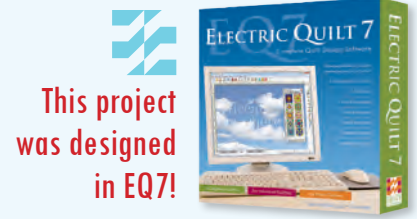


Countdown to Christmas

Finished Quilt Size: 32" x 44"



MATERIALS

- 15 fat quarters, or more for variety, for pockets and pieced border in red, aqua, green and cream
- 1 yard white for sashing, first border and piecing
- 1 ½ yards for backing
- ½ yard for binding
- Fusible web for appliqué numbers
- Foundation paper for piecing border and blocks

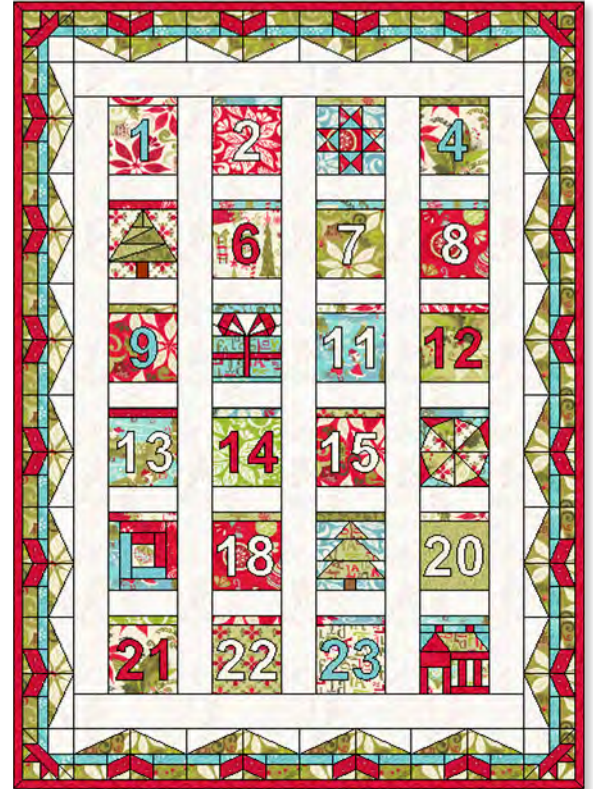
CUTTING

Assorted fabrics:

- (17) 4 ½" x 4 ½" squares for pocket front
- (24) 4 ½" x 4 ½" squares for pocket facing
- (24) 4 ½" x 5" rectangles for pocket back

White fabric:

- (5) 2 ½" x 35" crosswise strips for vertical sashing and side borders
- (2) 2 ½" x 26 ½" crosswise strips for top and bottom borders
- (3) 2" crosswise strips, cut into (20) 2" x 4 ½" for horizontal sashing



ASSEMBLY

Each block is a pocket. They consist of a front, a facing and a back. Some of the pocket fronts are foundation pieced and others have appliquéd numbers.

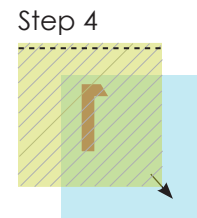
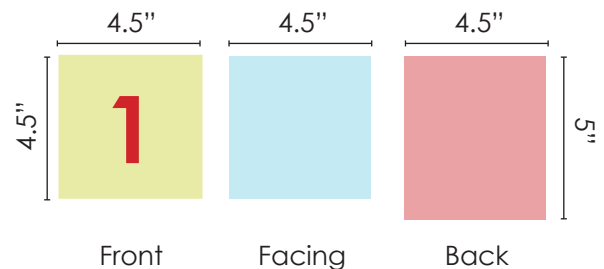
Step 1: Print the seven foundation patterns on foundation paper.

Step 2: Piece the blocks.

Step 3: Appliqué the numbers on the 17 pocket fronts. Trace and fuse numbers to pockets. Stitch edge with zigzag or blanket stitch. Use the photo to see what numbers we left out (3, 5, 10, 16, 17, 19, and 24) or you can decide which numbers to replace with the 7 pieced blocks.

Step 4: Put pocket front and pocket facing right sides together. Stitch across top with ¼" seam. Press seam open, then press facing down to back.

Step 5: Place the lined pocket on top of pocket back matching bottom and side raw edges. Baste sides and bottom close to the edge.



Place front of pocket onto facing and stitch ¼" seam across top.



Place lined pocket on top of backing. Align bottom edges and baste sides and bottom.



PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Step 6: Lay out the blocks in order.

Step 7: Join the blocks in vertical columns with 2" x 4 1/2" sashing strips between them. Piece all four vertical column. Each column has 6 blocks and 5 sash strips.

Step 8: Join the rows with the 2 1/2" x 35" sashing strips. Add the 2 1/2" x 35" side borders.

Step 9: Add the 2 1/2" x 26 1/2" top and bottom borders.

Step 10: Set this section aside.

OUTSIDE BORDERS

Step 11: Foundation piece the outside borders. Note that the top and bottom border blocks are a slightly different size from the side border blocks. Be sure to mark them so they do not get mixed.

Step 12: Foundation piece the four corner blocks.

Step 13: Sew the six side blocks together. Press the seams open.

Step 14: Sew the four top and four bottom blocks together.

Step 15: Add the corner blocks to the ends of the top and bottom borders.

Step 16: Join the side borders to the center of the quilt.

Step 17: Add the top and bottom borders with corners to the quilt.

FINISHING

Step 18: Layer the quilt with backing.

Step 19: Quilt the quilt.

Step 20: Bind with 2" strips for double binding.

Step 21: Add a little gift to each pocket.

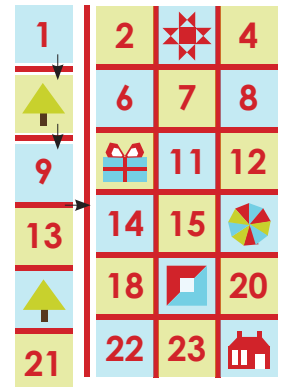
Step 22: Celebrate!

Step 6



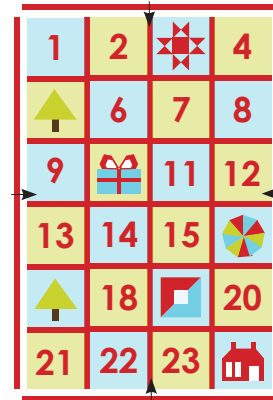
Arrange blocks in order.

Step 7



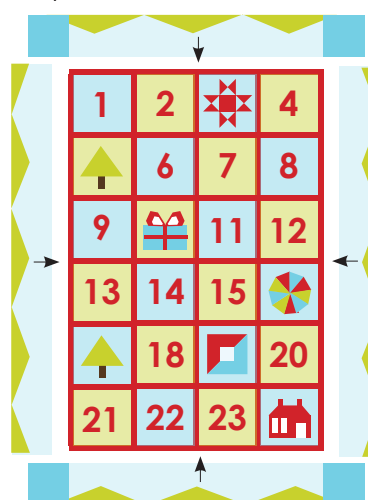
Join blocks in vertical columns then connect columns together.

Steps 8 and 9



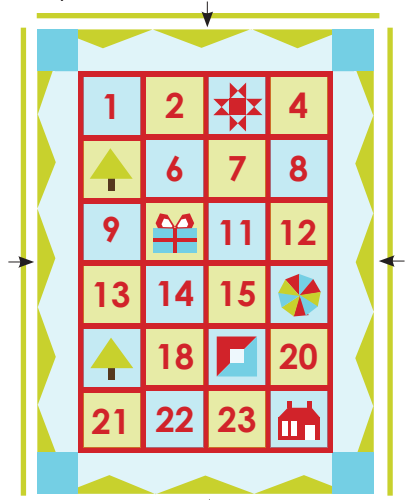
Add the top, bottom, and side borders.

Steps 16 and 17



Add foundation pieced border.

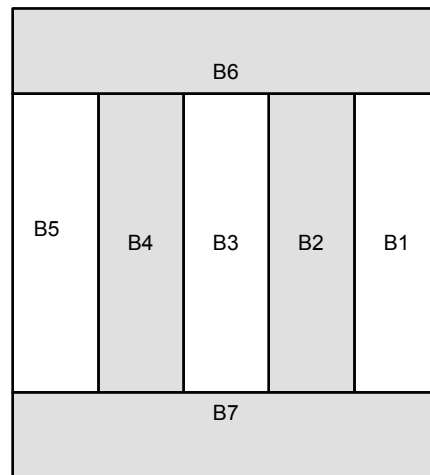
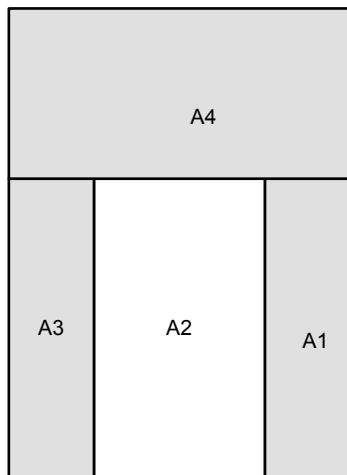
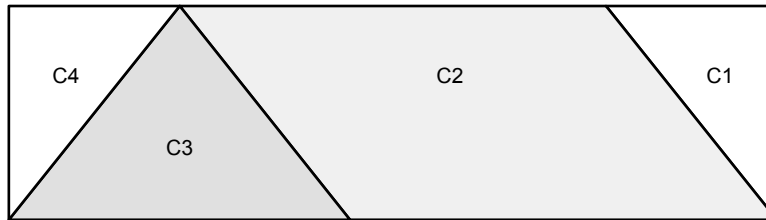
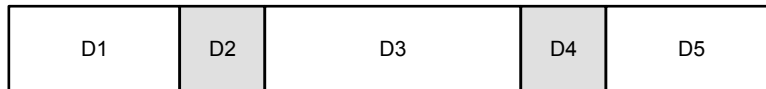
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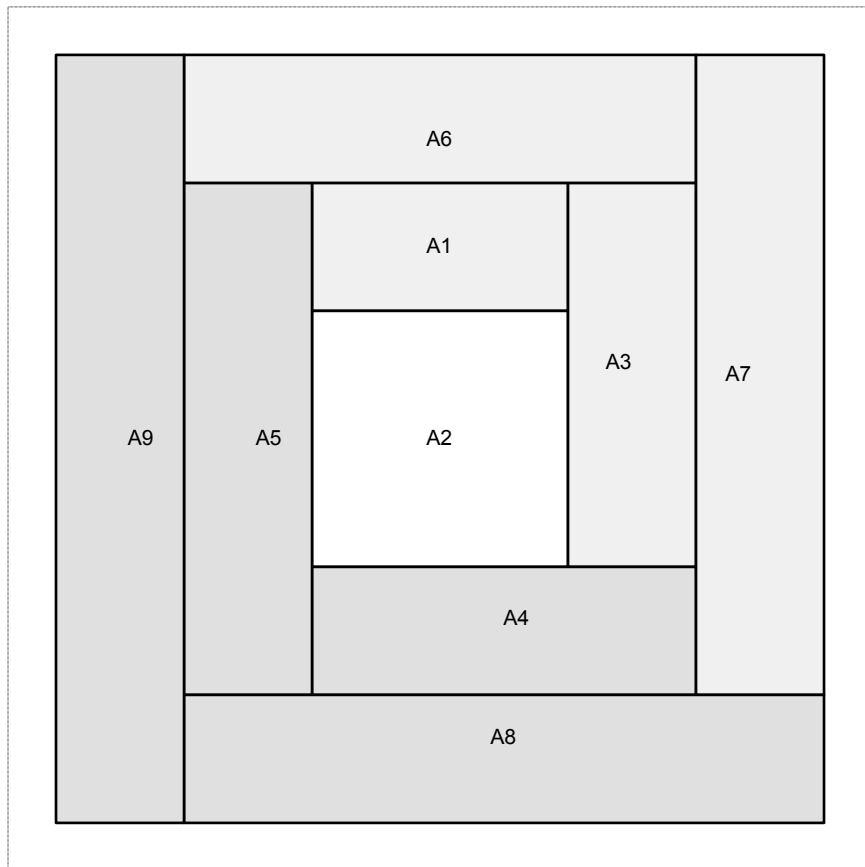
Add binding.



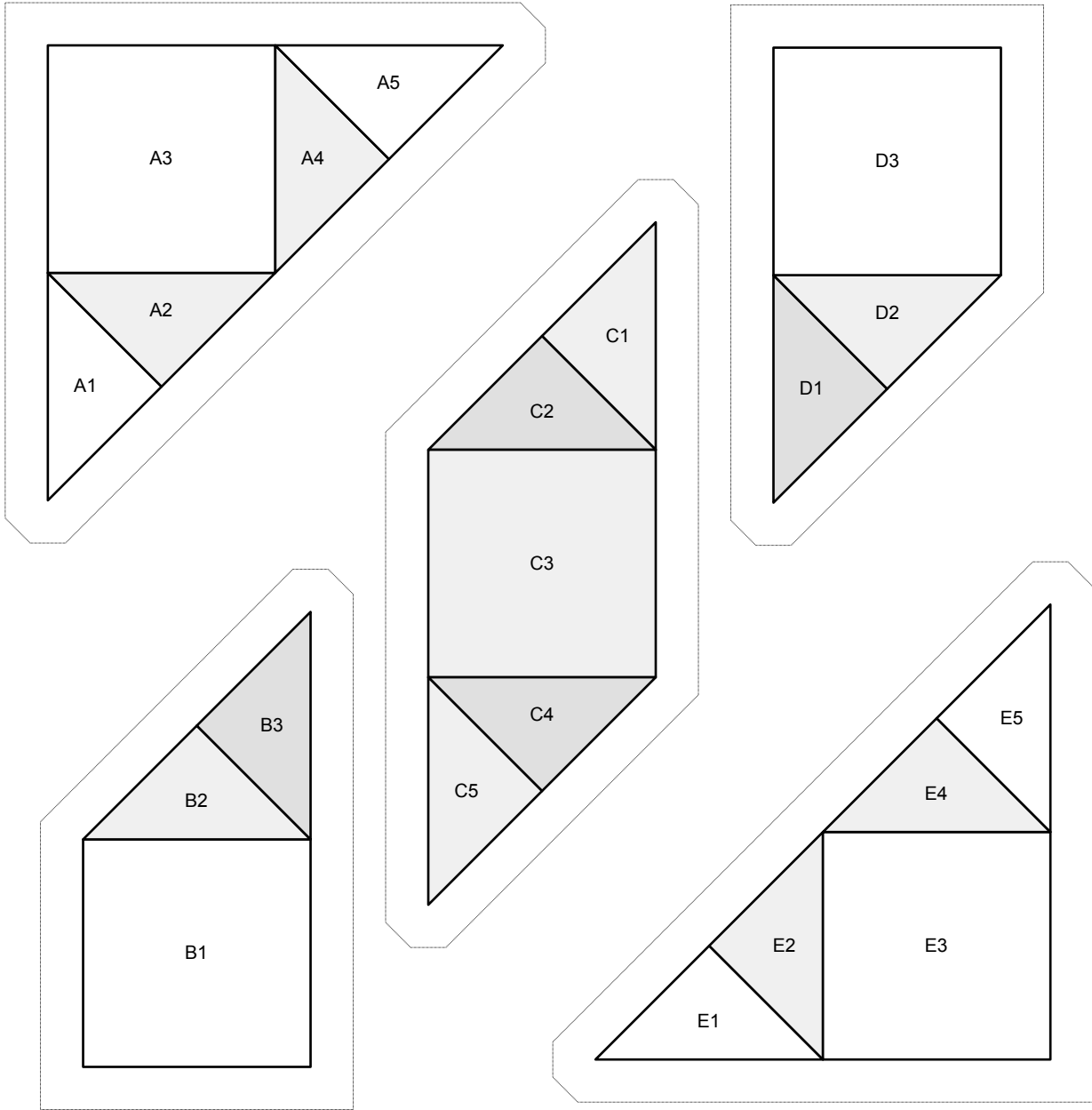
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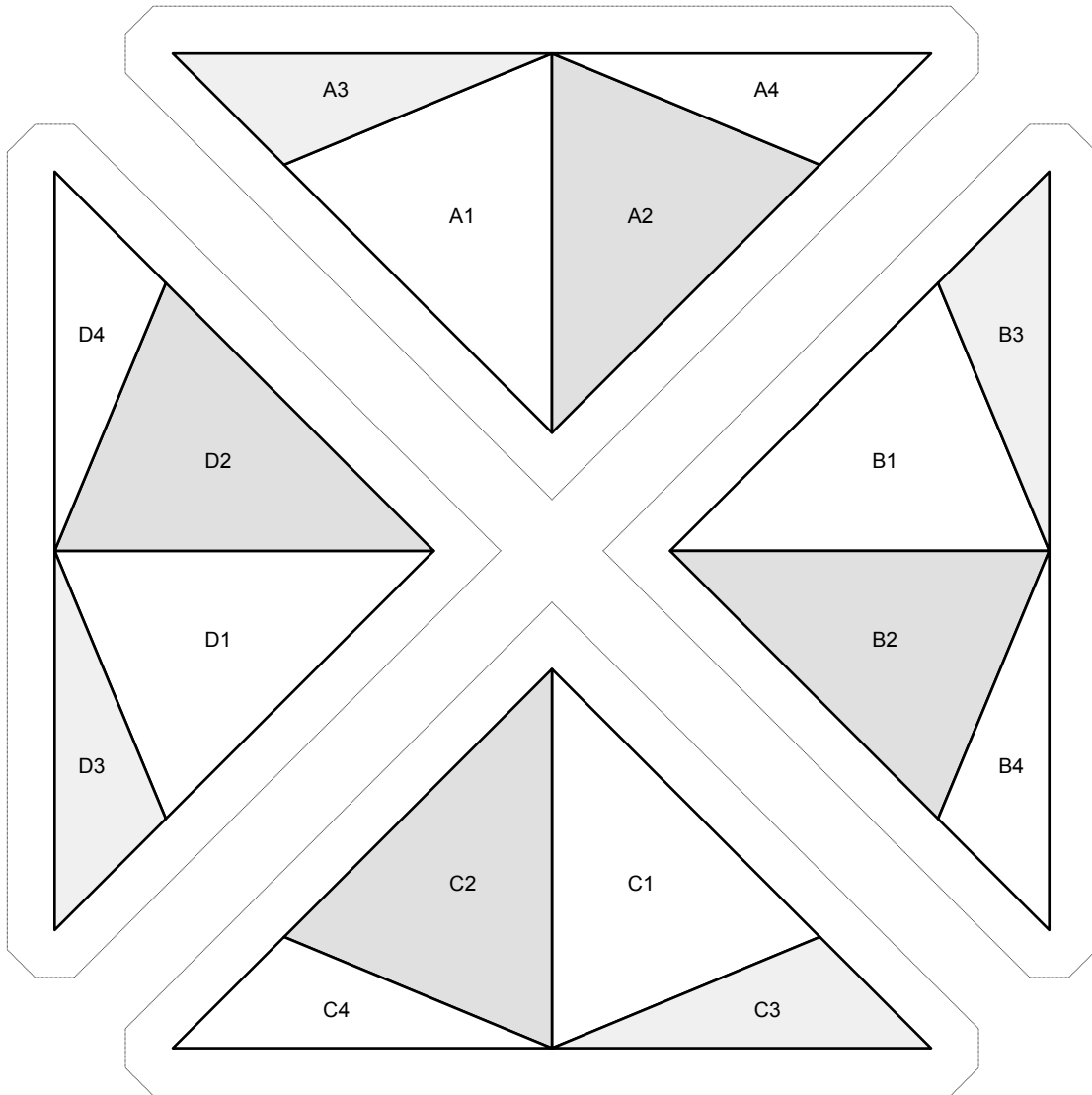
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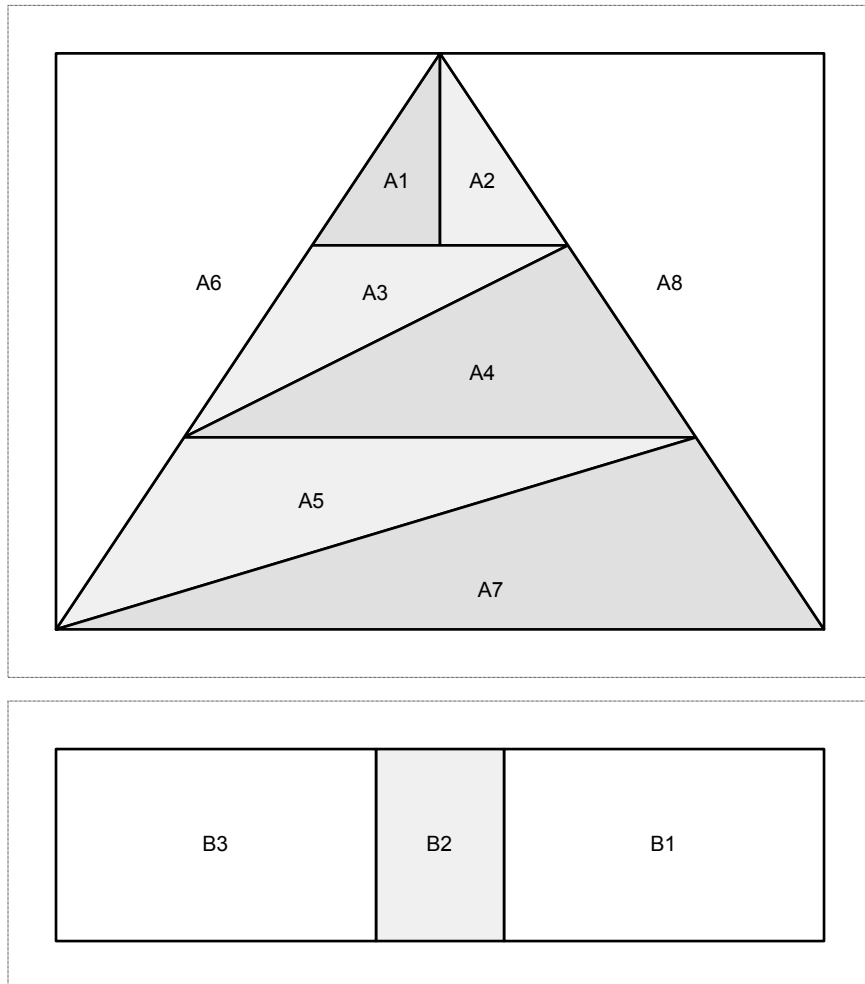
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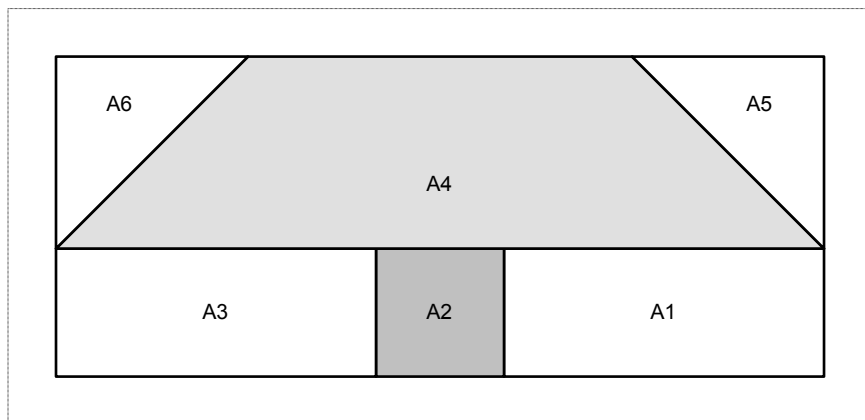
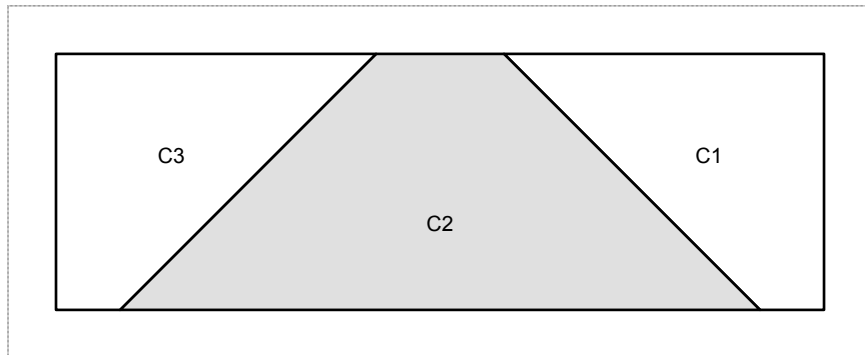
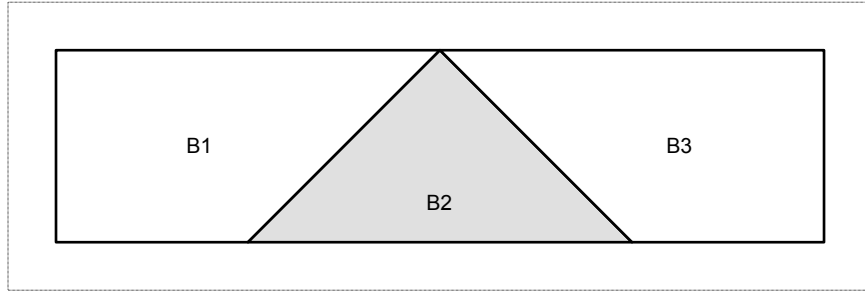
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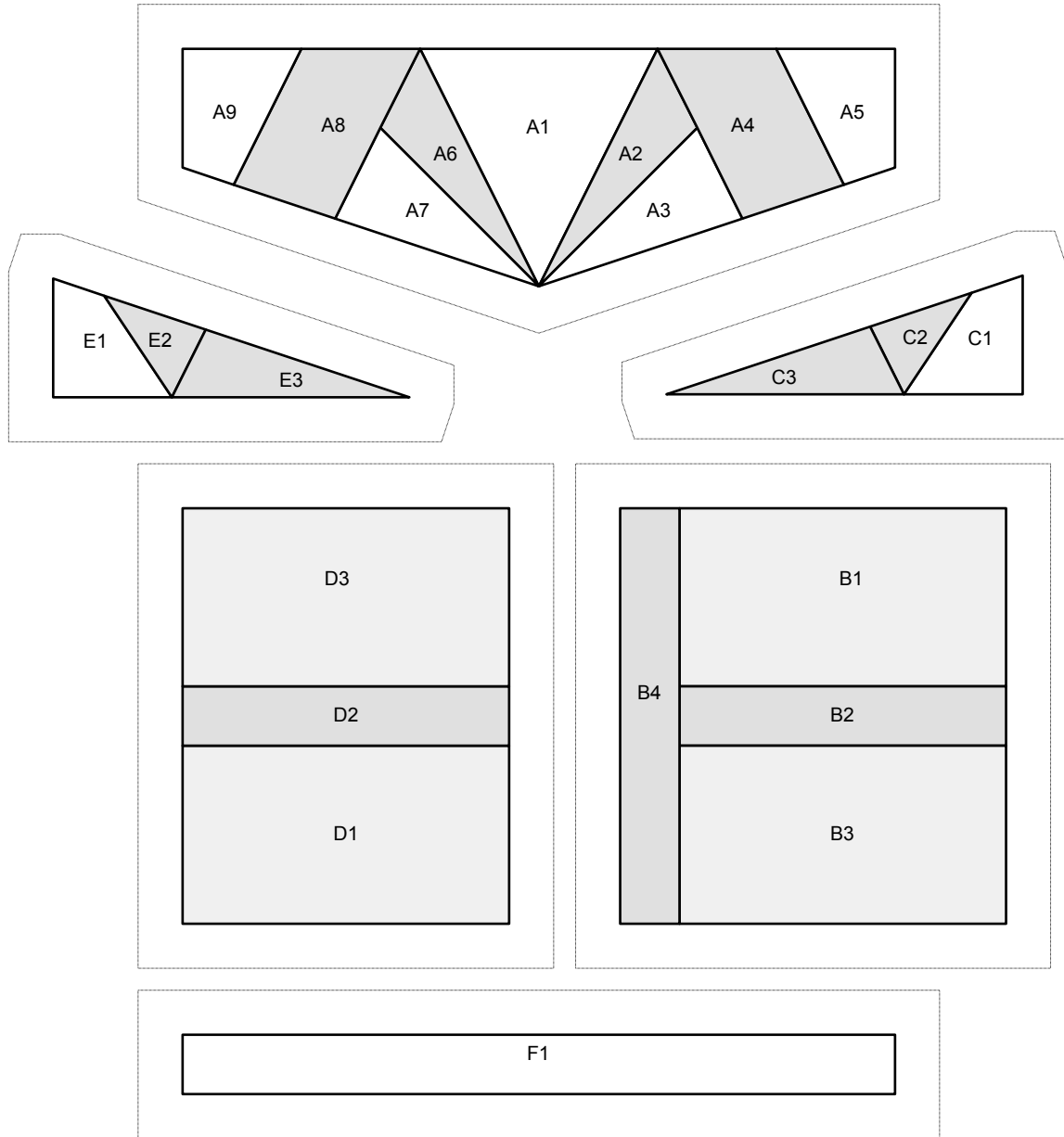
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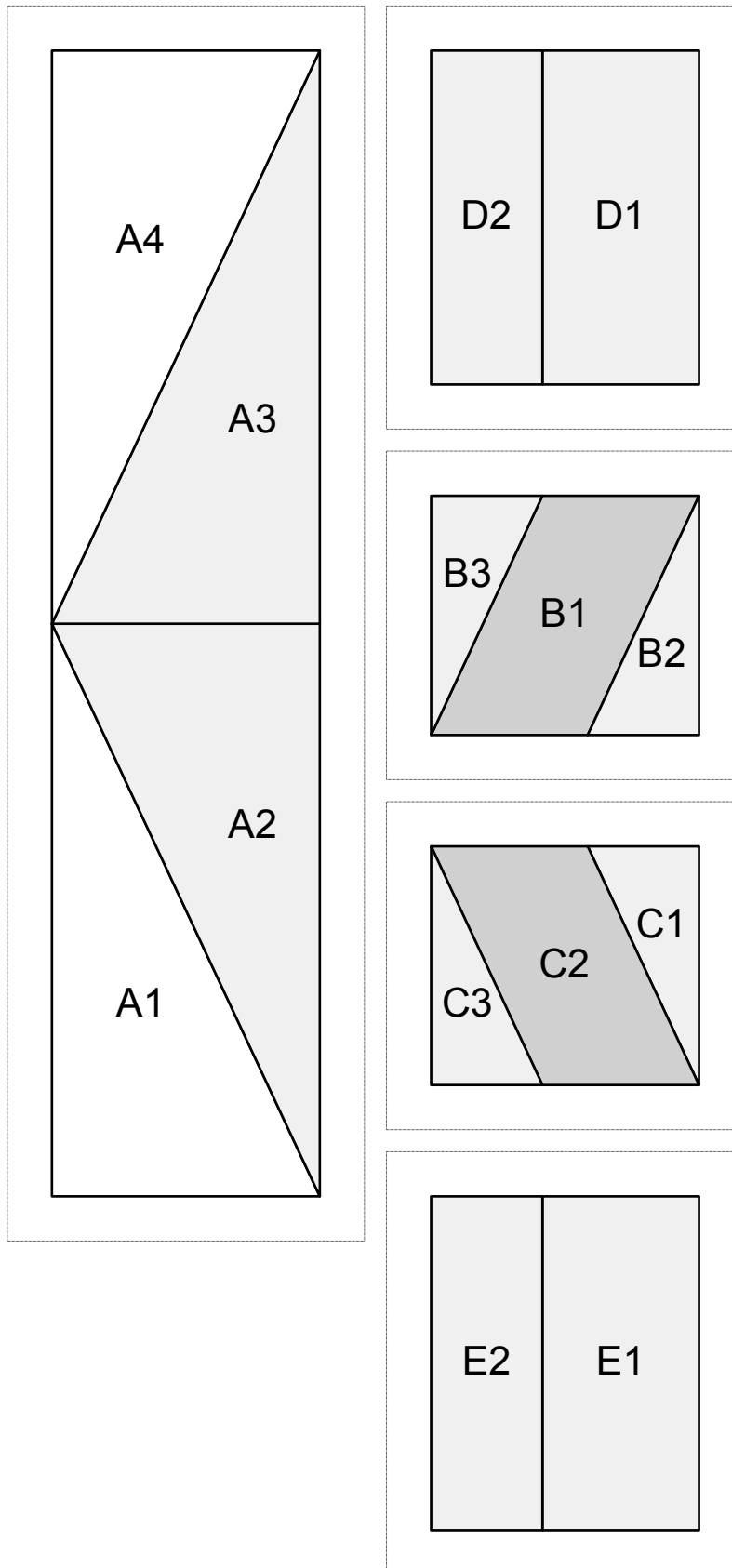
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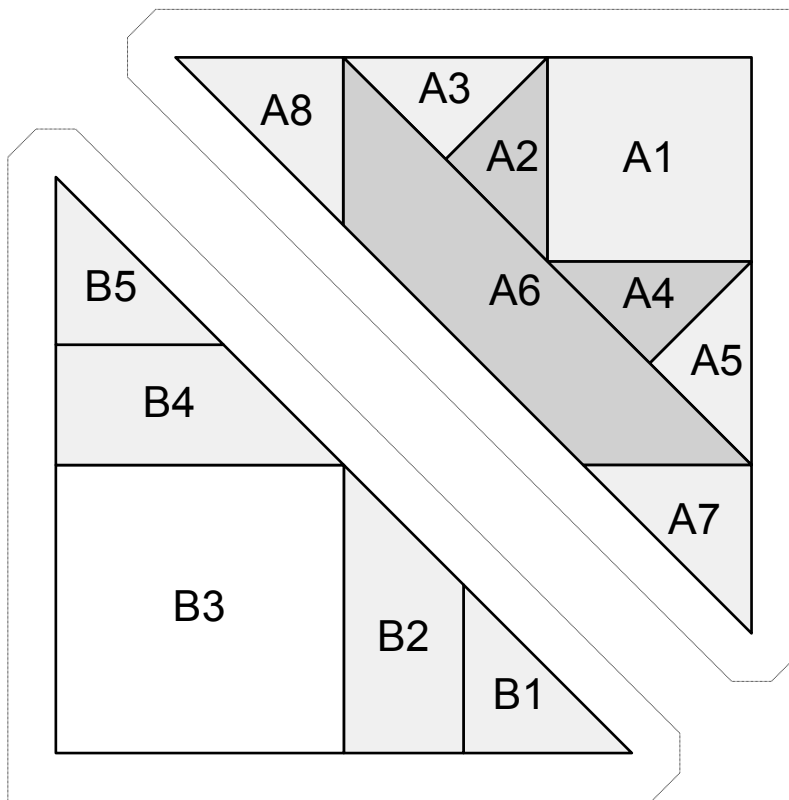
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Text Templates

Key Block (17/100 actual size)

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