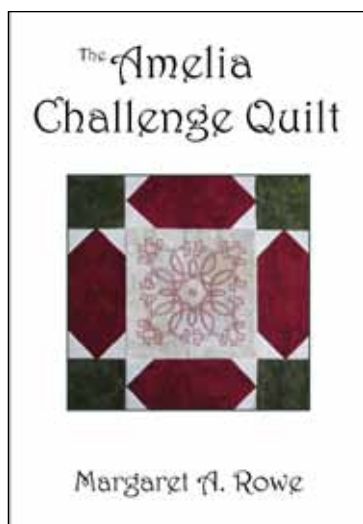


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“So ...” she paused, and raised her eyebrows at the group of women, a smile slowly forming. “Now I will reveal your challenge.” Many bottoms wiggled in their seats as the ladies straightened up to give Amelia their full attention. You could almost see their ears straining forward. “Your challenge for this year is to be inspired by architecture. But I want you to make it as personal as you can. I want you to choose a building that means something to you. It may be the church where you were christened or married, or the GPO of the town where you were born. It might be the town hall where you met your husband at a dance, or the family home.”

Many women were already whispering to their neighbours excitedly. A real buzz had filled the air as excitement mounted, along with sparks of creativity that snapped around the hall. Amelia continued. “I gained my inspiration for my quilt from the tessellated tile floors at Kilmany. You might find yours in the stained glass window of a church, of the bannister of a public building. It might be a ceiling, a façade or a design around a doorway. You can replicate the pattern faithfully or you can use the design element for inspiration. The choice is yours. I want you to be inspired, I want you to have lots of fun, and I look forward to seeing your quilts at the end of the year.”

Amelia was drowned by loud applause from a very excited crowd. Cat was beaming as she turned to Isabel and said, “What a fantastic challenge.”



The Amelia Challenge Quilt Rules

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