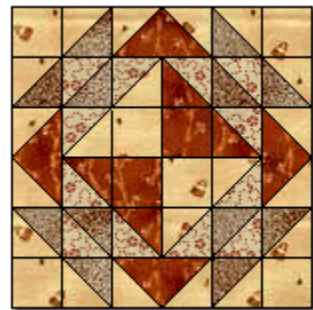


## Simpson Barn Quilt Blocks

In 1846, the first settlers to the area chose land on the ridge that was rich with hardwood trees, such as oak and walnut. The first business in the area was a sawmill that was located on Beaver Drive, near Merle Hay Road.



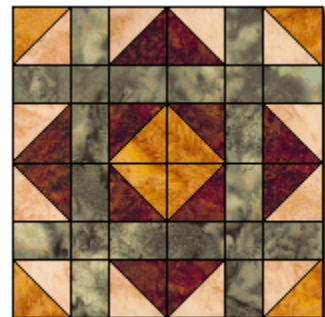
This is a traditional quilt block named “corn and beans”. Agriculture has played a big part in the development of this area. Our rich soil has been ideal for nurseries, truck farms and for Pioneer Hi-Bred International.



The “school house” quilt block represents the great value that was placed on education by our early settlers. They came with their families to settle new land and built one-room schools: Ridgedale, Friar, Valley, Ryder and Walnut. In 1915, they were consolidated.



The name for this quilt block is “crossed roads”. This represents Merle Hay Road, NW 86<sup>th</sup> Street, NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and NW 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The square represents the development that has taken place both inside and outside the quadrant.



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