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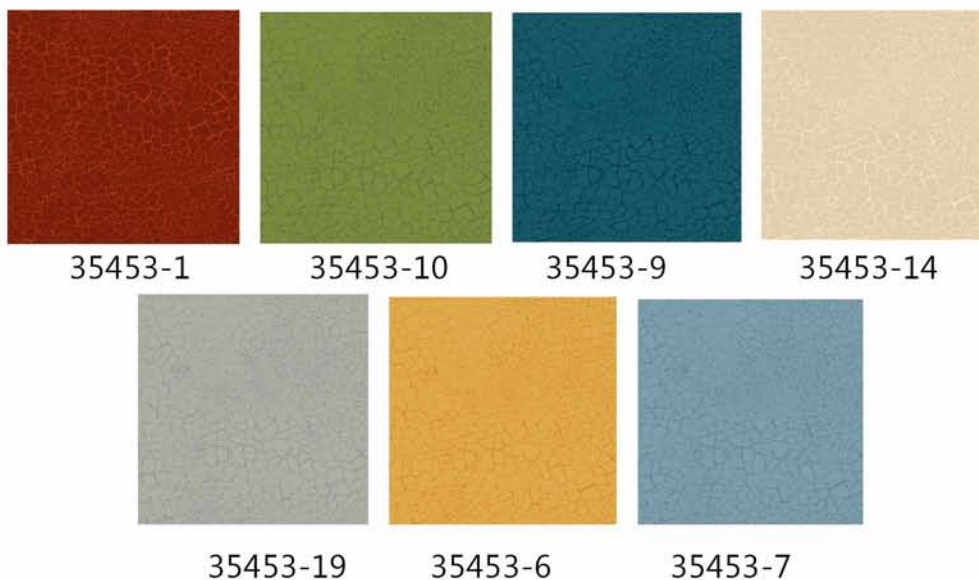
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Designed by Debby Kratovil using her Magic Stax© technique  
(More patterns using this technique can be seen at her web site: [www.quilterbydesign.com](http://www.quilterbydesign.com))  
Block Size: 9-1/4"  
Number of Blocks: 20  
Quilt Center: 37" x 46-1/4"

*What is Magic Stax? Take a traditional block (Cracker) and a stack of 10-1/2" squares; draw a few lines on freezer paper, iron to stack and slice into patches. Shuffle. Result? 5 perfect blocks with NO templates, NO waste, NO bias, and NO sweat! Perfect points, too! This is NOT random slicing.*

**Option:** *Selecting another color or two (the 10-1/2" strips) gives more variety and yields more blocks for an additional table runner.*

## **Fabric Yardages:**

1 strip 10-1/2" x wof EACH of 5 different Crackle fabrics (1/3 yd cuts)

(These strips will yield four 10-1/2" squares each)

1/3 yd 35453-19 gray for inner border

1/4 yd additional of the 35453-10 green for border squares (this is one of the 6 fabrics above; you may select another color)

1-1/2 yards 35453-9 Teal for outer border and binding

4 squares of freezer paper cut to 10-1/2" x 10-1/2"

Batting

2 1/2 yards backing

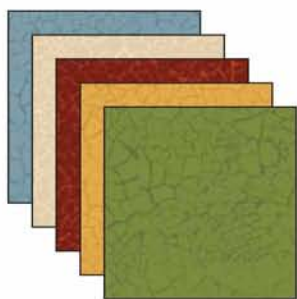
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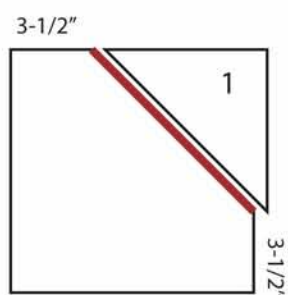
**Slice #1:** Work with five DIFFERENT colored 10-1/2" squares at the same time. Measure 3-1/2" across from the fabric edge on the top left and 3-1/2" UP from the bottom right and make your first slice through all five fabrics in the stack as indicated by the red line. Move this stack aside as shown.

**Slice #2:** Measure 3-1/2" down along the top left side and 3-1/2" across the bottom right side and make your second diagonal slice as indicated by the blue line. Move this stack aside as shown.

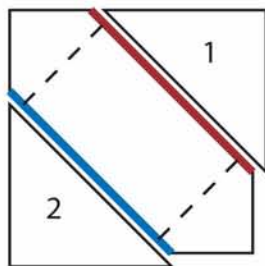
**Slices #3 & #4:** You will now measure 1/4" down along the sides of the center patch so that the small corner triangles will include the needed seam allowance. Make cuts # 3 and #4 as shown, as indicated by the green (#3) and purple (#4) lines. The adding of this 1/4" ensures all the pieces sew back together without having to re-trim.



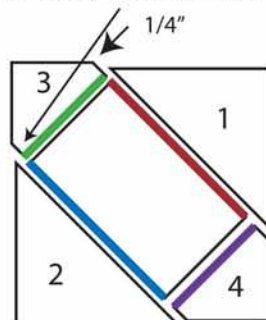
Draw the cutting sequence/lines on a 10-1/2" square of freezer paper.  
Iron freezer paper cutting guide to top of fabric stack



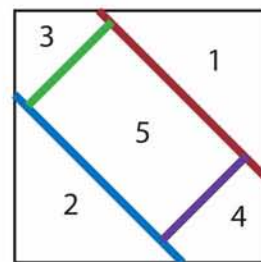
Cut #1



Cut #2



Cuts #3 & #4



Patch Reference Diagram

## CUTTING

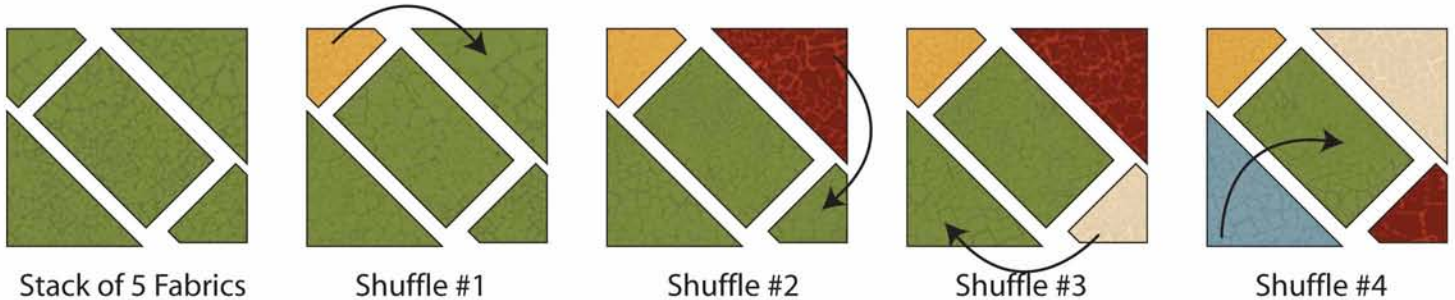
1. Cut each of the 10-1/2" strips into four 10-1/2" squares for a total of 20 squares.
2. Follow the drawing sequence as shown above and draw the cutting lines on freezer paper. Read over the steps before you actually begin cutting!
3. Select one square of each color and arrange in a stack as shown. It doesn't matter the placement, but you must place all fabrics RIGHT SIDE UP.
4. Follow the cutting and shuffling as described in the diagrams.
5. Sew all blocks with a 1/4" seam. Make 20 Cracker blocks.

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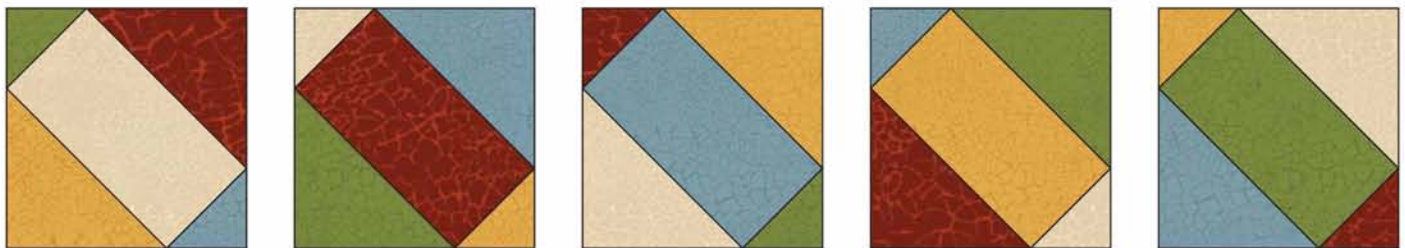
## SHUFFLING

Shuffling is done in a clockwise motion. Begin with the stack of strips in the top left. Remove the top ONE piece and place it at the bottom of that stack. This is the first shuffle. Move clockwise and remove TWO fabric pieces from the top right stack and place them at the bottom of that stack. Continue to move clockwise as shown in the Shuffle Sequence below. Leave the center stack alone. The top layer of fabrics has 5 unique colors/pieces of fabric. Each successive layer will also have 5 unique pieces.



## SEWING

Keep each layer of patches together. Only work on one block at a time. It is easy to mix things up! Take your time. Refer to the Patch Reference Diagram on page 2. Begin by sewing the center rectangle Patch #5 with the small triangles Patches #3 & 4. Press seams toward the small triangles. Finally, sew the large triangles to the remaining two sides. Each set of 5 fabrics will yield 5 Cracker Blocks as shown below.



## QUILT ASSEMBLY

1. Arrange your blocks, using the quilt diagram as a guide. The only thing you may want to keep in mind is that you want to keep two adjacent blocks turned 90 degrees to each other and to keep the same colors from touching each other from block to block.
2. Sew into rows and then the rows into the quilt center. Press seams well. Center now measures approximately 37-1/2" x 46-3/4".

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3. From the inner border gray fabric cut 5 strips 1-1/2" x wof. Piece two strips to get the longest sides; then join with remaining two strips. Press seams toward the inner border. Quilt center now measures 39-1/2" x 48-3/4".
4. Cut four 6-1/2" squares from the Green fabric. From the LENGTH of the teal fabric cut four 6-1/2" strips. Measure for the two longest border sides. Sew to quilt center. Measure for the top and bottom borders (excluding the newly added teal borders); trim to fit. Sew a green square to each short side of these and sew to top and bottom to complete quilt top.
5. Layer quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with quilt top.
6. From the remainder of the Teal, cut enough 2-1/4" strips to equal 230" for the binding. Stitch together into long strip and use to bind the quilt.

**ENJOY!**

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