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.

4.5" — 4.5" — 4.5"

4.5" — 5"
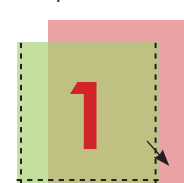
Front   Facing   Back
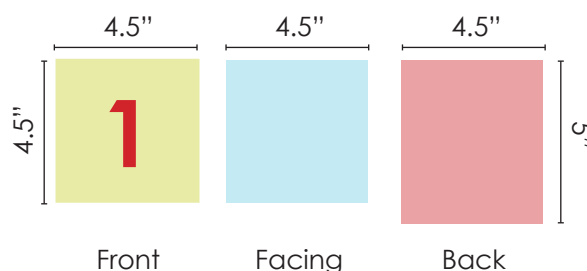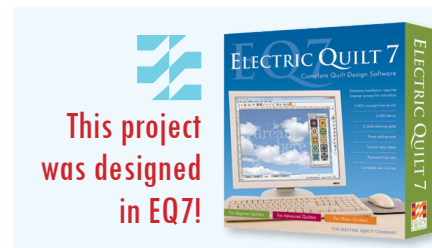
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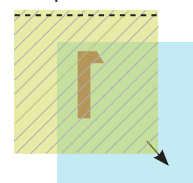
Place front of pocket onto facing and stitch 1/4" seam across top.

Step 5

Place lined pocket on top of backing. Aline 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 ½" 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 ½" x 35" sashing strips. Add the 2 ½" x 35" side borders.

Step 9: Add the 2 ½" x 26 ½" 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.

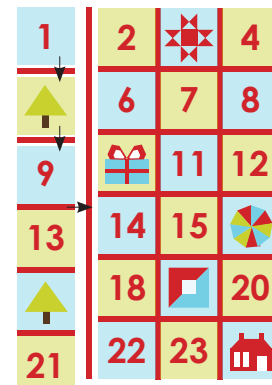**Step 21:** Add a little gift to each pocket.

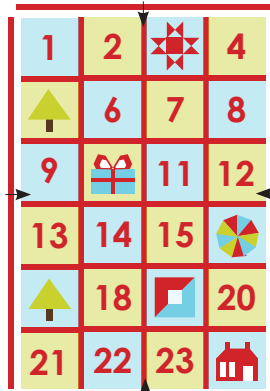**Step 22:** Celebrate!

Step 6

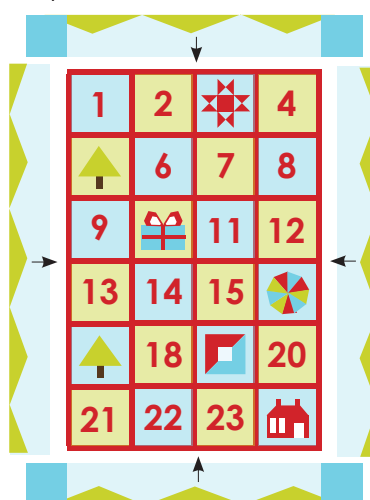Arrange blocks in order.

Step 7

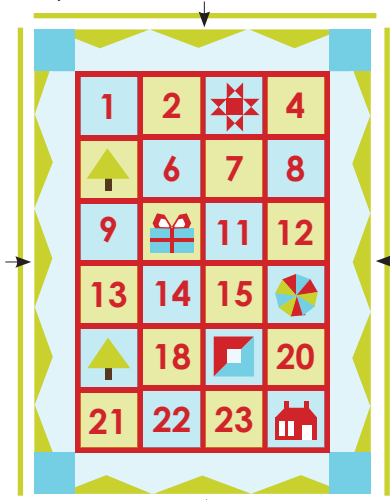Join blocks in vertical columns then connect columns together.

Steps 8 and 9

Add the top, bottom, and side borders.
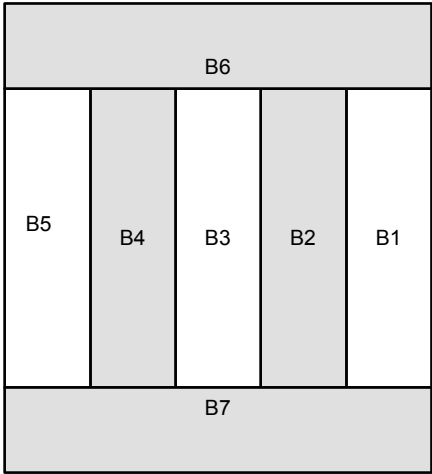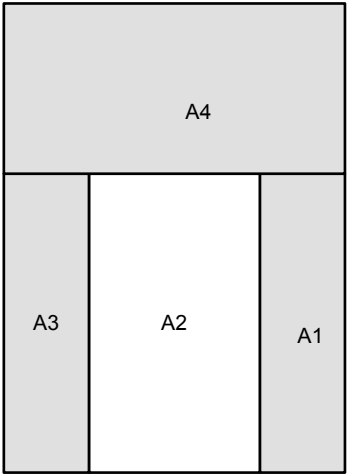
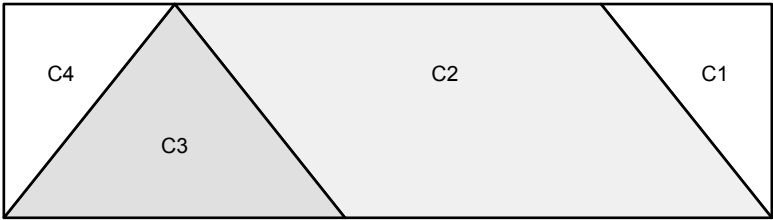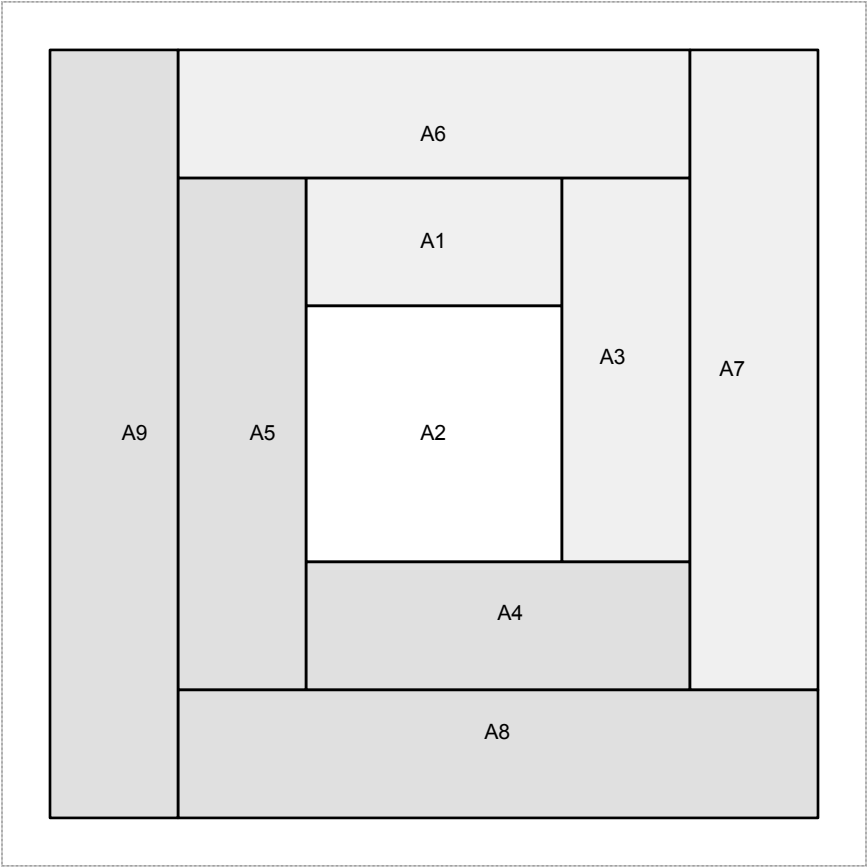Steps 16 and 17

Add foundation pieced border.

Step 20

Add binding.

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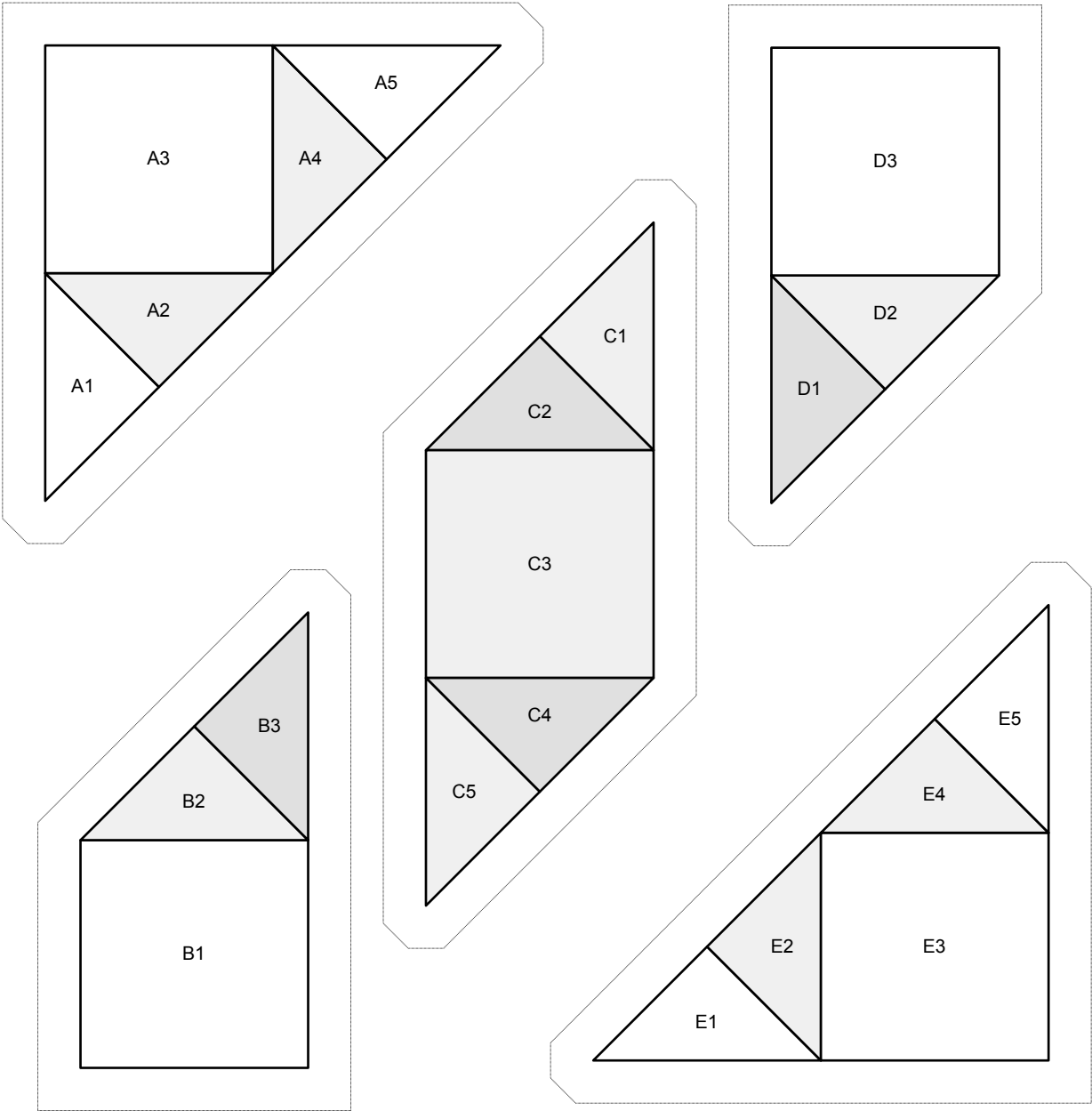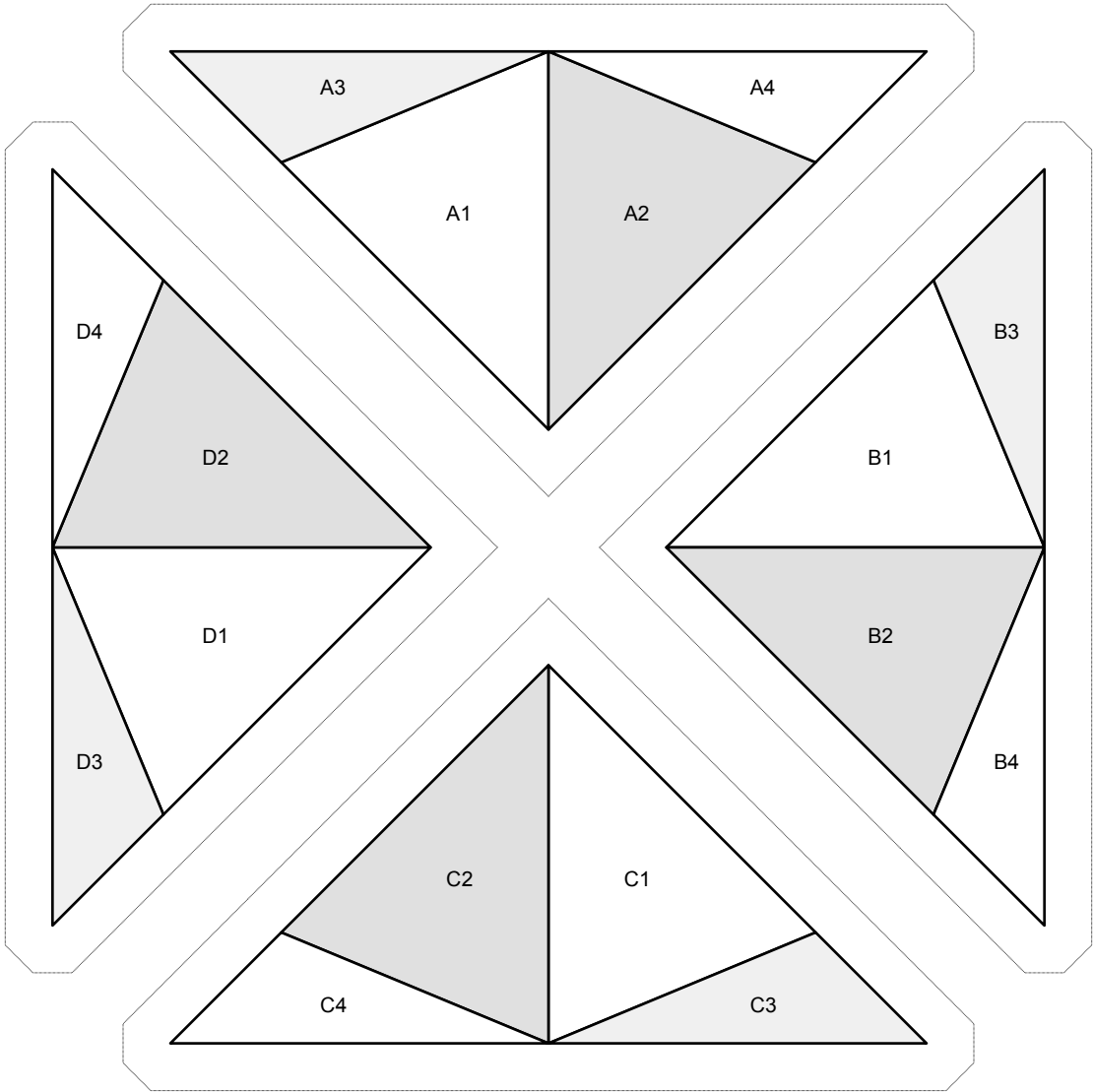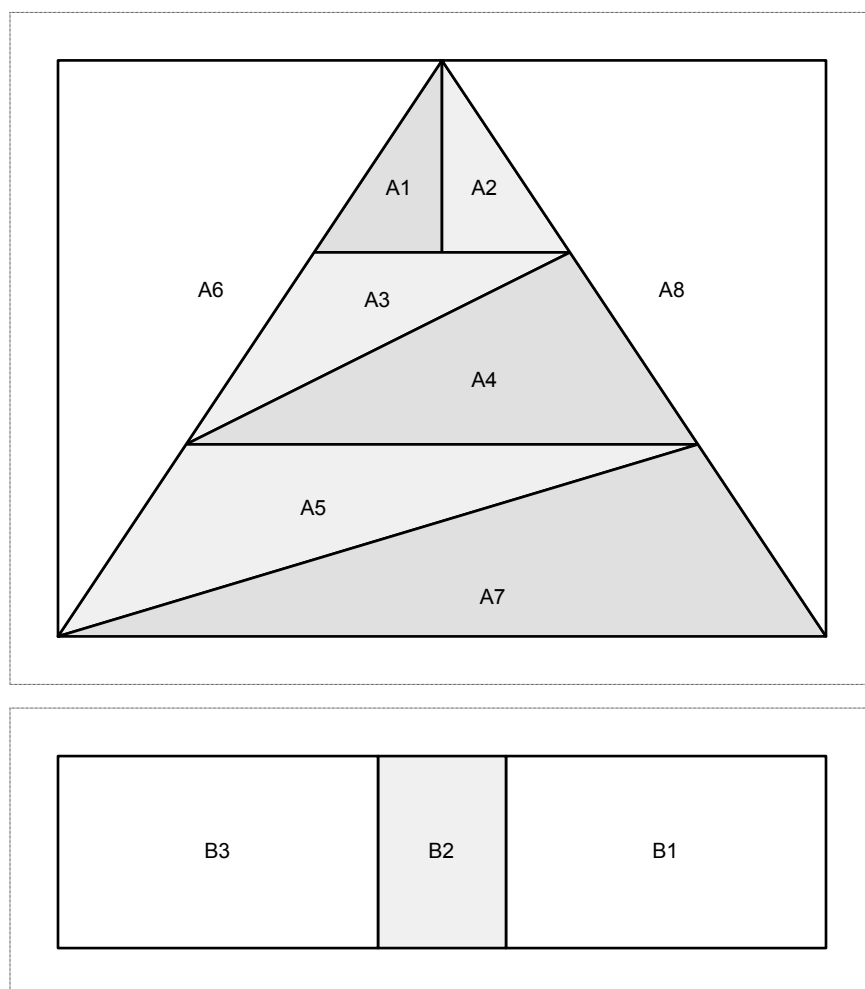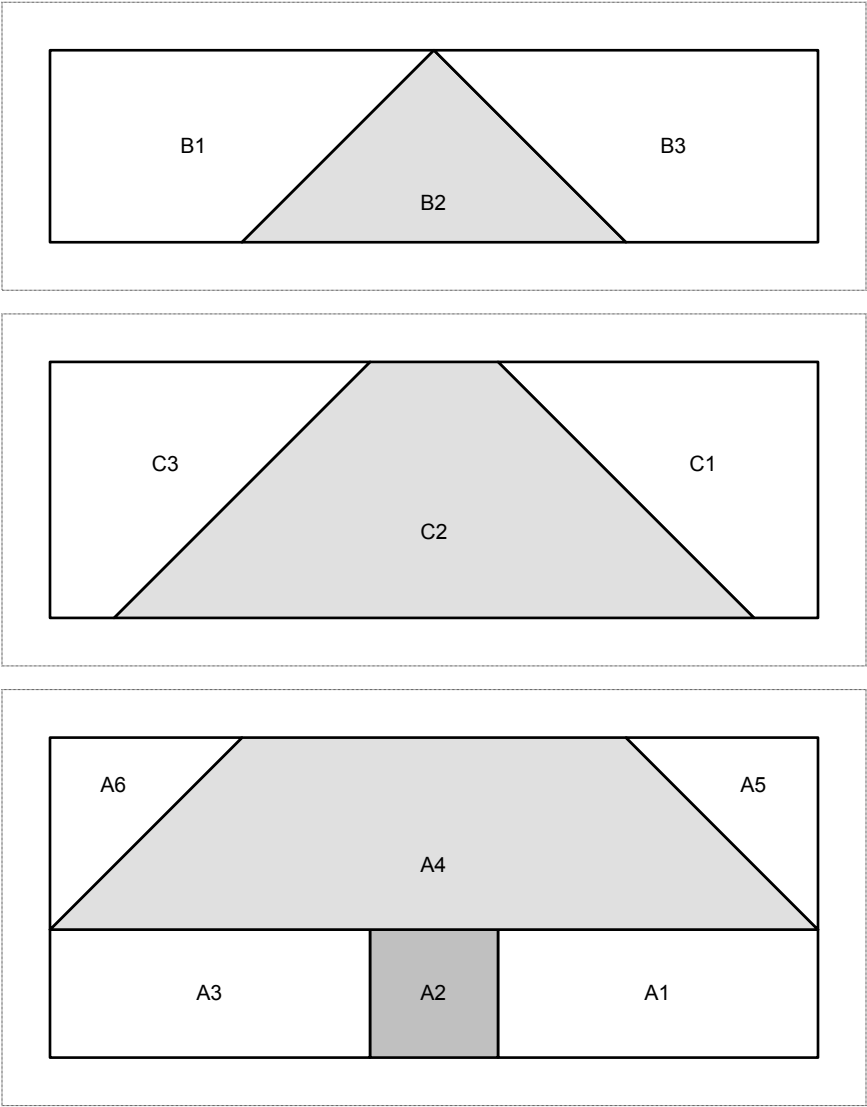
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C4 C3 C2 C1

A4

A3 A2 A1

B6

B5 B4 B3 B2 B1

B7

3 Log Cabin

A6

A1

A3

A7

A9

A5

A2

A4

A8

Ohio Star

A5
A3
A4
A2
A1

D3
D2
D1

C1
C2
C3
C4
C5

B3
B2
B1

E5
E4
E3
E2
E1

Kaleidoscope Rotated

A3   A4

A1   A2

D4

D2

B3

B1

D1

B2

D3

B4

C2   C1

C4   C3

Evergreen

A1 A2

A6 A3

A4

A8

A5

A7

B3 B2 B1

Christmas Tree

B1

B2

B3

C3

C2

C1

A6

A4

A5

A3

A2

A1

Present

A9　A8　A6　A1　A2　A4　A5

A7　A3

E1　E2　E3

C2　C1

C3

D3

D2

D1

B1

B4

B2

B3

F1

Text Templates

0123456789

9020
3681
00401 0

547

Border Block - Top & Bottom Borders

E1

E2

C1

C2

C3

B2

B1

B3

D1

D2

A2

A3

A1

A4
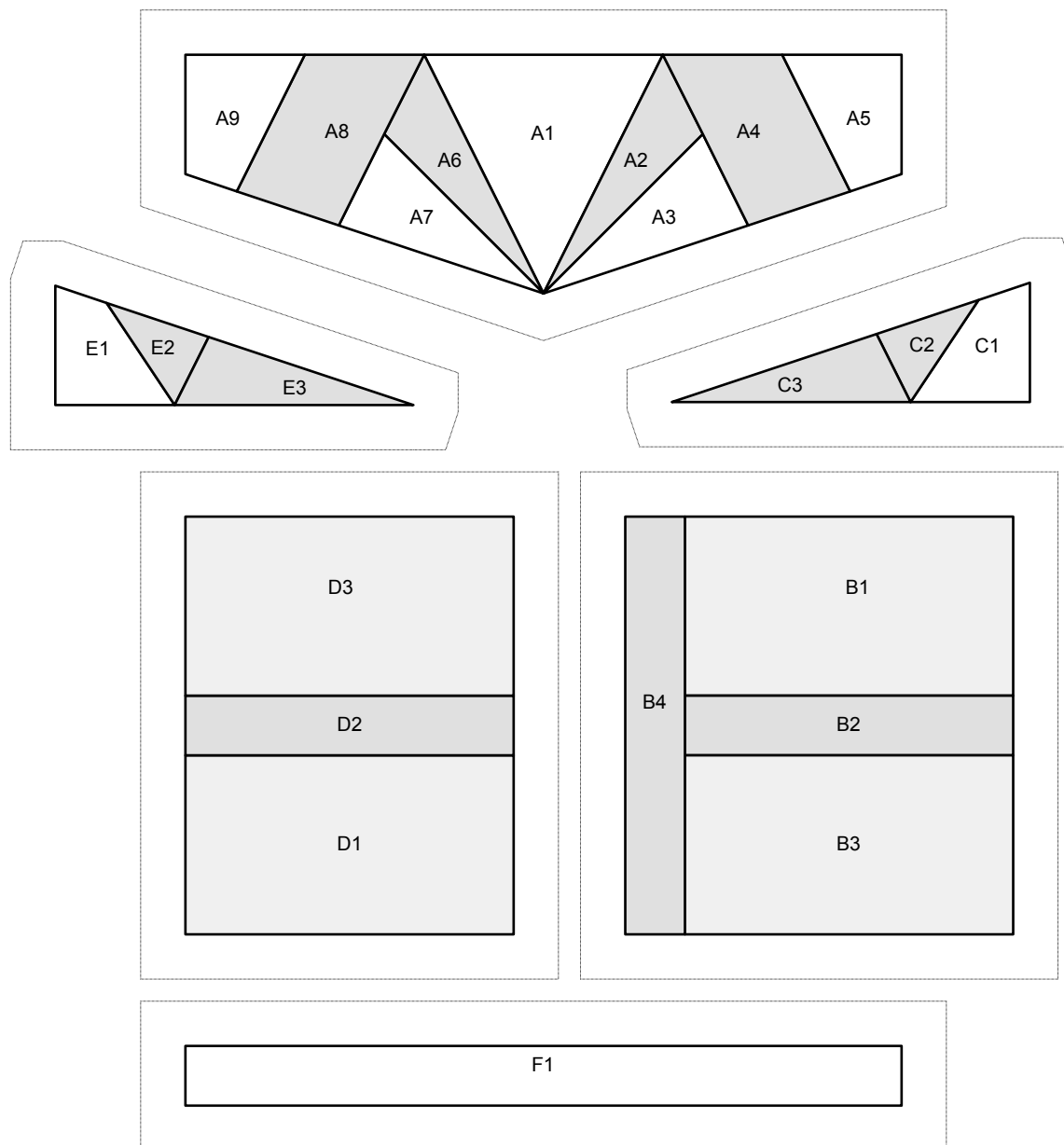
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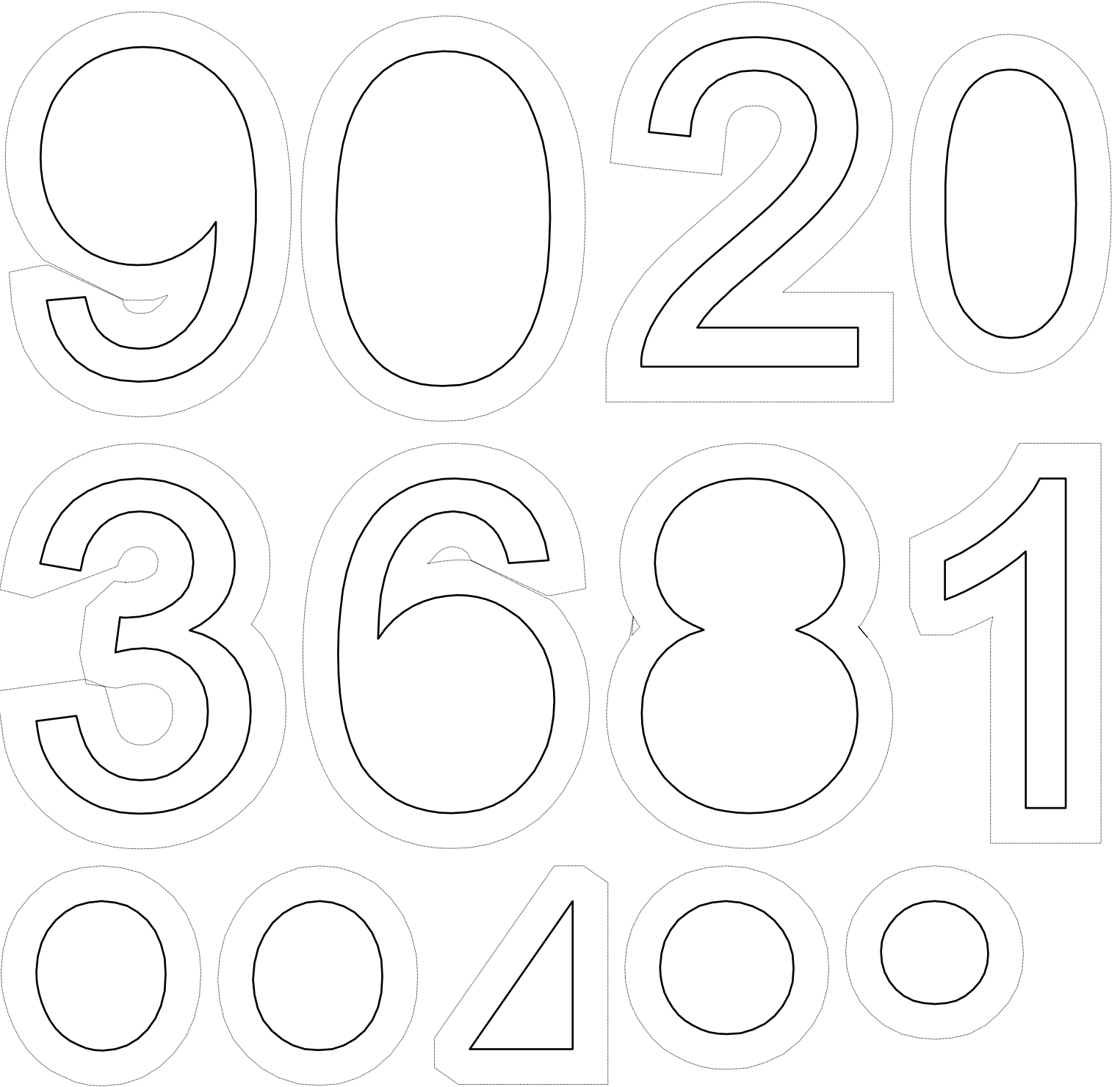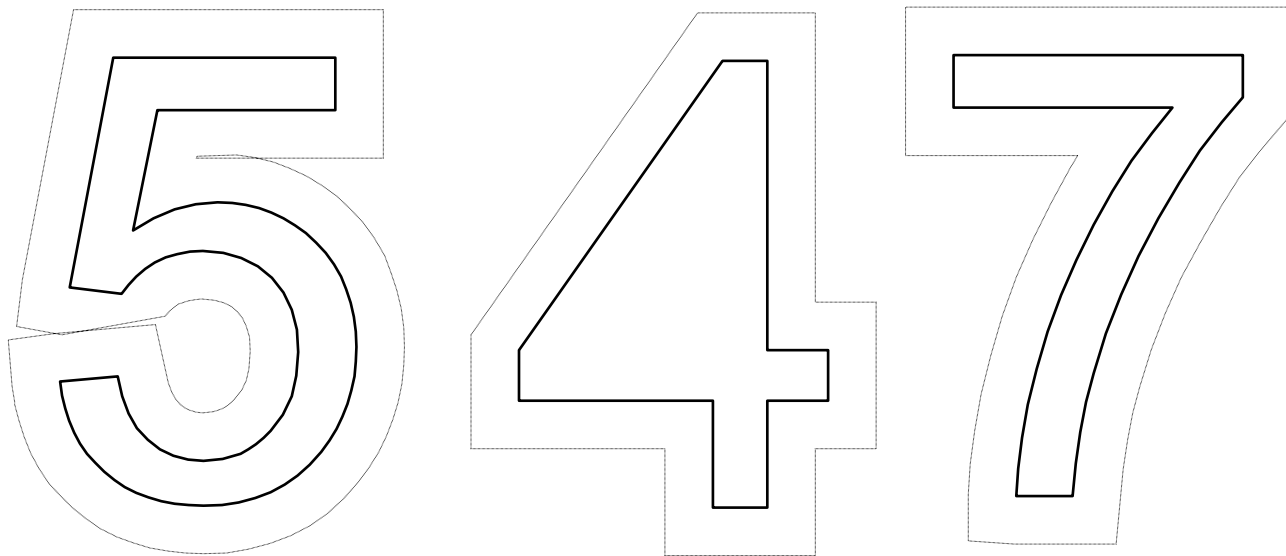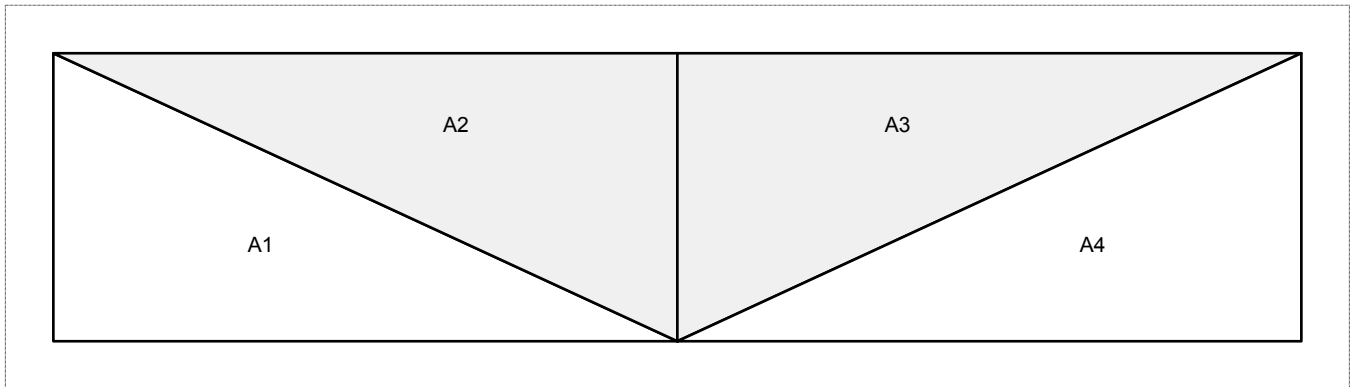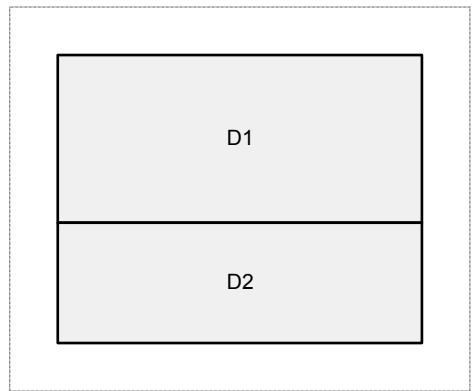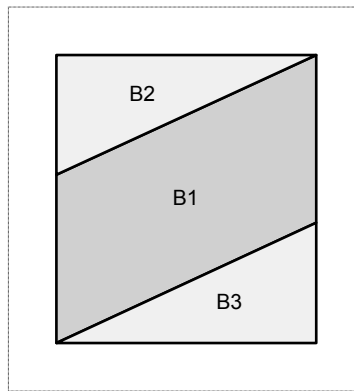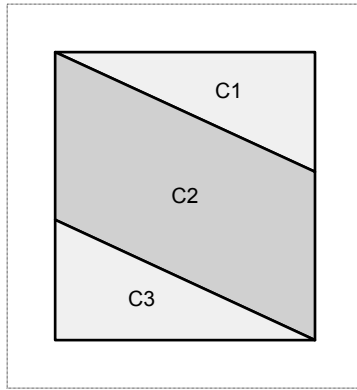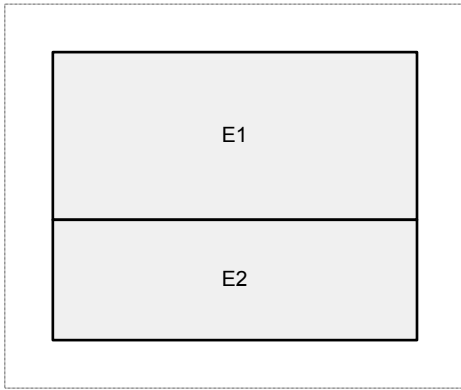
Border Block - Left & Right Borders

A1

A2

A3

A4

E2 E1

C3 C2 C1

B2 B1 B3

D2 D1

Border Corner

A3
A1
A2
A8
A4
A6
A5
A7
B5
B4
B2
B3
B1

Pattern for "Border Corner" as 3.000 by 3.000 (inches) block, printed from EQ7!