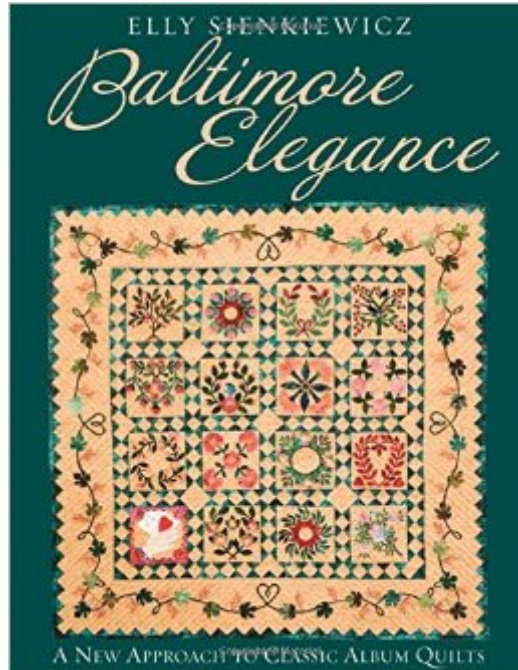


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Synopsis

Smaller, easier Baltimore Album quilts from the expert.

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As a seasoned quilter, I had always avoided applique. There were too many conflicting methods floating around, and none of them seemed to work for me. Elly's book clarified everything! She explains all of the methods in easy to understand steps. She explains the hows and the whys, and tells you what to look for to avoid problems down the road. The lessons are terrific, and presented in clear, concise steps with good illustrations. Her patterns advance in skill level as the lessons progress. My projects were a success, thanks to Elly, and I now feel comfortable with applique.

Everyone is really excited about this book, but I think her earlier books were better. This book is really geared to the beginner in the Baltimore Album technique, and for them, it is superb. For the more advanced quilter, it is better for patterns and for a reference book. If you want something that will give you real information, get some of her earlier books, even if you have to pay a little more for an out of print copy.

Baltimore Elegance approaches the technique of applique' through six lessons that offer the quilter experience at various techniques. Also included are embellishing techniques such as padded applique', ruching, embroidery and using beads. Projects included go from the simple to more

complex designs. The patterns are for an 8" x 8" finished block so if you want to make something larger the patterns will need to be enlarged. Enlargement percentages are given. As a beginner, I was not intimidated. I'm glad to have this book in my reference library.

Elly has written many books on Baltimore album quilts, but this is one of my favorites. It has 8" block patterns, rather than the more traditional 12". It's full of instructions for applique, stitching, transferring designs, and lots of color pictures. Plenty of ideas to work from. The only applique method she doesn't explain is the Templar Starch method, which I think is a good way to do applique, but I won't mark down her score for this.

Elly has done it again for all her fans and is sure to gain new ones with this simplified approach to a classic style. Her "voice" can be heard in every written line for those of us lucky enough to have attended her academy classes. Add this to your collection, or start a collection with this wonderful book. Keep them coming, Elly!

Baltimore Elegance have taken classes with Ely. I own just about all her books. This is the best out of all! Easy to read, great pictures for visual understanding. Great information and explanations. Must have book for applique...

Elly has outdone herself with this book...the techniques she teaches is invaluable to anyone who wants to learn to applique. And the patterns are among her best yet. Plus it has projects that are fun to make too! This is a 'must-have' for every quilter who likes applique....whether you applique now or you want to learn!

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