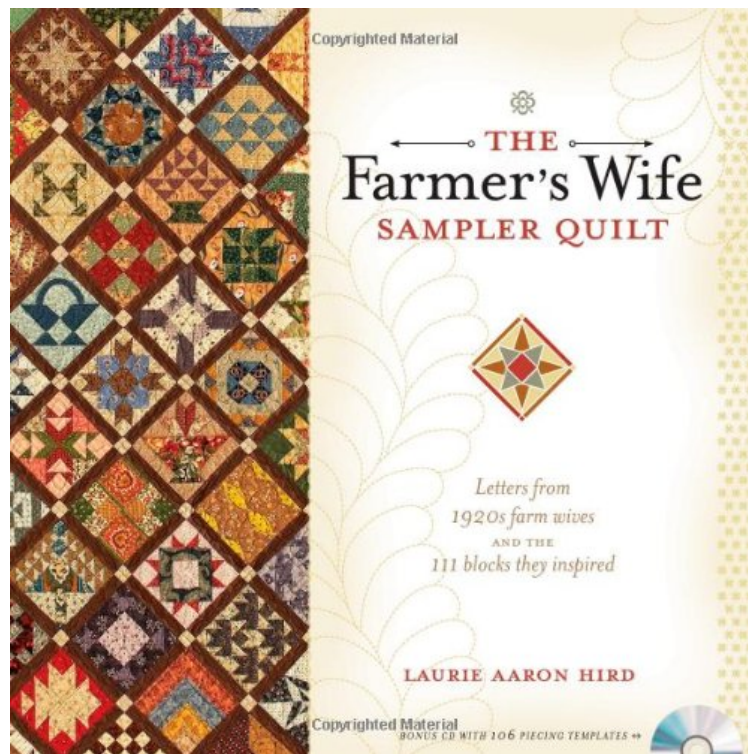


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Laurie Aaron Hird : The Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt: Letters from 1920s Farm Wives and the 111 Blocks They Inspired before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt: Letters from 1920s Farm Wives and the 111 Blocks They Inspired:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Nice...not great.By CrftySAHMThis is a nice book, not a great book. I had recently purchased two other books that were similar in nature, but from a different author. Here is the jest of it. During the 20's a popular magazine, The Farmer's Wife, had a contest for the readers. They asked the question, "If you had a daughter of marriageable age, would you, in light of your own experience, want her to marry a farmer?" The magazine was surprised and overwhelmed by over 7,000 responses. As substantial cash reward, especially for those times, was offered to the top 68 letters. The winning letters and 111 quilt blocks inspired by them, are published in the book. I thought that the blocks would be historically accurate blocks from that time period, maybe a little insight as to why they were named what they were. I was wrong. I am not sure exactly who was inspired to choose the blocks chosen, but was disappointed when I realized that these are common blocks, just named differently. For example, the block commonly known as churn dash in this book is named Wrench. It was the same with the other similar books I purchased. My biggest complaint with this (these) book(s) is the lack of directions for the blocks. It is up to you to

draft them off and make them. I like actual details. ie...cut four A pieces 2 inches by 2 inches. All the cutting directions are listed with directions for sewing each block in a separate section of the book. The best thing about this book, from a quilting stand point, is that it does come with a CD for the computer to print off templates for the blocks. If you are looking for a book from a quilting stand point, it may not be the best choice. If you are interested in history, this is a pretty good choice. The letters are reflective of the values and feelings of the time, are a truly wonderful insight in to the life and heart of actual women of the time. While the writers of these letters were not world leaders, not famous for any recognized achievement (finance, scientific) they were responsible for raising up the next generations of people that made our country what it is today. So, for that reason alone, I am happy to have this book. I am a history nut.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. This is the best quilting book I've ever seen
By CustomerLadies in my area are using this book as a guide for making their own quilts. I can't join them in their project. I just searched to find the book and became interested once I read some of the stories. I was excited once I received the book. Finding patterns and stories and how to's. This is the best quilting book I've ever seen, and I've seen a lot. I'm so glad I made this purchase. I've been to the fabric store several times picking out pieces of fabric for particular designs. I'm energized to make a quilt (or several) because of this book. I've told all the women I know who make quilts about it. I'm going to get more, but must first accomplish the plans I have in mind.¹ of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not for a Beginner
By Jo Ann JolleyThe stories are interesting but the patterns and instructions leave something to be desired. Other than the exploded diagrams in the book there are no piecing instructions for the blocks. As others have mentioned, each pattern template is on a separate page, which makes for a lot of printing if you use them. You must print from the CD; the patterns in the book aren't templates. I found the CD templates accurate for the most part, as long as your printer is set correctly. If you are an experienced quilter you can draft many of the patterns yourself and rotary cut them. But you can tell she is a "self taught" quilter, as many of the patterns aren't conventionally pieced. That being said, there are enough basic blocks that you could skip those that are challenging and still have a nice quilt. I would recommend this for an experienced quilter but not a beginner.

Be Inspired by the StoriesThe 1922, The Farmer's Wife magazine posed this question to their readers: "If you had a daughter of marriageable age, would you, in light of your own experience, have her marry a farmer?" The magazine at the time had 750,000 subscribers, and received over 7,000 letters. The best answers to this question are included in this book, along with the traditional quilt blocks they inspired.Laurie Aaron Hird provides everything you need to be inspired and create your own sampler quilt:111 six-inch quilt blocks, with assembly diagrams for piecing the blocks and template cutting directionsComplete instruction for making a sampler quilt in any traditional size: lap, twin, queen or kingCD with easy-to-print, full-sized templates for all 111 blocks, and printable quilt construction diagrams42 letters from the 1922 Farmer's Wife contest to give you a priceless glimpse into our country's past

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