

MODERN QUILTS

Or How does the MQG define
modern quilting (but it isn't
necessarily the last word)



MODERNISM

A style or movement in the arts that aims to break with classical and traditional forms.

MODERNISM IN ART

Traditional Art

Eugène Delacroix

La liberté guidant le peuple



Modern Art

Pablo Picasso

Les Femmes d'Alger (O. J. R. M.)



MODERNISM IN ARCHITECTURE

Traditional (Baroque) Architecture



Peterhoff (St. Petersburg, Russia)
Domenico Trezzini

Modern Architecture



Fallingwater residence (Frank Lloyd Wright, 1935)
<https://fallingwater.org/what-is-fallingwater/>

MODERNISM IN LITERATURE

Traditional/Classical Literature

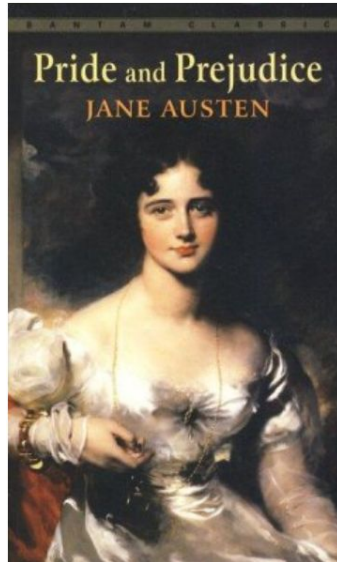
Contiguous timeline

Structured, descriptive

Sense of purpose

Man vs. Nature

Moral messages



Modern Literature

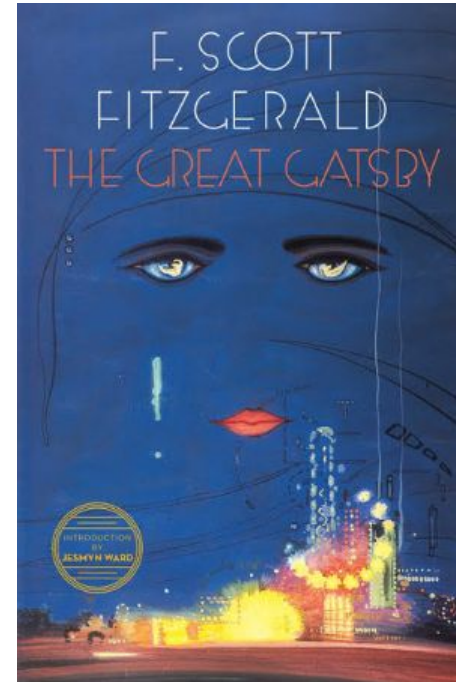
Disjointed timelines

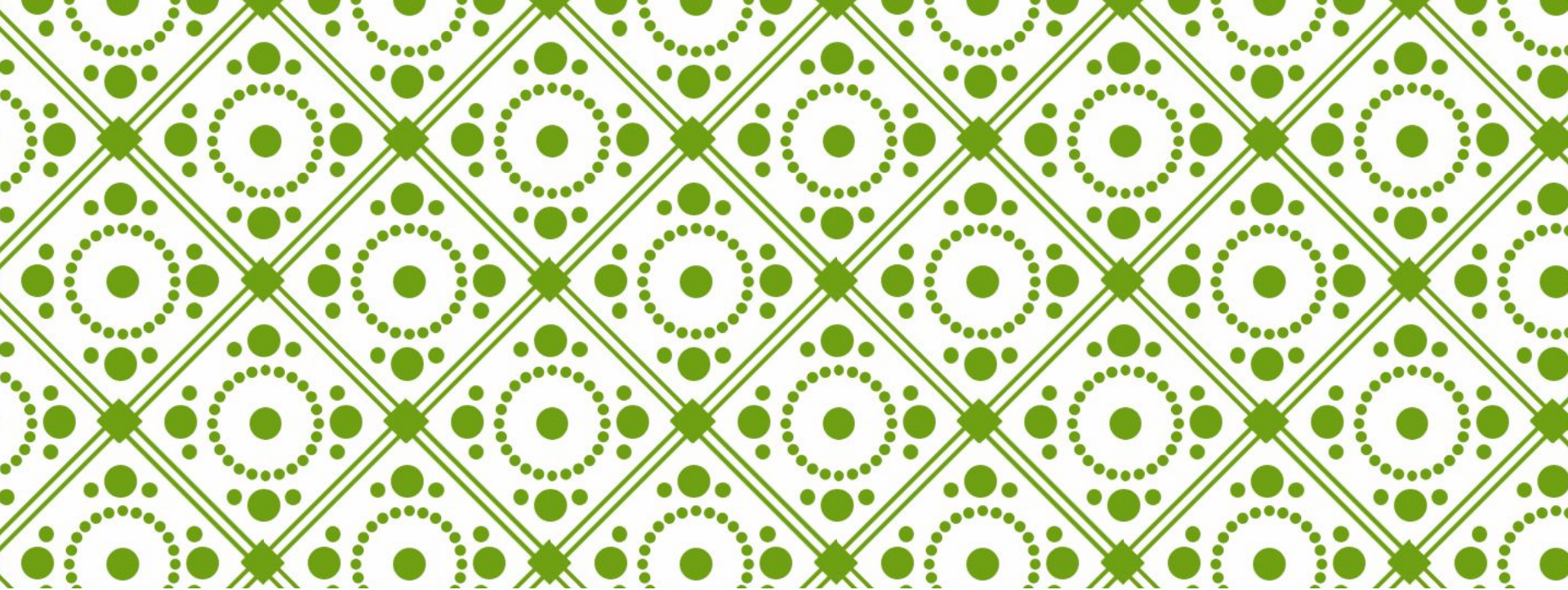
Stream of consciousness

Individualism

Man vs. Society

Search for meaning





QUILTING STYLES

A Subjective Review



TRADITIONAL QUILTING

General Attributes

Block based

Symmetrical

Blocks placed in rows or on the diagonal

Sashing/Grids

Borders

Pieced patterns used over and over again, or samplers created with many different blocks of the same size.

Floral applique'

Made for the bed

Traditional Quilt



Hugs and Kisses by
Edyta Sitar



Baltimore Squared by
Sue Garman



Contemporary Quilting

General Attributes

Fabrics unique to post 1976 era

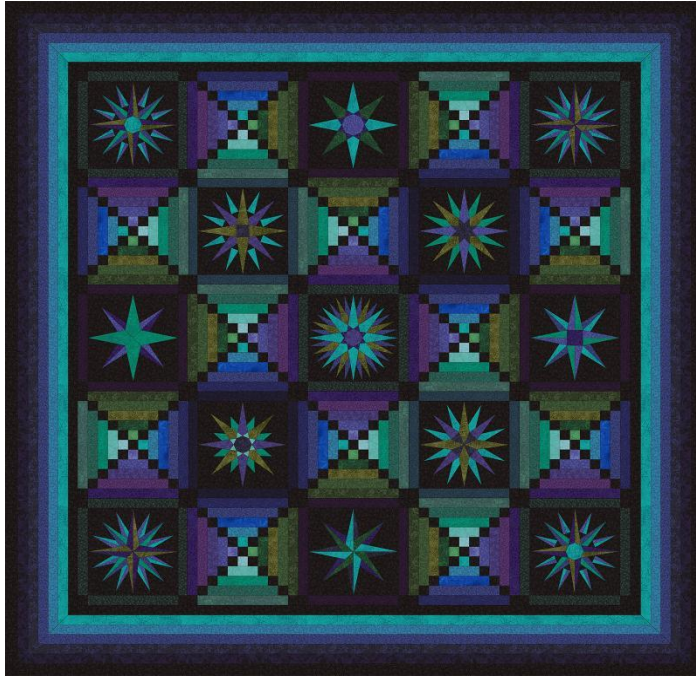
Made by the “hobbyist” with strong sewing skills

Traditional elements with a personal artistic twist

Mainly made by machine

Designed for the bed or the wall

Contemporary Quilt



Jinny Beyer
Moon Glow



Judy Niemeyer
Dahlia Dinner Plate



Studio / Art Quilting

General Attributes

Designed for the wall not the bed

Other media is often combined with fabric

Patchwork elements may be included - or not

Generally made by artists trained in other media

The subject matter is wide open

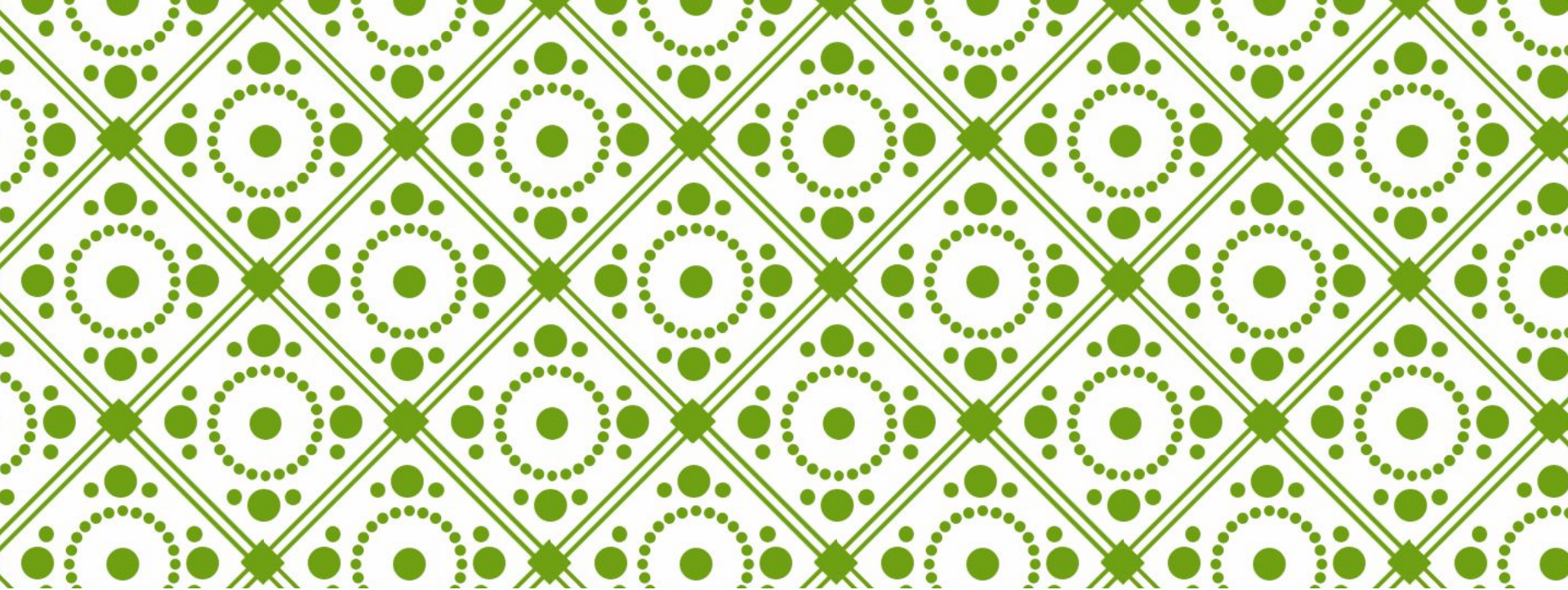
Art Quilt



Bloomed by
Heidi Profferty



Dreams of Poppies by
Rose Hughes



MODERN QUILTS

The Social Media Revolution



MODERN QUILTING

- A style or movement in quilting that aims to break with traditional forms.
- Quilting that is currently happening right now, using technology, designs and fabrics that are available today.

MQG Aesthetic Definition

Embrace a “no rules” concept.

Emphasize freedom in how to construct quilts.

Respect the dogma of traditional quilting, but don't necessarily always follow it.

Celebrate the journey, rather than the end result

Modern quilting expresses the personal not necessarily the traditional.

Laura Loewen
Resistance
(accepted to Quiltcon 2019)





Design Elements of Modern Quilting

- Use of negative space
- No borders
- Minimalism
- Bright graphic color palettes
- Improvisation piecing
- Alternative grid work
- Asymmetry
- “Modern Traditionalism”
- Exaggerated scale
- Pixelization
- Texture
- Less is more

The MQG police suggest using 2-4 elements for a good design

MODERN QUILT EXAMPLES

- NEGATIVE SPACE

@valbetweenquilts



MODERN QUILT EXAMPLES

- NO BORDERS

Maria Shell
Bear Fence



MODERN QUILT EXAMPLES

- MINIMALISM

Kim Simpson
70's Graphic



MODERN QUILT EXAMPLES

- BRIGHT / GRAPHIC PALETTES



Carole Lyles Shaw
Mid-Century Modern Curve #1

MODERN QUILT EXAMPLES

- IMPROVISATIONAL PIECING

Maria Shell
Do a Little Dance



MODERN QUILT EXAMPLES

– ALTERNATE GRID WORK



A Sprinkling of Stars
Joséé Carrier

QUILT SAMPLES – ASYMMETRY

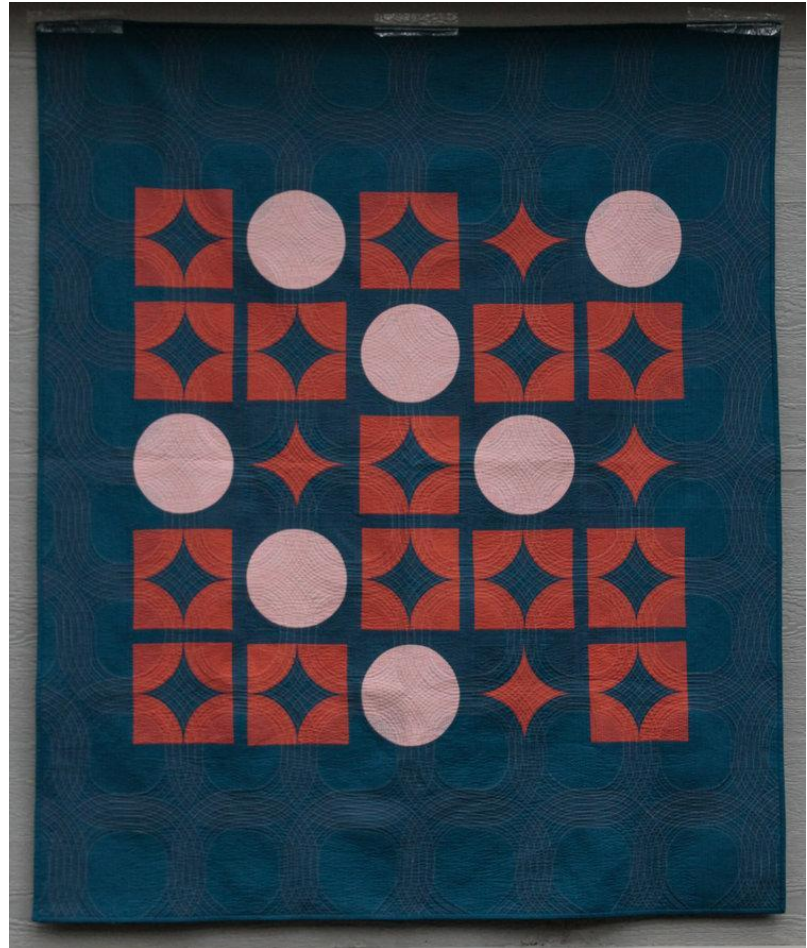
Janelle MacKay
Asymmetric Wedding Quilt



www.emmalinebags.blogspot.com

QUILT SAMPLES – MODERN TRADITIONALISM

Bridget Dermott
Astronomer's Daughter



QUILT SAMPLES – EXAGGERATED SCALE

Rebecca Bell
Herman and the Ding Bats



QUILT SAMPLES – PIXELIZATION



Rachel Arnold (@raevenfea

MODERN QUILT EXAMPLES

- TEXTURE

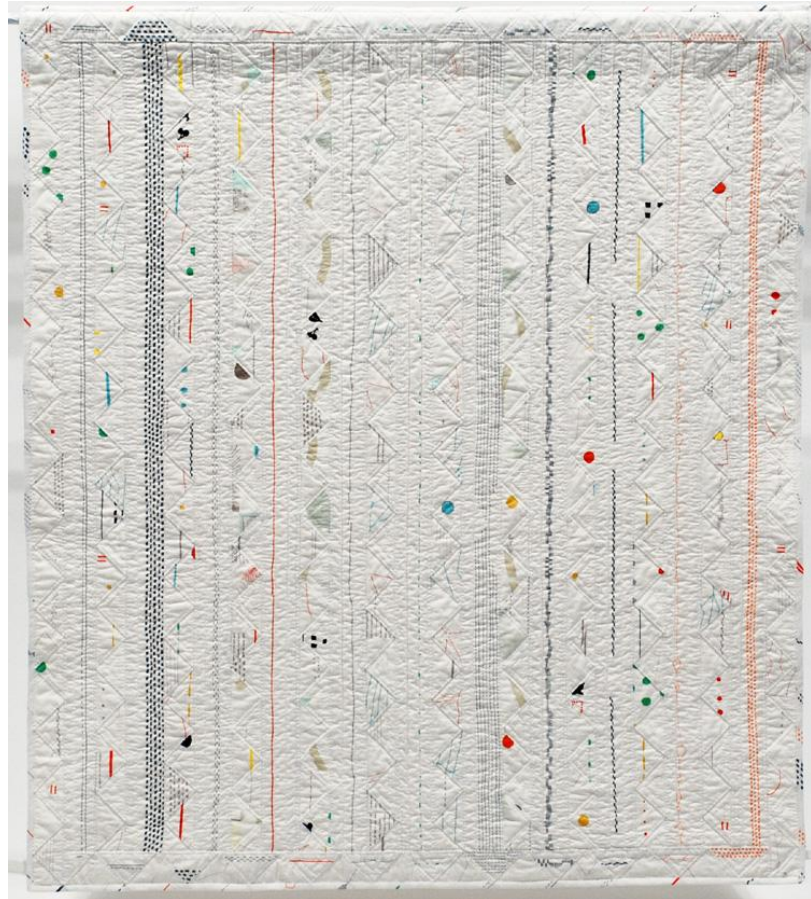
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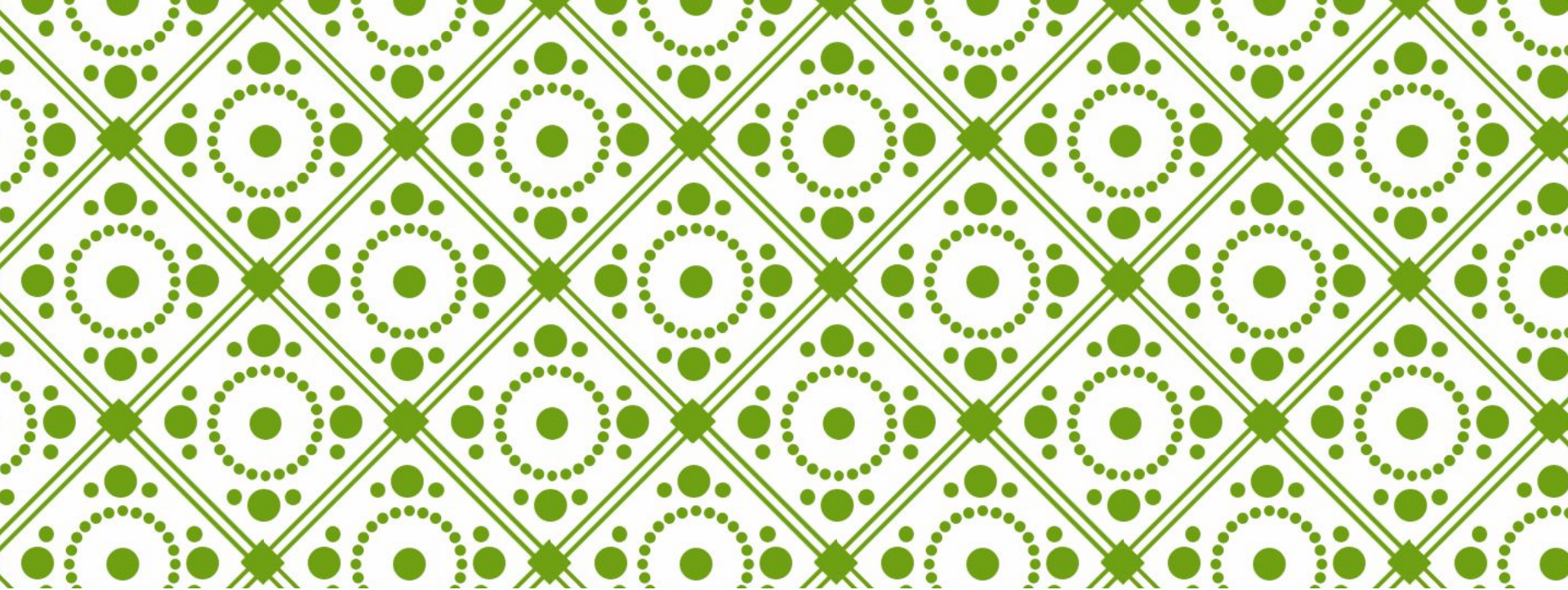


MODERN QUILT EXAMPLES

– LESS IS MORE

Yoshiko Jinzenji



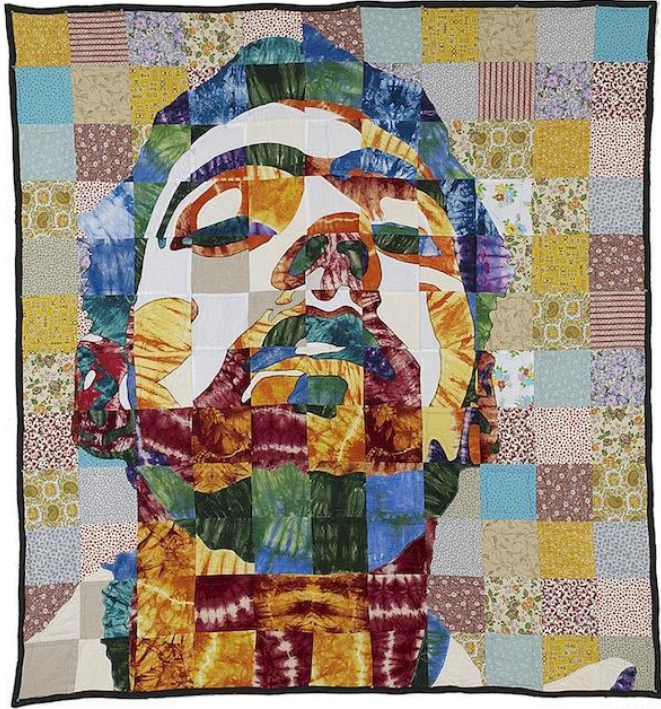


Quiz

Name that Quilt style





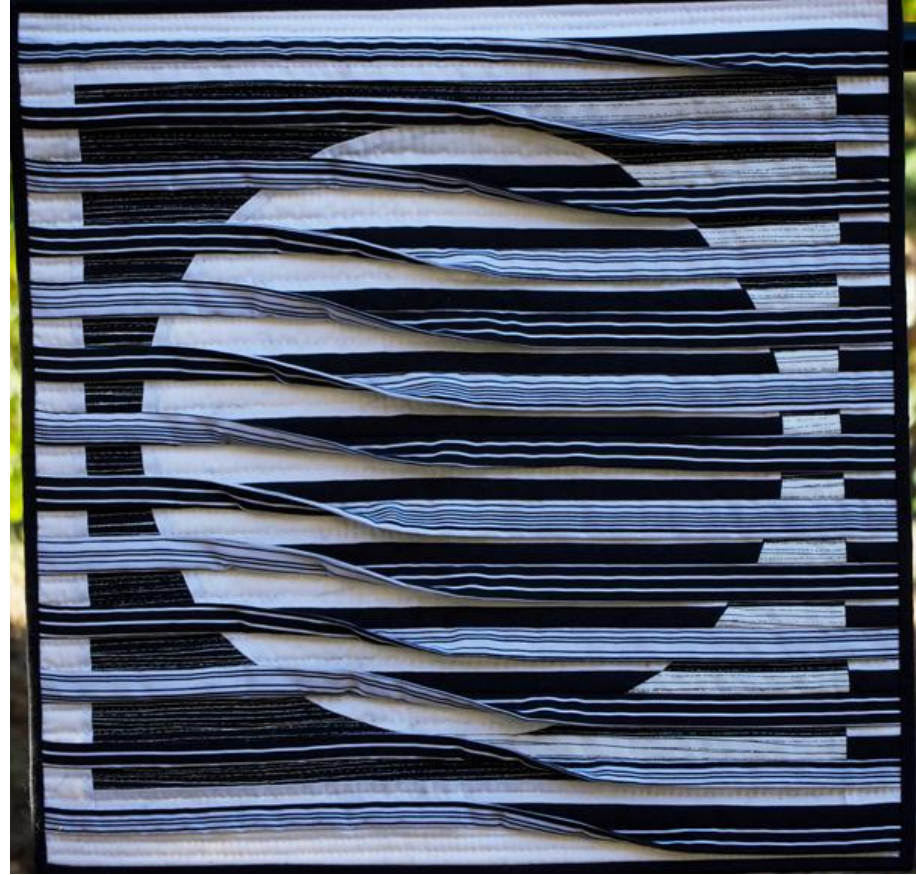
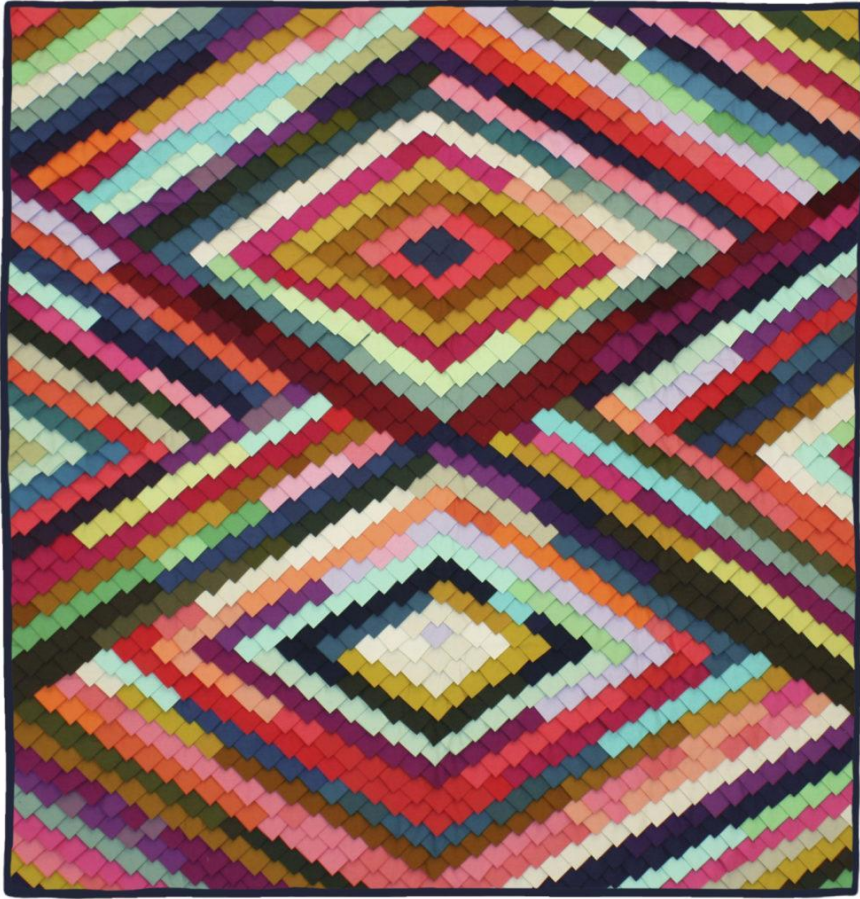


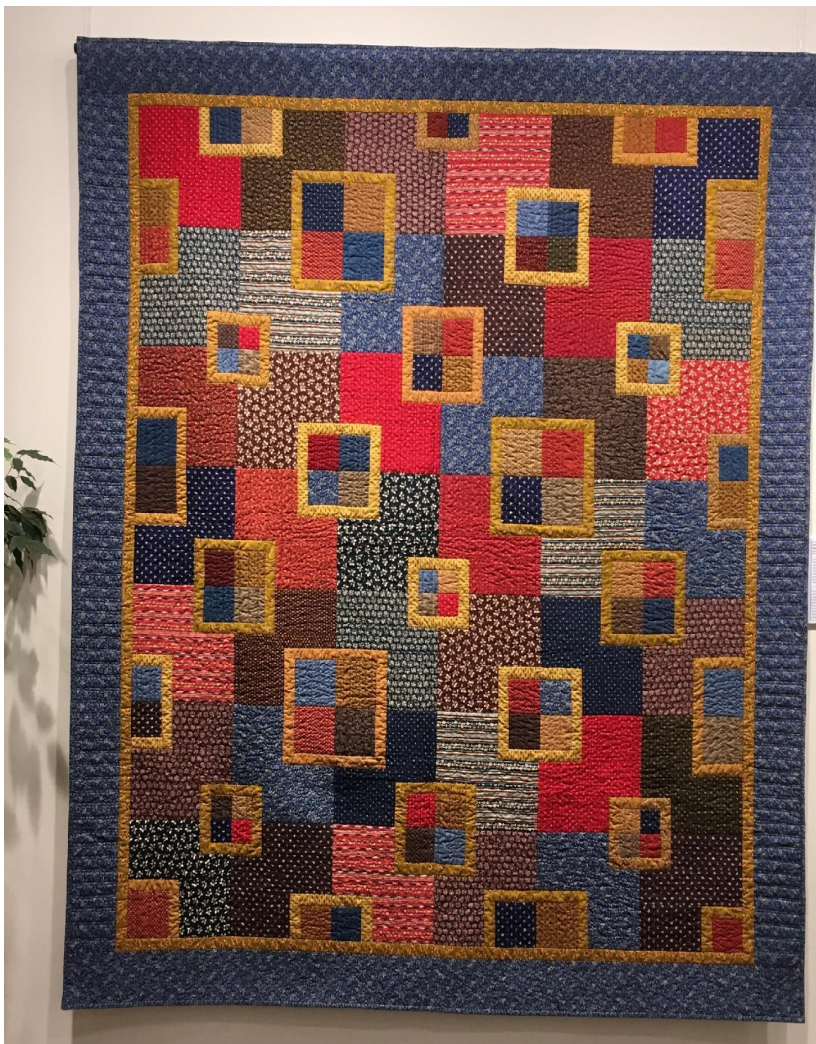








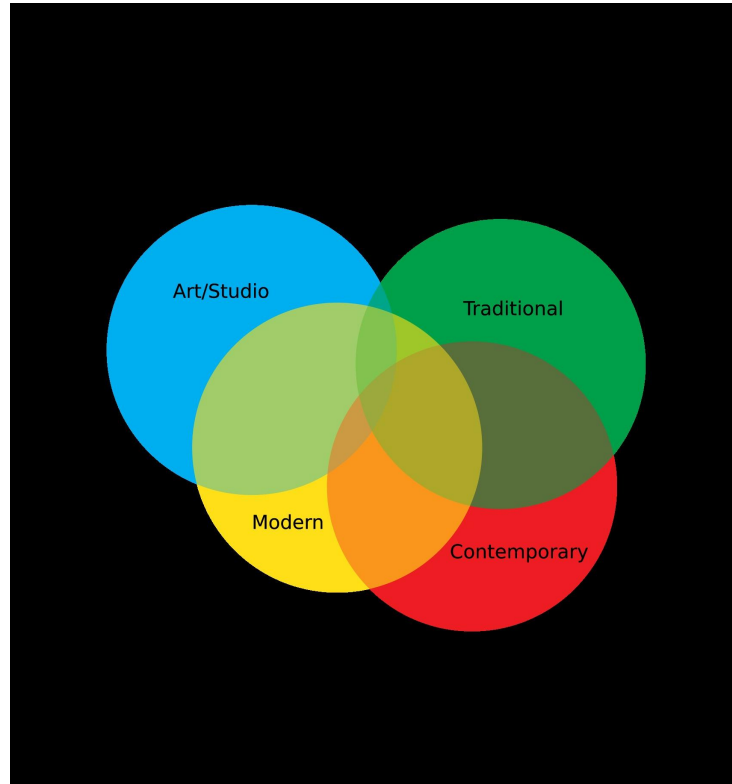








QUILTING STYLES
OVERLAP AND INFLUENCE ONE ANOTHER



MQG Resources

MQG definition: <https://mqg.memberclicks.net/modern-quilting>

MQG Webinars:

Mary Fons: *Definition: Modern Quilt*

<https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/resources/creative-webinar-definition-modern-quilt>

Mary Fons: *You Call That A Quilt?*

<https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/resources/you-call-quilt>

Jacquie Gering: *Modern Quilting: Know it when you see it*

<https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/resources/modern-quilting-know-it-when-you-see-it-93014>