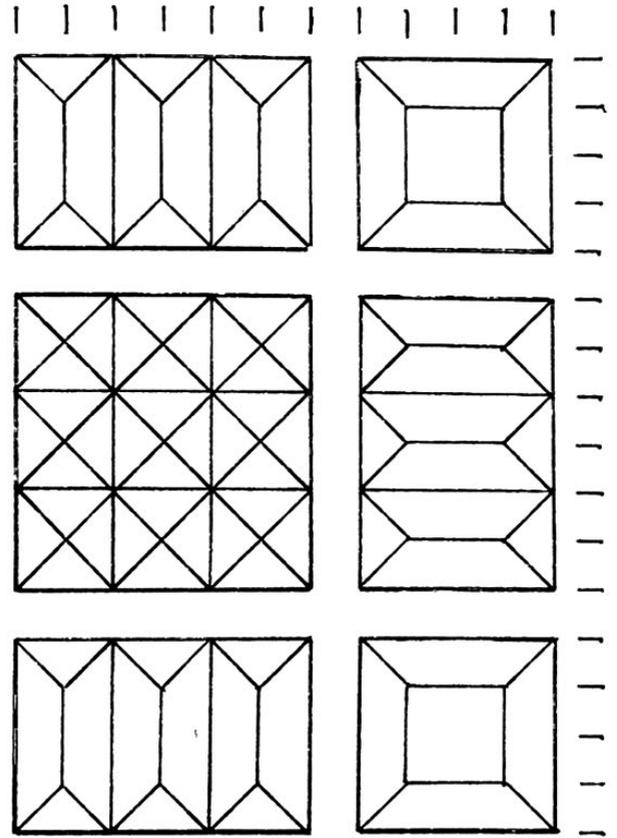
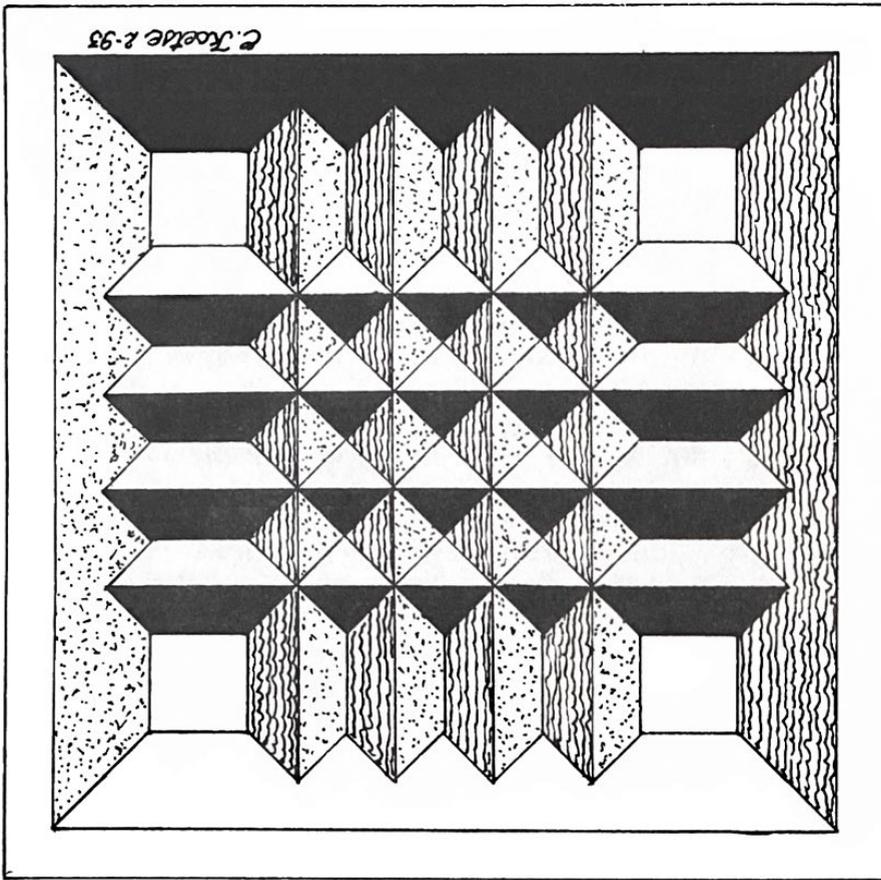
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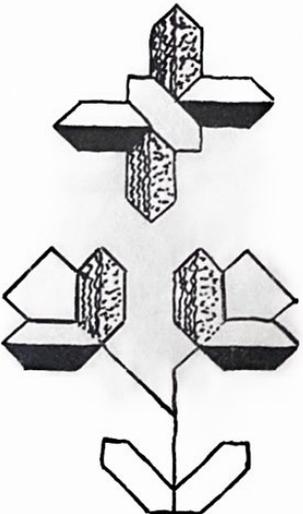
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