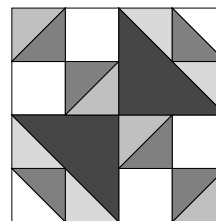







Old Maid's Puzzle

Instructions are given for both eight and twelve inch blocks.

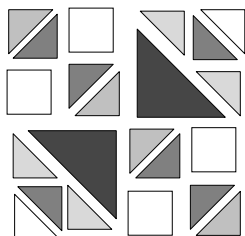
- Old Maid's Puzzle is a simple four-patch block – that is, it is made up from four smaller units.
- It is best made to finish at a size that is a multiple of 4 – i.e. 8 inches or 12 inches etc.
- You will need a minimum of three fabrics including a background.



Cutting

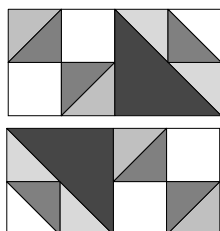
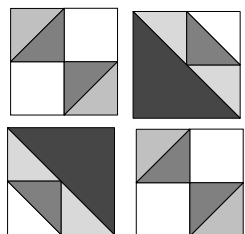
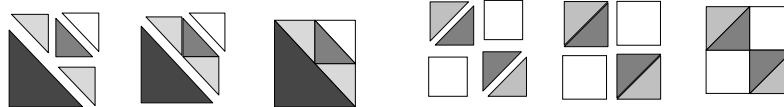
-  From light cut:
 4, 2½" squares (or 3½" for 12" block)
-  1, 2⅞" squares (or 3⅞"); cut in 2 diagonally
-  From dark cut:
 1, 4⅞" square (or 6⅞"); cut in 2 diagonally
-  From dark medium cut:
 3, 2⅞" squares (or 3⅞"); cut in 2 diagonally
-  From light medium cut:
 4, 2⅞" squares (or 3⅞"); cut in 2 diagonally

Making the block



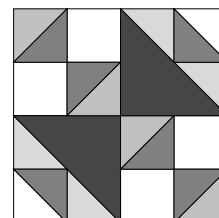
Lay block pieces out as shown.

Stitch units first



Stitch units into rows

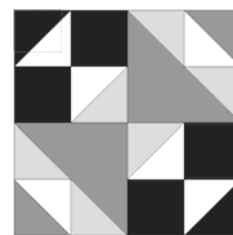
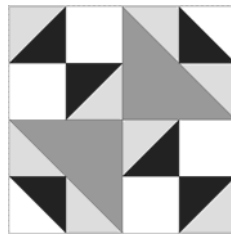
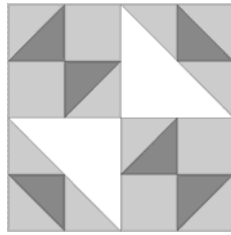
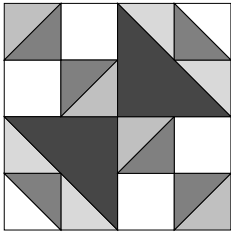
Finally stitch rows to complete the Old Maid's Puzzle.



Ideas

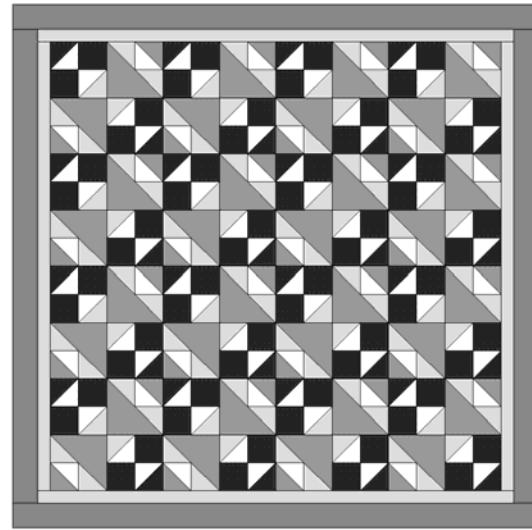
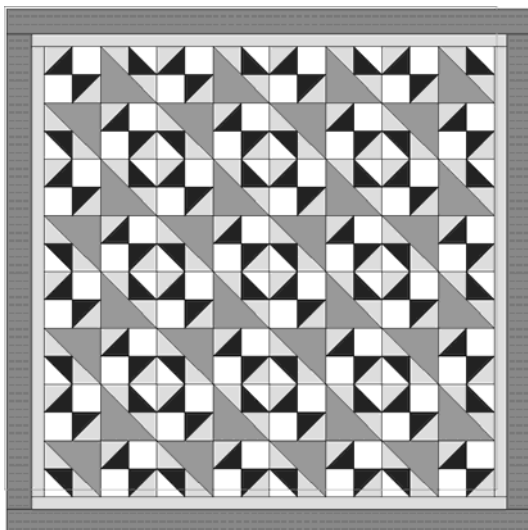
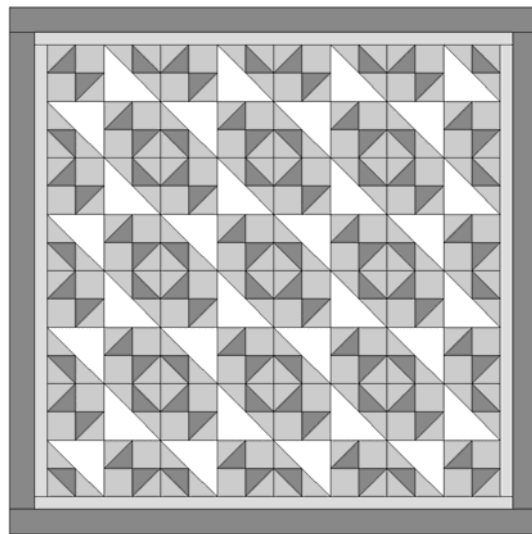
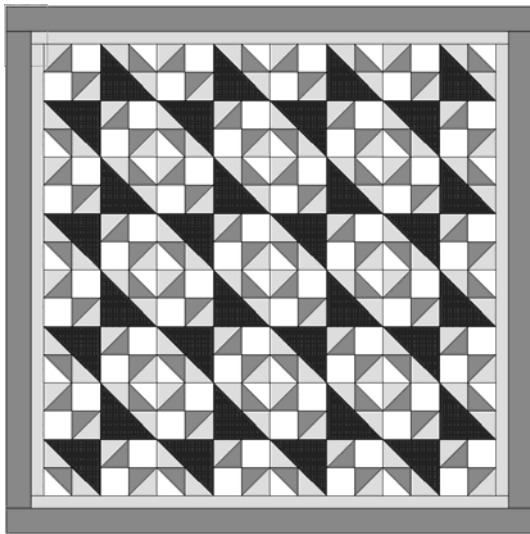
Blocks

Change the emphasis of light and dark within the block

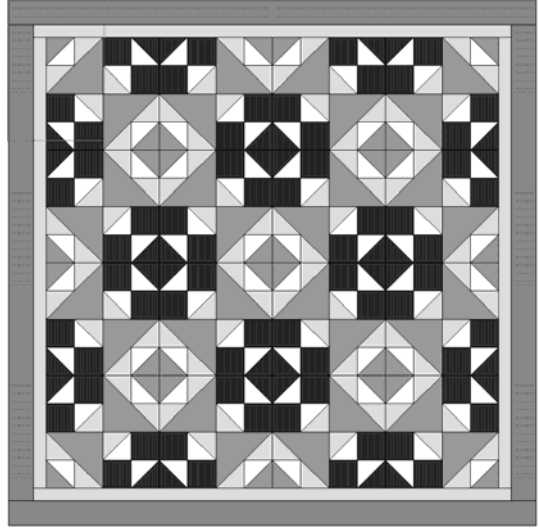
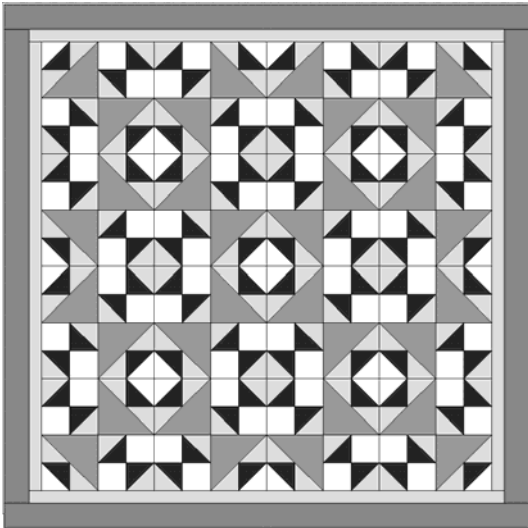
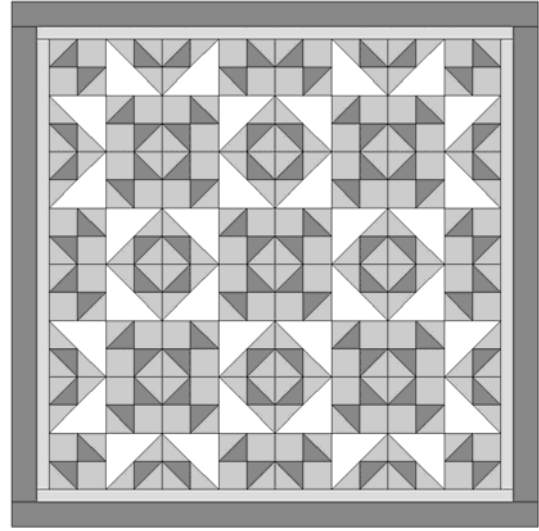
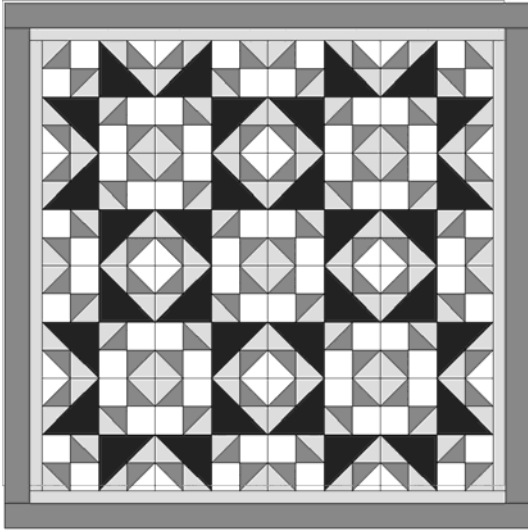


Quilts

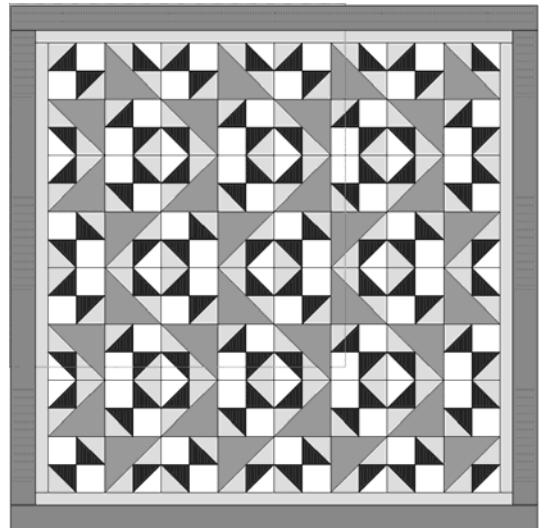
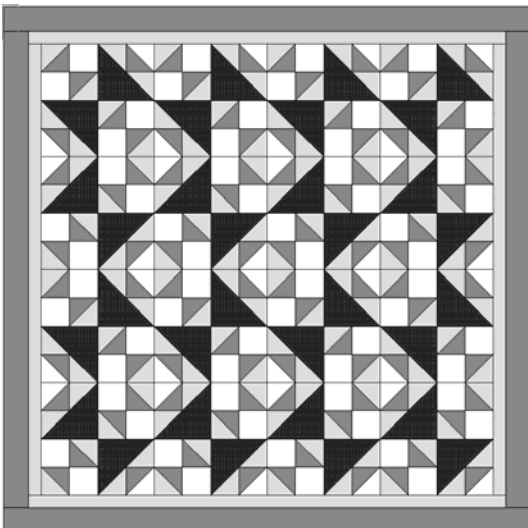
Putting blocks together



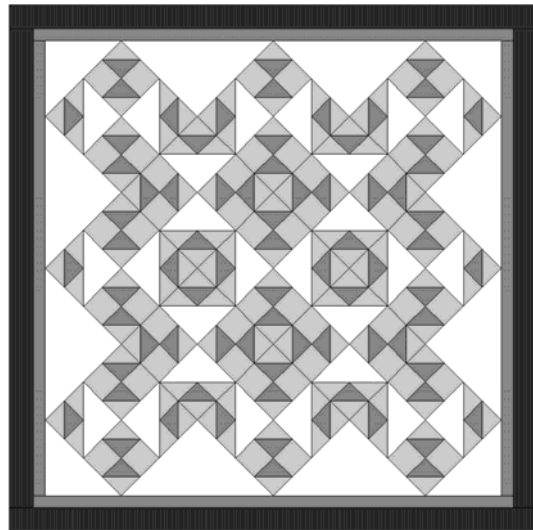
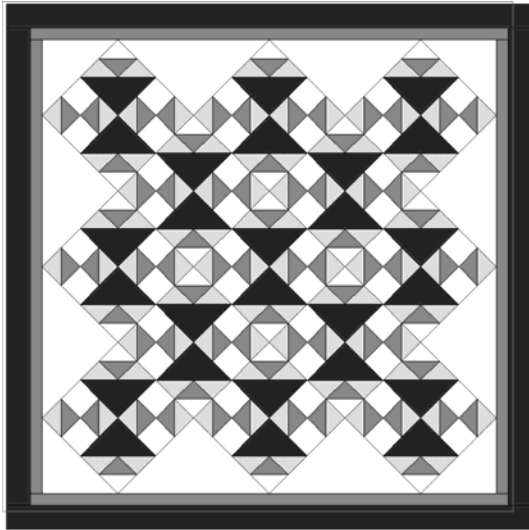
Try turning alternate blocks



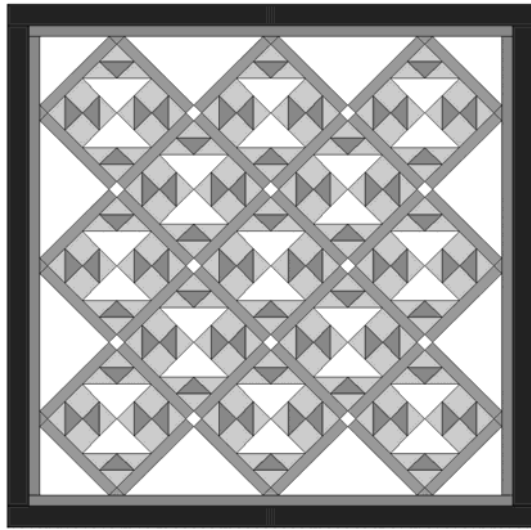
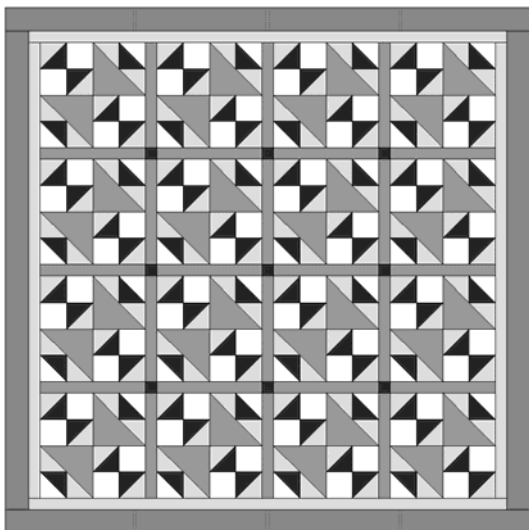
Or rows



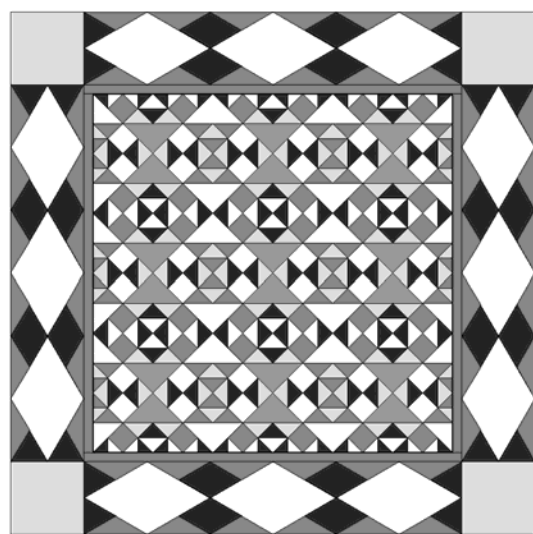
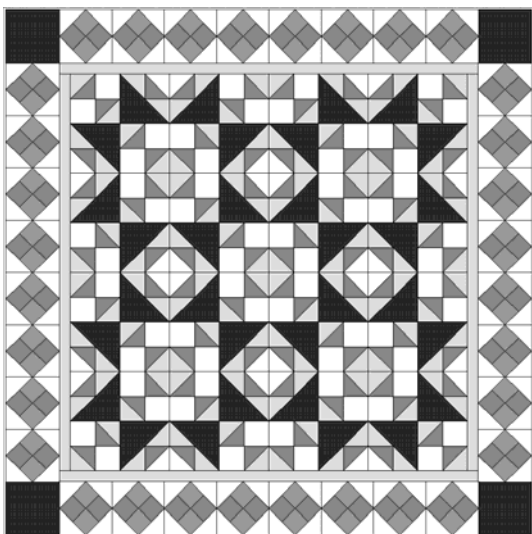
Put the blocks on point



Add sashing



Pieced borders



Using two different block colourings

