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*“Even quilters who don’t have others around them know that they belong to a long and wonderful tradition of women creating something new and beautiful from scraps of fabric.”*—DIANE PERIN HOCK, FOUNDER OF THE TWELVE BY TWELVE COLLABORATIVE ART QUILT PROJECT

# TWELVE BY TWELVE

## The International Art Quilt Challenge

by Deborah Boschert, Gerrie Congdon, Helen L. Conway, Kirsten Duncan, Terry Grant, Diane Perin Hock, Françoise Jamart, Kristin La Flamme, Karen Rips, Brenda Gael Smith, Terri Stegmiller, Nikki Wheeler

Over the course of two years, twelve quilt artists from around the world challenged each other to create beautiful, hand-crafted quilts based on a theme of one of the artists’ choosing. Every couple of months, a new theme—and thus a new challenge—was suggested. The result? 144 gorgeous quilts which are all presented in **TWELVE BY TWELVE: THE INTERNATIONAL ART QUILT CHALLENGE** (Lark Crafts / March 1, 2011 / \$22.95). Each chapter is devoted exclusively to one of the twelve themes—from “chocolate” to “identity” to “illumination” to “mathematics”—with one quilt and artist highlighted in depth. The book also includes:

- A detailed look at the creative inspirations, processes, techniques, and workspace of each quilter.
- Beautiful photographs of all 144 quilts.
- Sidebars offering quilting tips such as “Adapting Commercial Fabrics”, “Quilt Finishing Techniques”, and “Demystifying the Thermofax”.
- Information on how to start your own challenge group and why it’s important to blog.
- A behind-the-scenes glimpse at what it’s like to be part of a virtual craft community.

*Twelve by Twelve* not only showcases the 144 quilts themselves, but also examines the dynamics of developing a vibrant cyberspace community of artists. Richly illustrated, this book is part personal narrative, part creative exploration, reflecting the wonderful diversity of the artists and their work.

### **ABOUT TWELVE BY TWELVE**

The **TWELVE BY TWELVE** group is composed of twelve art quilters, each with numerous awards, articles, and publications among them. Works from several members have been included in a variety of Lark Books, as well as *Quilting Arts Magazine*. Visit the Twelve by Twelve website and blog: [www.Twelveby12.org](http://www.Twelveby12.org)

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