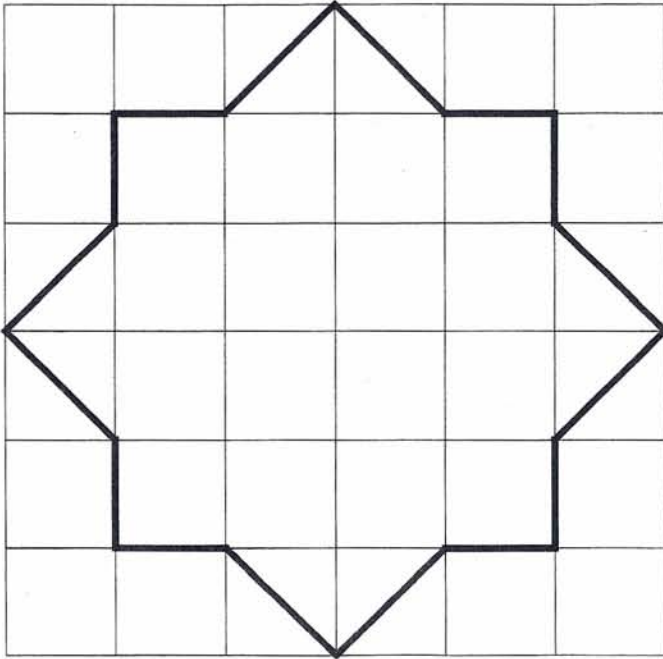


Eight-Point Star Challenge

This challenge is based on the Leila Adam book, *Tile Designs: More Than 100 Ready-to-Use Tiling Patterns*, which is in the CPQ library. It can also be found used, very inexpensively; ISBN 1-55407-485-1 or 978-1-55407-485-3. The book was actually designed for laying tile, but since it's all squares and half-square triangles, it adapts easily to quilting.

The author adapted many designs she observed in the Middle East, especially of Islamic art. A feature common to many of them is the eight-point star formed by superimposing one square on another, rotated 45 degrees:



I have copied a few of the designs found in the book to illustrate the variety which can be obtained from this block. The author also includes patterns for borders, medallions, tessellations, and overall tiling.

Your challenge is to make a quilt which incorporates the above block. The quilt certainly can include other elements in addition, but it has to feature this block somewhere. It can be either pieced or appliquéd. There are no size restrictions. This is due at the May meeting.

