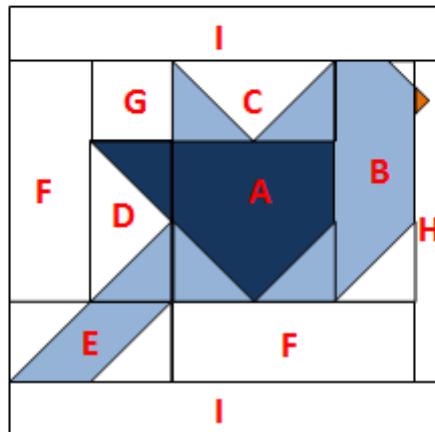
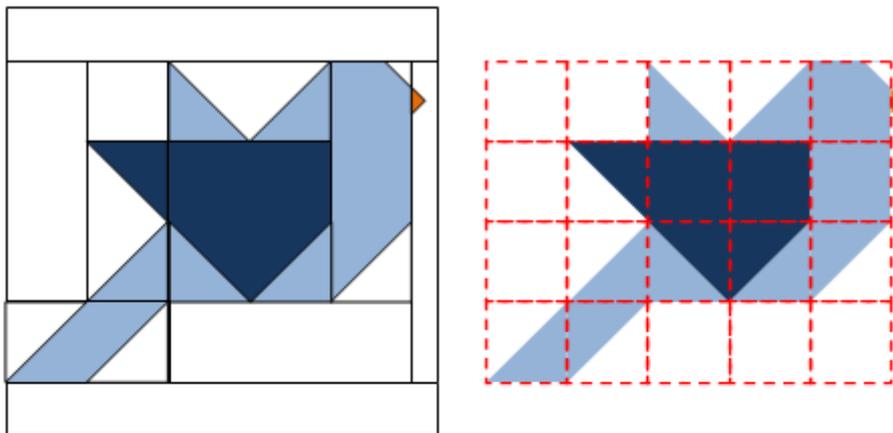




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Today we will once again use the broken corner technique to create an illustrative block - as we did for the house block and the heart block. But today we are going to sew a little bird!



Illustrative blocks seem difficult because their proportions usually deviate from traditional grids. But, in fact, they are made up of simple sub-units that are easy to sew. When it comes time to calculate, just pay close attention to the proportions.

In the illustration above, notice that the bird itself is mounted on a grid of 4 x 5 squares. I am assuming that each little square measures 1 1/2; so the design is measuring 6 x 7 1/2. To complement the desired size - 8 inches - I added joker strips at the top and bottom, measuring 1 inch each; and to the right of the design I added a half-inch strip, where the toot is positioned. Can you see it?

Let's go to the cutting list:

Piece A:

This is a 3 inch square; cut with 3 1/2, in dark blue, once.



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To break the corners (which measure half the size of the square, or $1\frac{1}{2}$), cut two 2-inch squares, in light blue fabric.

Break the corners as you learned from the instructions in the previous blocks. Pay attention to the position of the diagonals! If you have doubts about the technique, reread Basic Lesson #5.

Piece B:

This is a rectangle measuring $4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$; cut 5×2 , once, in light blue fabric.

The top corner of this piece is broken at $\frac{1}{3}$ ratio; if the width of the piece is $1\frac{1}{2}$, then this corner measures only half an inch. Cut with 1 inch (always half an inch more, right?), once, in the joker fabric.

The bottom corner is the same width as the piece - $1\frac{1}{2}$; cut with two inches, once, in joker.

Break off the corners and set aside.

Pieces C and D:

These are geese, but the colors vary and you will need only one of each. If you were going to make several birds, it would be worth just sewing geese; but you have already learned that geese are always assembled 4 by 4; in this case, three of them would be wasted. So let's assemble these pieces using broken corners - which give the very same result.

The pieces measure $3 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$; cut two $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ rectangles out of joker fabric.

To break the corners, you will need 2" squares: cut three pieces in light blue fabric and one piece in dark blue fabric.

Break the corners as shown in the drawing and set aside.

Piece E:

This is a $3 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ rectangle; cut $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2$, once, in light blue fabric.

To break the corners, cut two 2" squares, in joker fabric.

Assemble the piece and set aside.

Pieces F:

Measure $4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$; cut with 5×2 , twice, in joker fabric.

Piece G:

Is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ square; cut with 2 inches, once, in joker.

Piece H:

It is a $\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ strip; cut with $1 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, in joker, once.

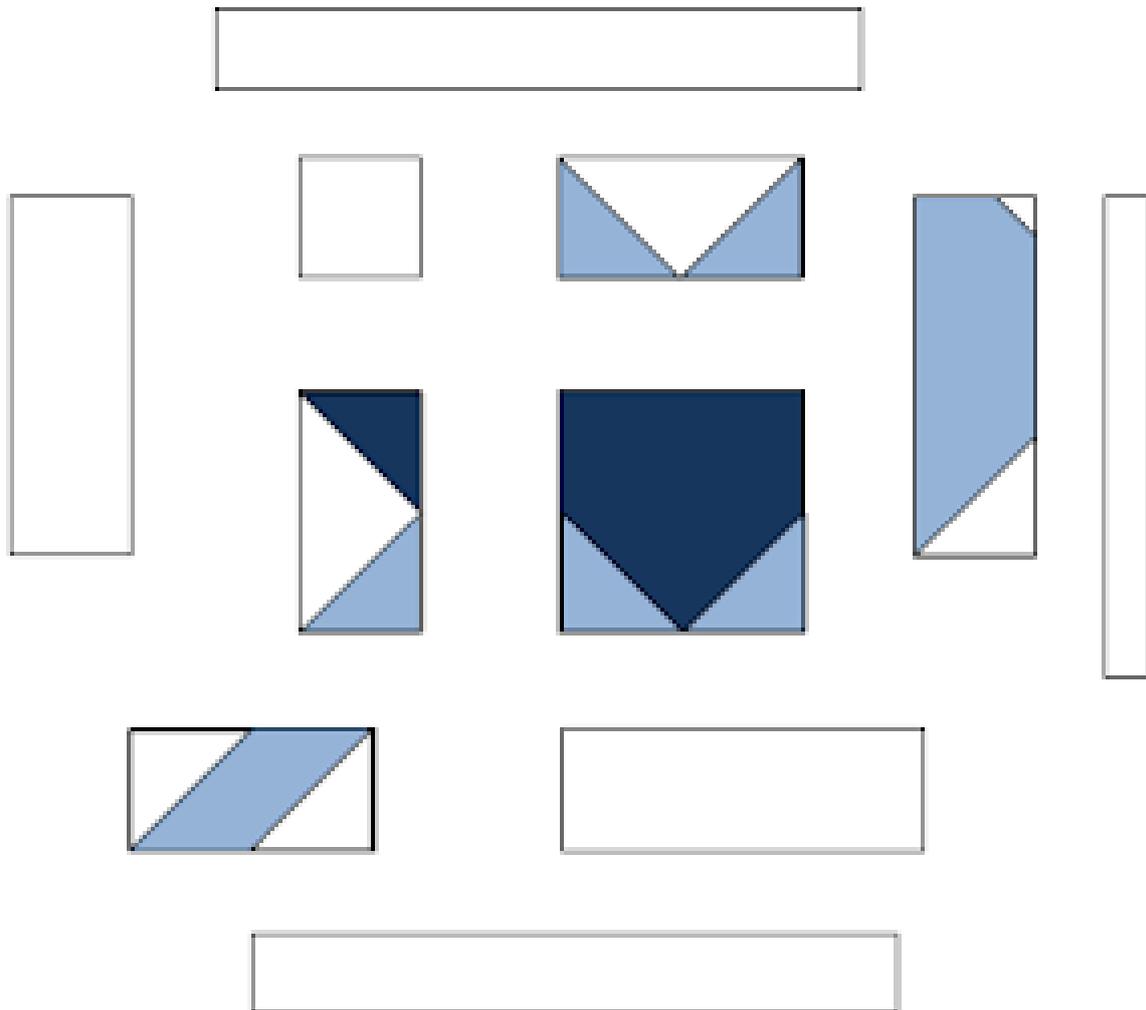


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Pieces I:

These are the complementary strips, 1 x 8, top and bottom; cut with $8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$, twice, in joker.

Shall we assemble? Check to see if your pieces look like this:



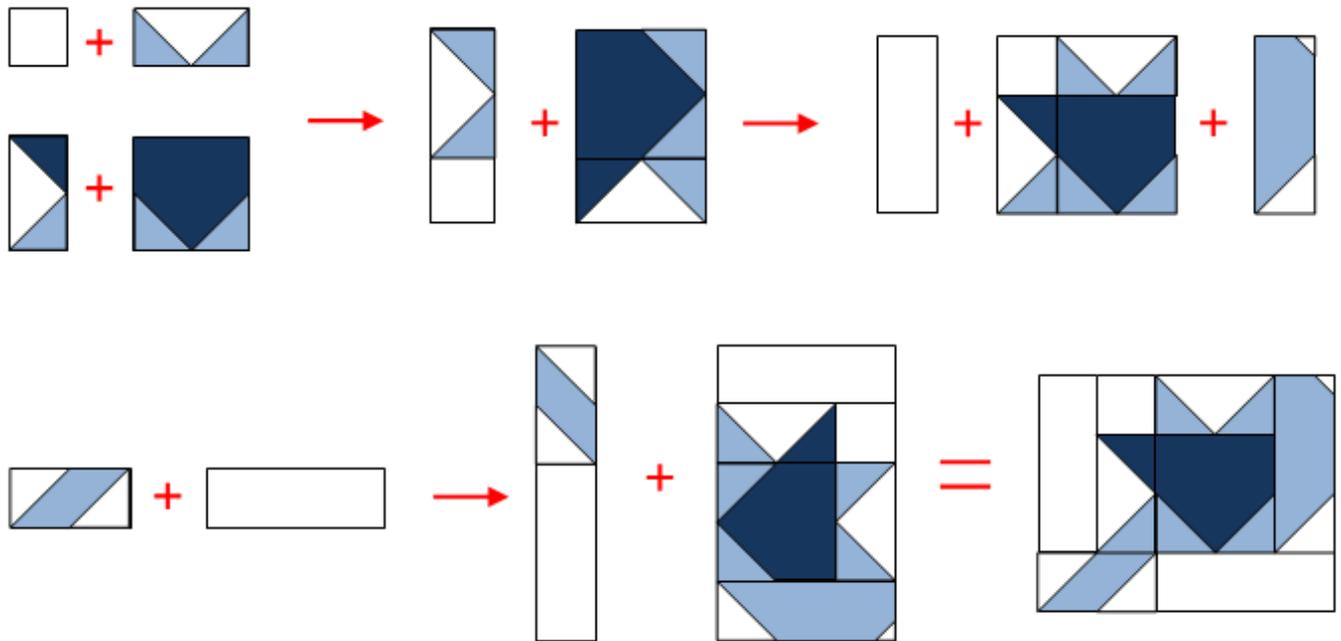
The toe is missing, isn't it?

For the toe, you will use just a little triangle of felt, or a little square of fabric folded to form a triangle.

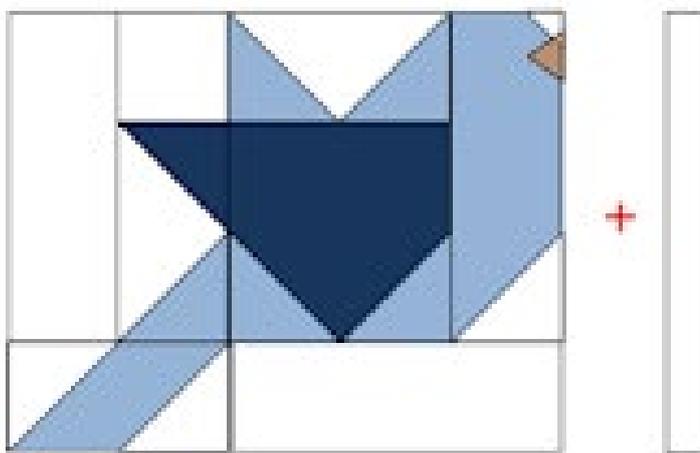
Follow the assembly. At this point you are already a "created snake" - very clever! - so you know what to do with seam allowances and the positioning of the pieces. Don't suffer too much with the issue of seam allowances: just remember that they need to be reversed when fitting two pieces with intersecting seams.

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When fitting, if the two pieces are facing the same way, reverse one. Passing the edges should be instinctive, which is why I will no longer orient the side as I have been doing up to now: you will gradually figure out on your own what works best. So just follow the scheme:



Now, before you sew the H piece, you need to pin the toe piece to the "head" of the little bird, as shown below:

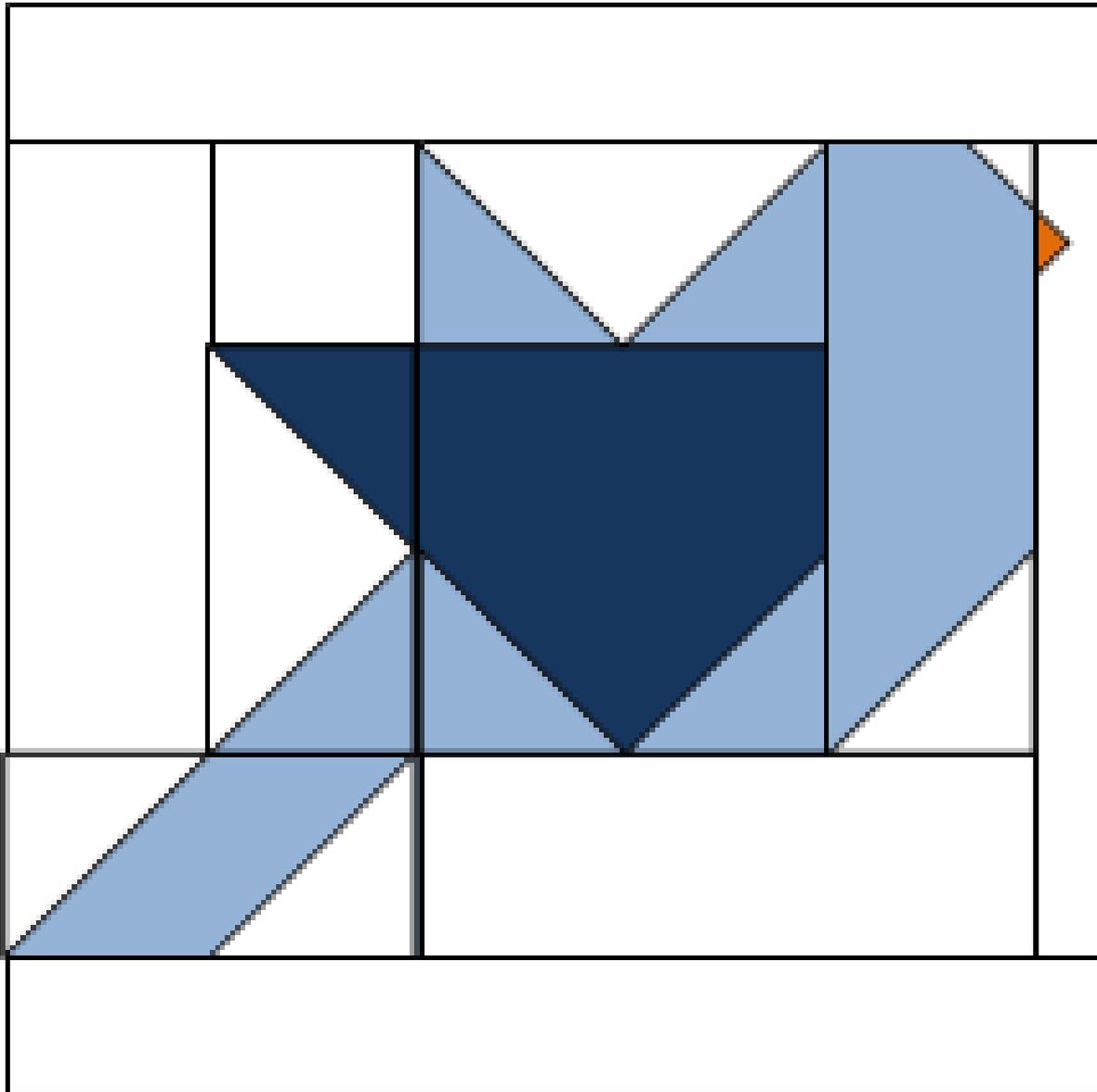


Notice the way in which the pecker was pinned: facing in the opposite direction, and advancing over the broken corner into a joker. This advance should be 1/4 inch. Pin, then position the "H" piece and sew as usual.



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Now just add the "i" pieces, top and bottom. That's all there is to it!



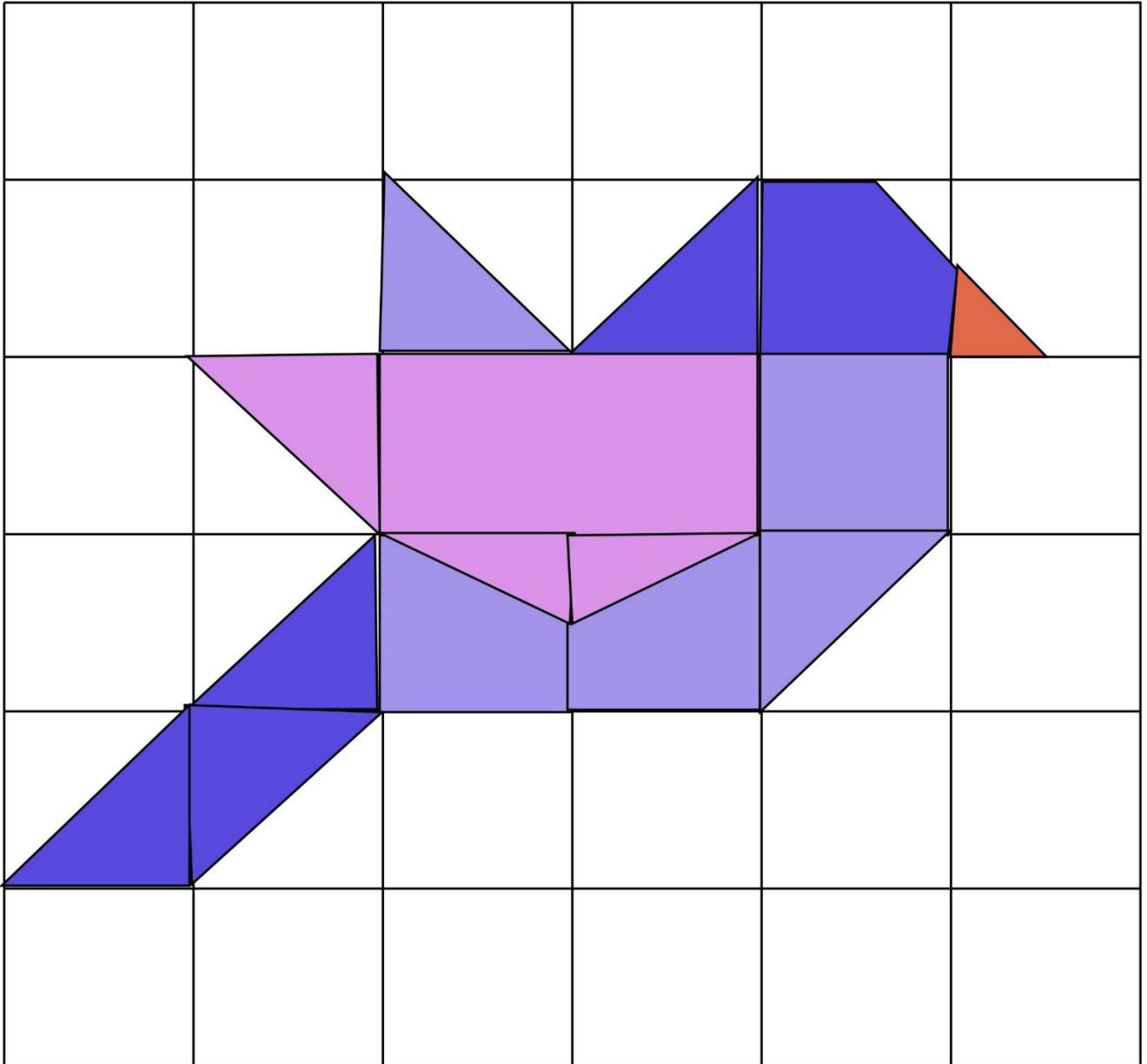


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