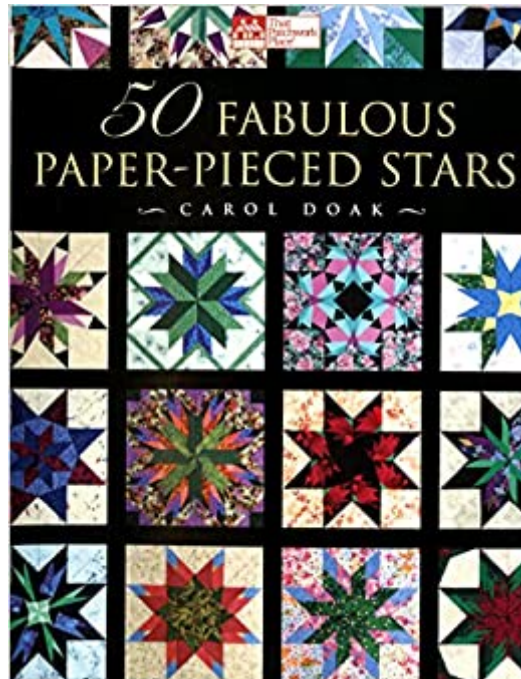




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# 50 Fabulous Paper-Pieced Stars: CD Included



## Synopsis

With the simplicity and accuracy of paper piecing, you can create these elaborate-looking Star blocks in a snap! Carol Doak, bestselling author of many books on paper piecing, is back with 50 original paper-pieced Star blocks--one for each U.S. state. Follow Carol's expert step-by-step instructions to make 50 beautiful blocks that finish to 12" Find ideas for mixing and matching block sections for fascinating original designs and intriguing secondary patterns Discover inspiration for using blocks in a variety of projects, plus tips on enlarging and reducing patterns to personalize designs

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## Customer Reviews

"The results featured in this book provide a bewitching star for every state"; excellent instructions and diagrams." -- The Quilting Quarterly; loaded with useful tips on paper piecing and how to affect the look of the designs. -- Art You Wear, Spring 2001

Carol Doak has greatly influenced the art and craft of quiltmaking for more than a decade. Her accomplishments include authoring over a dozen books and designing quilts that have appeared on the covers of nearly every quilting magazine in the United States, including Quilter's Newsletter Magazine and McCall's Quilting.

One star for the fact that the included CD doesn't have the designs available for printing, but you

can BUY a companion CD that does have the patterns for printing. That's very annoying and many other reviewers have pointed this out. The author recommends cutting off the spine and drilling for a 3-ring binder or having a spiral binding added so you can photocopy the patterns. Well, if a spiral binding is what you need before you can really use this book, why didn't the publisher bind it that way in the first place? It's beyond annoying that you can't effectively use this book without paying additional money either to buy the companion CD or have your local print shop convert it to a more useable format. On the flip side, 5 stars for the designs, which are lovely. So an average of 3 stars.

Love the star designs, but I don't really love the book. 1) The included CD contains ONLY a "tips and techniques" video. It does NOT contain PDF files of the paper piecing designs to print. Instead, the book wants you to use a copier to make the copies you need - four of each page. 2) In order to create those copies, the book recommends having a copy shop unbind the book and add a 3-hole punch to each page so you can keep it in a 3-ring binder, and remove the pages for copying as needed. I'm not OK with this. I like to keep my books intact. If removing pages for copying is required, it should have been sold in a form that more easily allowed that. Or better yet, put the paper piecing designs on the CD itself. I bought the book on a whim - one of those "Frequently Bought Together" recommendations that pops up while I was buying another paper-piecing book. I bought it based solely on the subject matter (paper piecing) and the author's well-known name. Had I read the reviews, I probably wouldn't have purchased the book. Lesson learned for next time.

I wish I had read the reviews in more detail. I saw that the book came with a CD and ASSUMED the designs would be on that CD. Wrong! You have to purchase the CD with the designs separately. The CD that comes with the book contains videos of the author demonstrating her paper piecing technique. And that's nice...except that I have already paid for her classes on Craftsy. So, I didn't need the CD of her demonstration. What I need are the designs. And for that, I've got to pay up! The designs look nice. Unfortunately, I'm going to have to destroy this book to get good, non-distorted copies. And, even then...I'm not sure our copy machine will play nice with the paper piecing paper. I may have to scan and print out. Major pain. Majorly unhappy. UPDATE: I decided to take a look at the CD and now I am even more unhappy. The CD will not run on Windows 8. It just goes around and around endlessly and won't give me back control of my computer. I finally forced an eject while the thing was attempting to run and got it out of the drive. I did buy the other CD...the one with the actual patterns on it - and they are fine. But this one...awful! Carol...I love your approach but you need some quality control on your products!

I think the star designs look great although I will probably only tackle the easier ones. I have one set completed and ready to put together into the star, and it is looking great. I have bought some other quilting books by the same author and the CD had the designs so that they could be printed from your computer. The information describing the book did not clarify that the CD was a tutorial for how to, not the designs. I had also just purchased the book with the 300 designs and the CD includes all the designs to print from your computer and to be able to re-size them too. The books were similarly priced. The 300 design book is a much better value because of the number of designs and a CD where you can print the designs. I would recommend the 300 design book to anyone because of what I mentioned and also many of the designs are good for a beginner. I learned there is a CD you can purchase for the 50 stars book, but you would be adding another approximately \$20 charge to purchase and ship it.

These are quite simply the most beautiful paper pieced star blocks you will ever see. Although complex and time consuming, even an intermediate quilter like me could do these. The book is easy to follow too--Just copy the templates and go to town! If you've never paper pieced before, watch a few YouTube paper piecing tutorials to learn the basic skills involved. There are a few different techniques people use, so it's important to know a little before you start. Believe it not, this was my first attempt at paper piecing--Which tells you that the blocks are not difficult as they look. The only downside is that the CD included is only a tutorial and doesn't have the printable templates. However, since the patterns are SO FABULOUS, I couldn't bring myself to remove a star. Don't be intimidated by these--If I can do them, so can you!

This book is full of beautiful patterns. I purchased it because I wanted to make a sampler quilt with star blocks and I was not disappointed. The paper is high quality and the patterns are easy to follow and include examples, coloring blocks, and many of the blocks form secondary patterns. However, the CD does not include the patterns. It is instead an instructional video. The printable pattern CD is sold separately. I was very let down when I realized that I could not print the patterns off my computer. I don't really see the point to buying the book and buying the CD separately. Just a reminder to read the product description carefully before you purchase something!

If you like paper piecing you'll love this book. The projects are larger than Carol's other ones. Her instructions are always extremely clear and easy to follow. I couldn't understand paper piecing until I

bought my first Carol Doak book.

I like the book -- designs are great. I wish I had known that the CD included does not include PDFs, but is just videos to watch assembly. PDFs would have been FAR more useful. I have to scan and copy these designs to create my templates, which can be a little bit of a pain.

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