

How to sew a snowflake quilt block

Finished size:

12½in square (12in once pieced into project)

Notes:

This tutorial will show you how to sew 1 x snowflake quilt block pattern. If you want to make a whole snowflakes quilt, simply sew a batch of these blocks and try alternating with square blocks of solid colour to create a quilt top

Seam allowances are ¼in throughout, unless otherwise noted.

Press seams open, unless otherwise instructed.

Templates include seam allowances, where necessary.

RST = right sides together.

Wash and press all of your fabrics well before cutting.

Shorten your stitch length to 1.5 for foundation paper piecing.

HST = half square triangle.

If you're new to making quilts, you may need to practise a bit before you try this project, but never fear! We've got a complete guide to quilting for beginners to show you the ropes.



Fabrics used

We've used Wyndham Fabrics' Mimosa fabric (Leaves and Berries in Charcoal), but if you're looking for festive fabric to sew your block from, check out our guide to the best Christmas fabrics.

How about these Poinsettia Fat Quarters from Visage Textiles (from John Lewis)

We also think this snowflake would look beautiful pieced in this snow Navy Blue Metallic Gold Christmas fabric (available on Etsy)

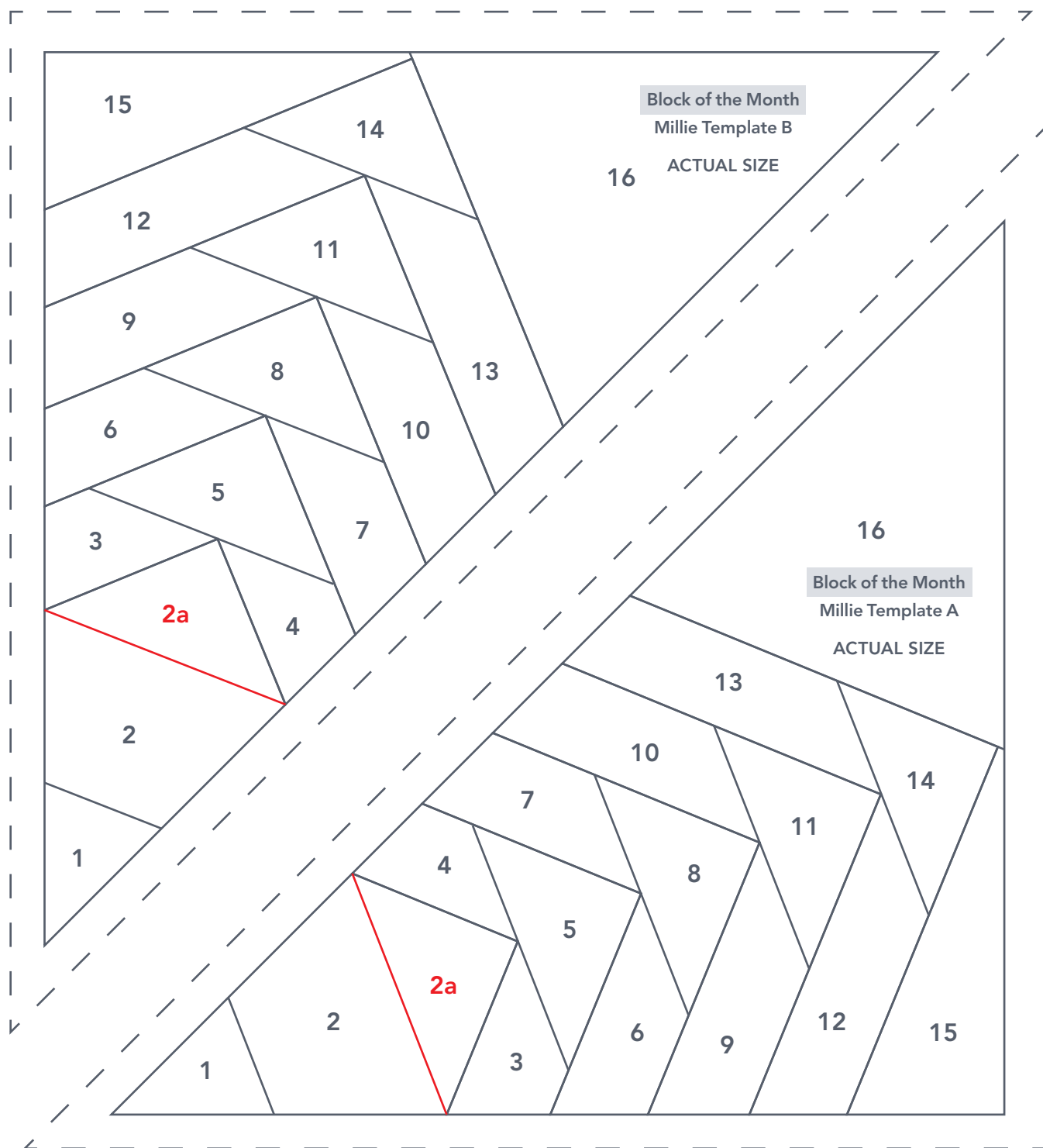
Free Snowflake quilt block pattern

Use the [Free snowflake Quilt Block Pattern](#) below to start

When printed at
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1in / 26mm square

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Snowflake quilts: How to make the quilt block (step by step)

You Will Need

Fabric (1 fat quarter of print fabric)

Fabric (½ yard white fabric)

Template (Download our free snowflake quilt block template)

Sewing machine

Thread

Total time:

5 hours

Cutting out your snowflake quilt block

Step 1

Cut the print fabric as follows:

Eight (8) 3in squares (for *section 2* on the templates).

Sixteen (16) 3½in squares. Subcut in half on the diagonal to yield two half square triangles per square (for sections 5, 8, 11 and 14 on the templates).

Step 2

Cut the white fabric as follows:

Eight (8) 2in squares (for *section 1* on the templates).

Sixteen (16) 1¼in x 2in strips (for *sections 3 and 4* on the templates).

Sixteen (16) 1¼in x 2½in strips (for *sections 6 and 7* on the templates).

Sixteen (16) 1¼in x 3in strips (for *sections 9 and 10* on the templates).

Sixteen (16) 1¼in x 3 ½in strips (for *sections 12 and 13* on the templates).

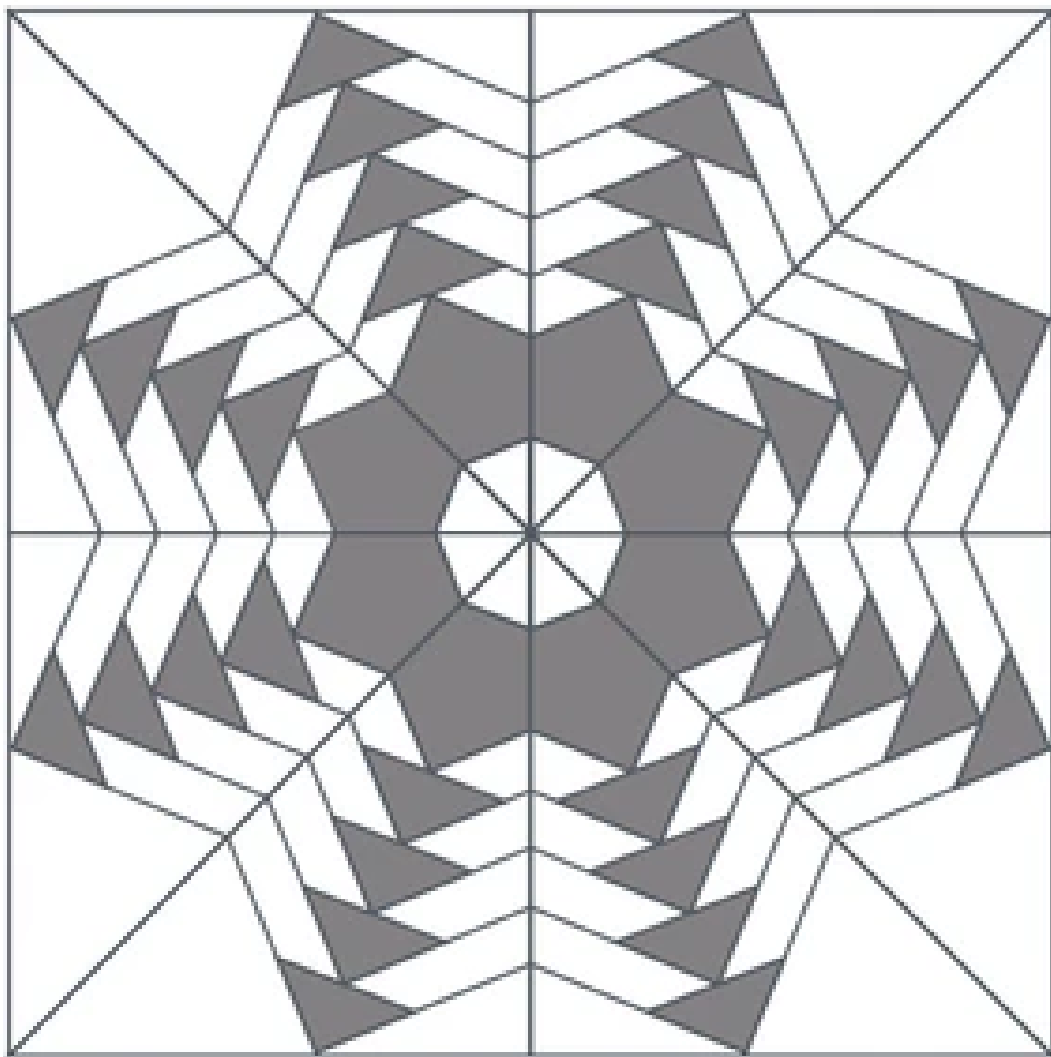
Eight (8) 2½in x 5in strips (for *section 15* on the templates).

Eight (8) 4in x 5in rectangles (for *section 16* on the templates).

Piecing the units of the snowflake quilt block

Step 1

The snowflake block is made up of four pairs of units. Each is foundation paper pieced, trimmed to size, the papers removed and the block is then assembled as shown in the layout diagram below.



Layout diagram: Marvellous Millie block

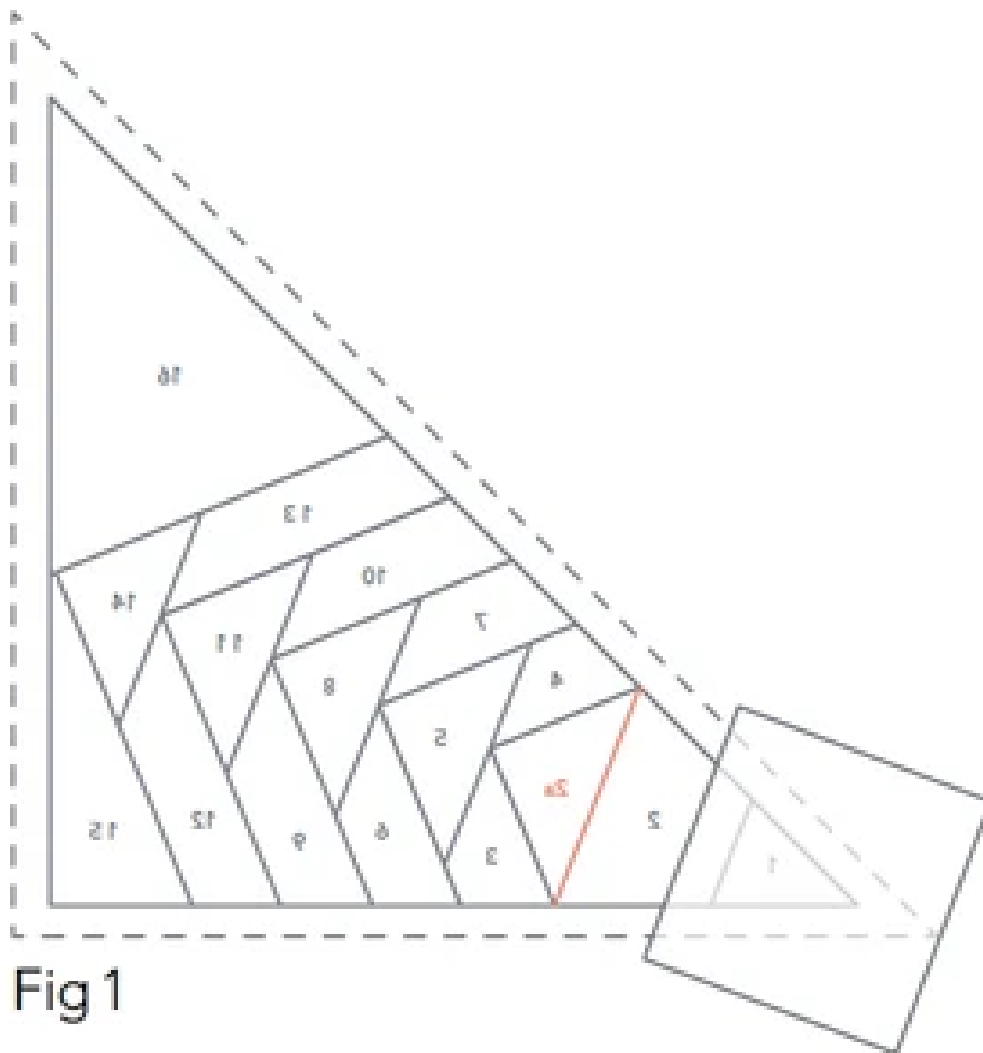
Step 2

Foundation paper piece the eight templates using the fabric strips, rectangles and HSTs for the various sections on the templates as indicated in the cutting list. If you're not sure how to do this, head to our guide to foundation piecing.

For the purposes of the main block, ignore the red line and the red numbering of 2a on the templates. These are only used for the piecing of Lynne's remix quilt block (not featured in this tutorial).

Step 3

First pin one white 2in square to the back of one of the templates making sure it covers the whole of section 1 plus at least $\frac{1}{4}$ in on each side (*Fig 1*). The wrong side of the fabric should be facing the back of the template.



Step 4

Pin a print fabric 3in square RST with the white square pinning along the seam line between sections 1 and 2 so that, once the seam is sewn and the print fabric is folded over, it will cover section 2 by at least $\frac{1}{4}$ in on each side (*Fig 2*).

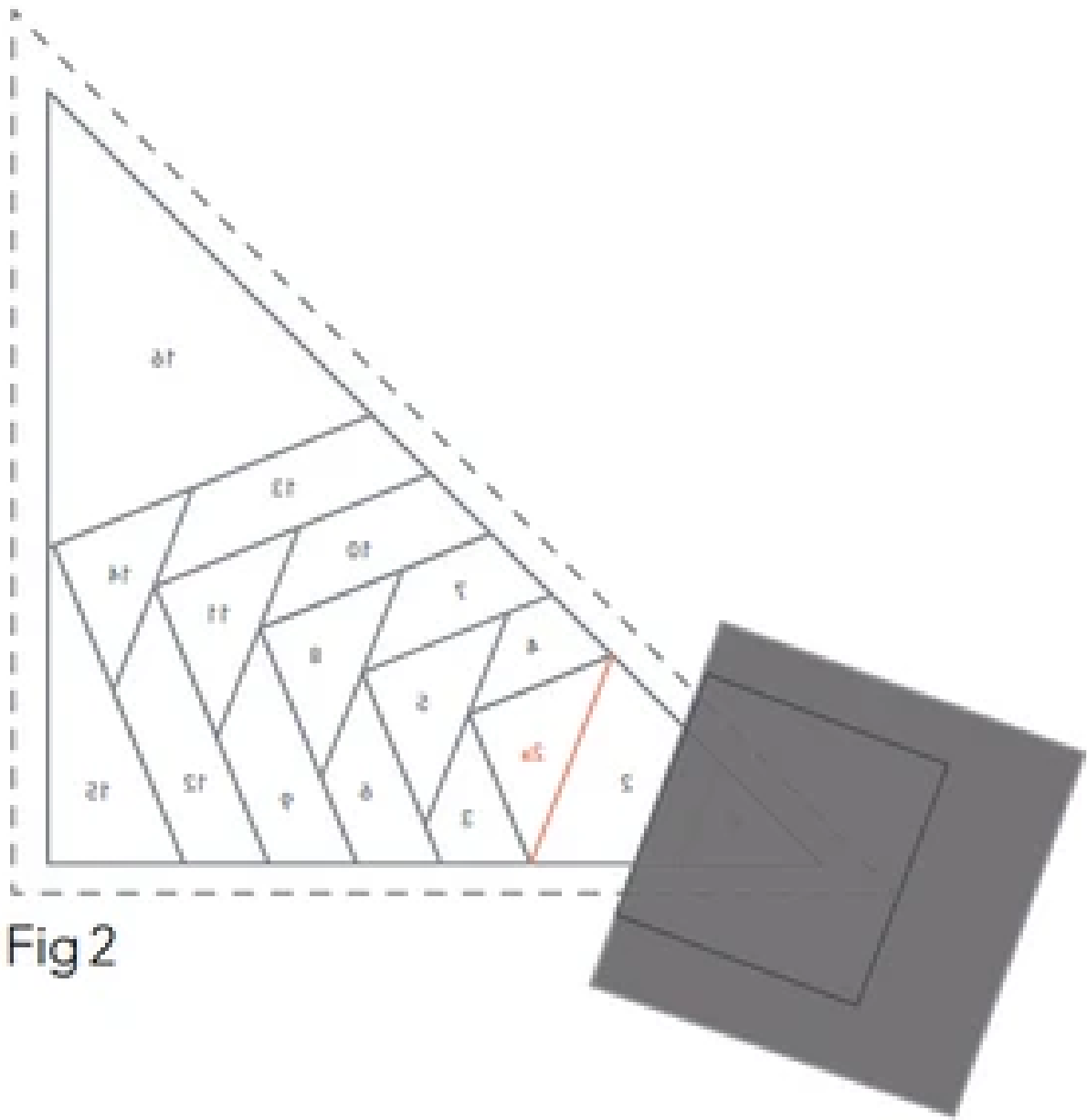


Fig 2

Step 5

Flip the paper template over so the printed side is up and sew along the line between sections 1 and 2 extending the seam approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ in beyond each (*Fig 3*).

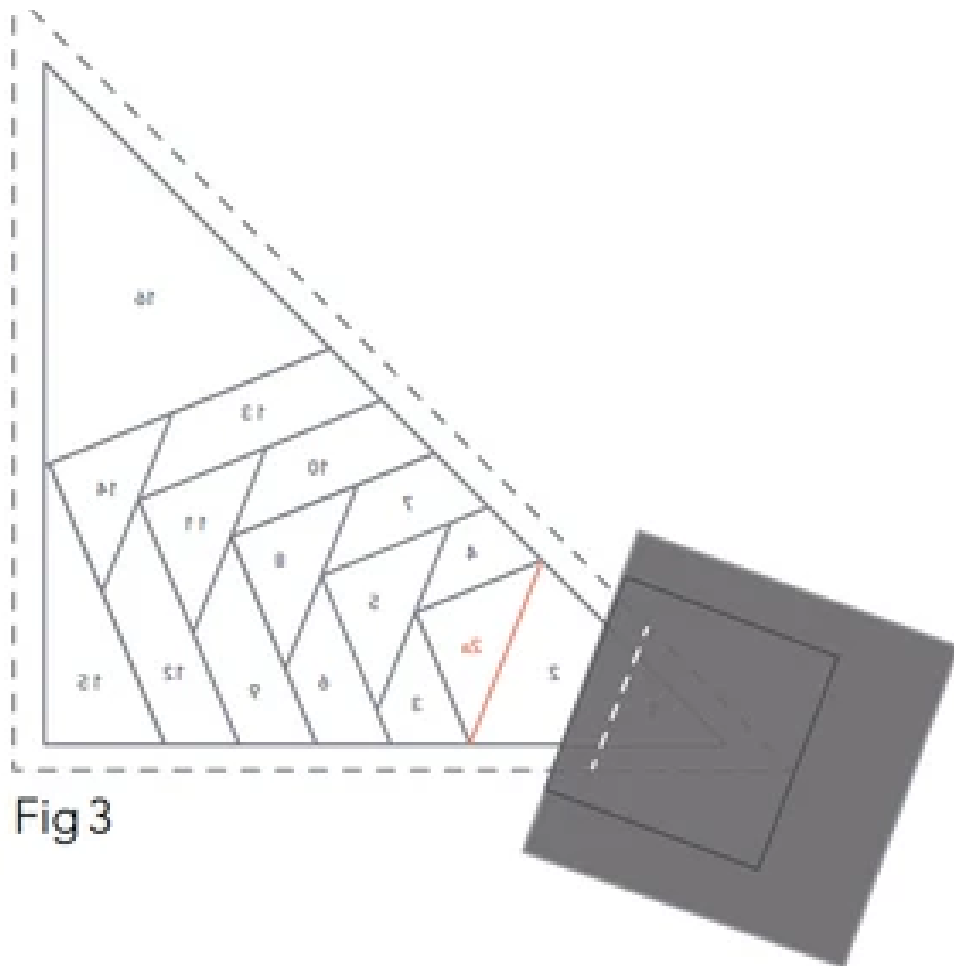


Fig3

Step 6

Press the print fabric over so it covers *section 2* and extends at least $\frac{1}{4}$ in beyond each side (*Fig 4*).

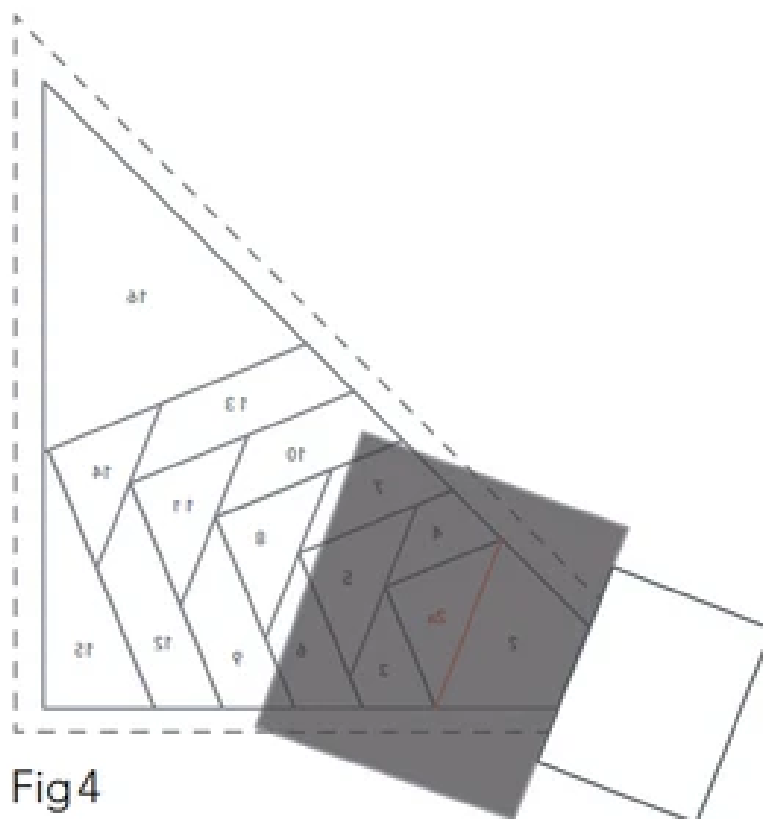
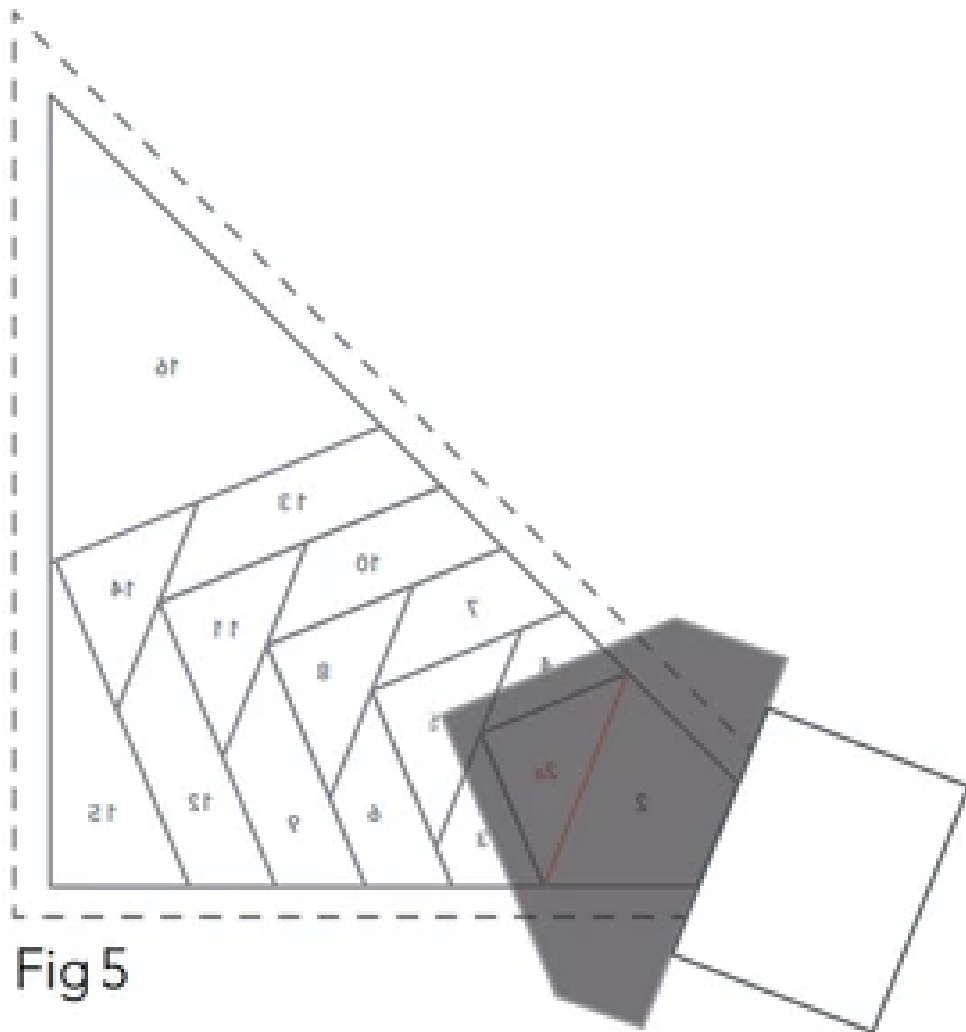


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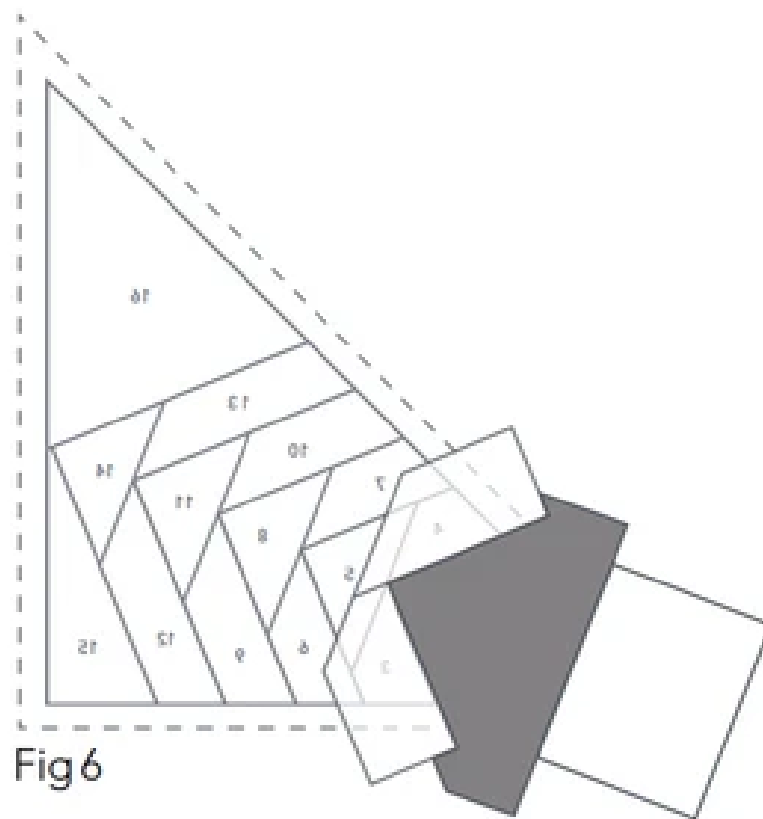
Step 7

Trim section 2 to $\frac{1}{4}$ in beyond each seam line between *section 2* and *sections 3 and 4* (*Fig 5*).



Step 8

Sew $1\frac{1}{4}$ in x 2in strips to cover *sections 3 and 4* in the same way. Once sewn and pressed, trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ in beyond the seam line between *sections 3 and 4* and *section 5* (*Fig 6*).



Step 9

Continue piecing the templates in the same way until all sections on all eight templates are pieced.

Step 10

Trim the pieced units to size along the dashed lines and remove papers.

Assembling the block

Step 1

Sew the units together in pairs along the diagonals (*Fig 7*).

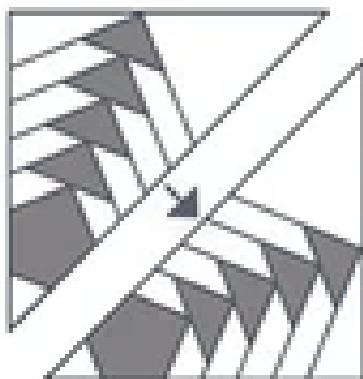


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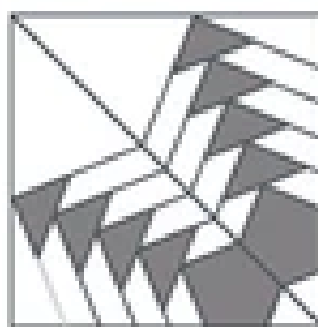


Fig 8



Step 2

Sew the pairs of units together to make half of the block (*Fig 8*).

Step 3

Sew the two halves of the block together (*Fig 9*). Press the block and check that it is 12½in square.

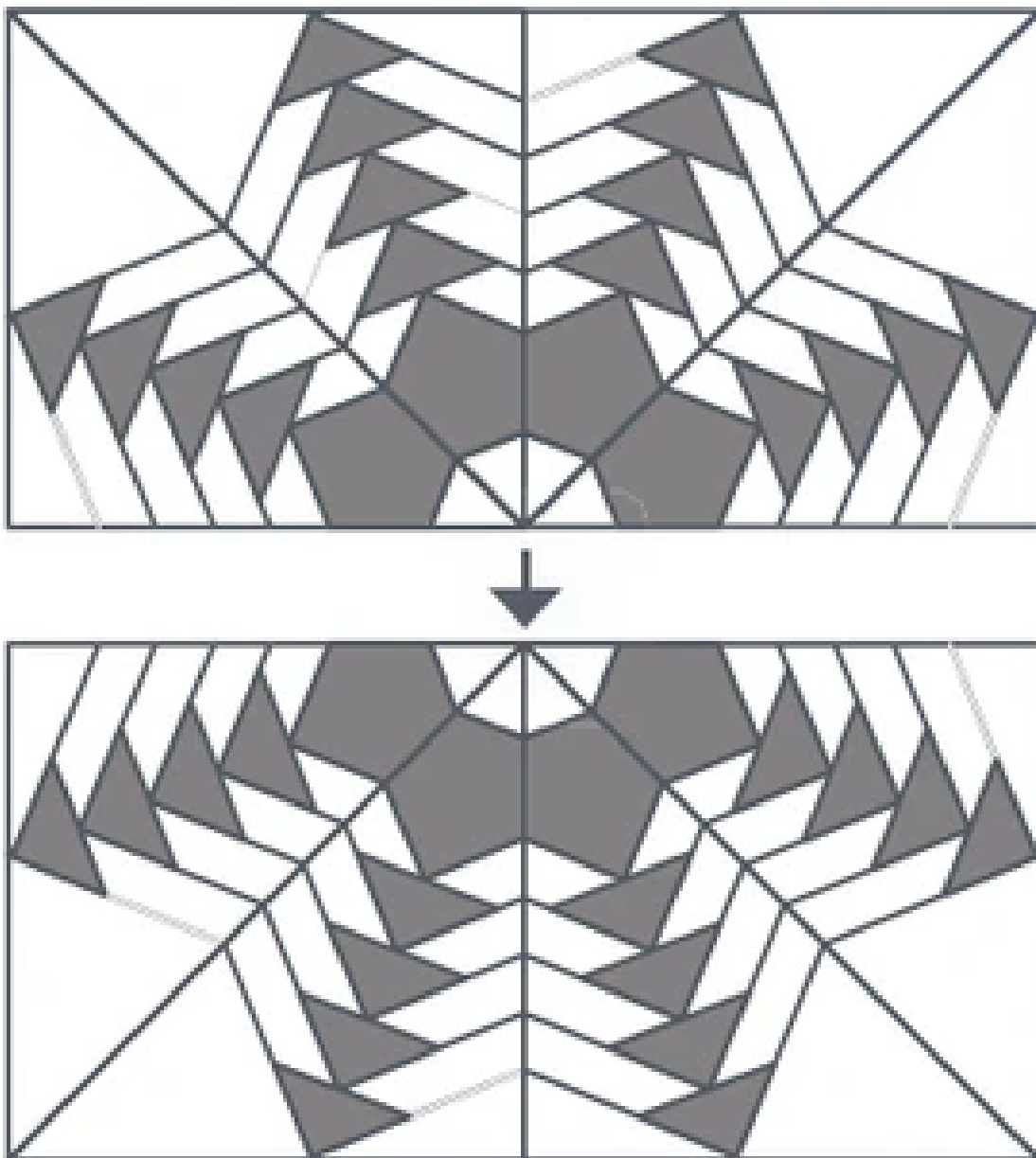


Fig 9