

Holiday Ornaments Mini-Workshop with Becky Fiedler

Ornament/Gift Tag/Gift Card Holder

This handout accompanies a presentation that incorporated a variety of techniques familiar to many quilters. In lieu of traditional binding, the project is completed using a pillowcase finish (sometimes also called knife-edge finish or “birthing”).



Figure 1: Image by Gordon Johnson from Pixabay

General requirements per ornament

- Ornament top: 5 or 6-inch square pieced and decorated as desired.
- Ornament back: 5 or 6-inch square
- Ornament pocket: 5 or 6-inch square, folded with *wrong* sides together. Optional edge-stitching on the fold.
- Ornament cap: 2 pieces at 2" x 2 ½" each: one for ornament top and the other for the ornament back
- Low loft batting: 5 or 6-inch square
- 8" ribbon, yarn, cording or string for hanger

Layering your ornament sandwich

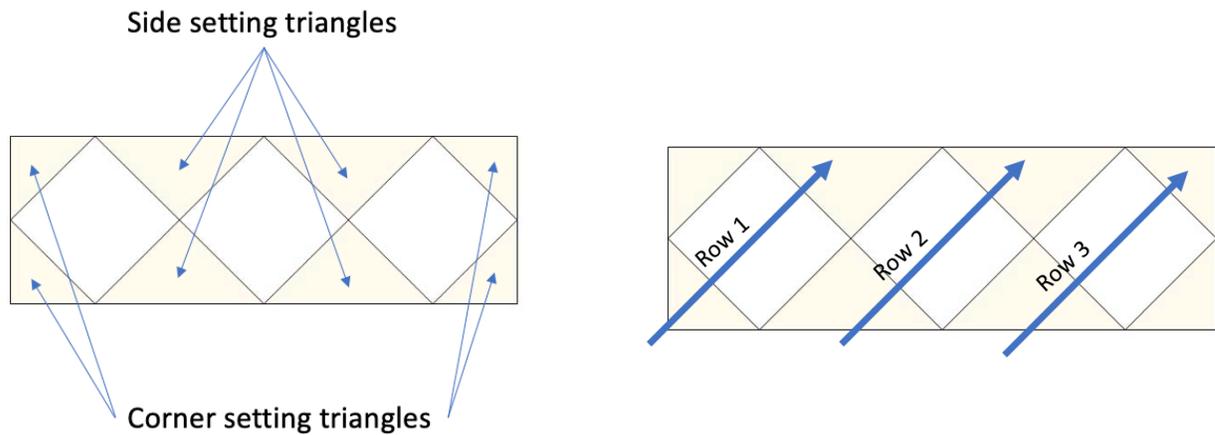
1. Stitch ornament cap and hanging ribbon/cord to ornament top, backstitching over hanger ends. Press seams to one side.
2. Stitch ornament cap to ornament back. Press seams to nest with ornament top.
3. Place batting on your work surface.
4. On top of batting, add the ornament back, right side up, aligning edge of batting to stitching line.
5. For the pocket, fold the pocket square to a size that will keep the contents secure. Place it on the ornament back with raw edges at the bottom of the ornament.
6. Finally, add the ornament top, right side down. The stitching line will align with the edge of the batting.

Tutorials that provide more information on techniques from Becky's presentation

- Making fabric by Victoria Findlay Wolfe at <http://www.15minutesplay.com/2010/07/got-15-minutes.html> or crumb blocks at <https://quiltville.com/barbscrumbs.shtml>
- Foundation paper piecing tutorial from Connecting Threads <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv2gKMx9CCM>
- Ladder stitch tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2B_fgEGMIM

Laying out small on-point blocks

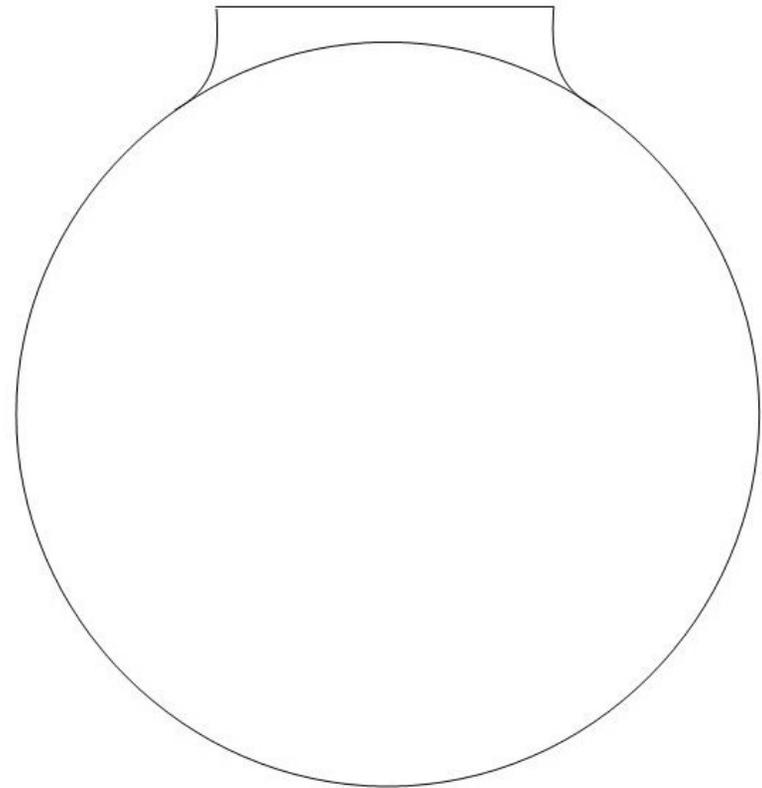
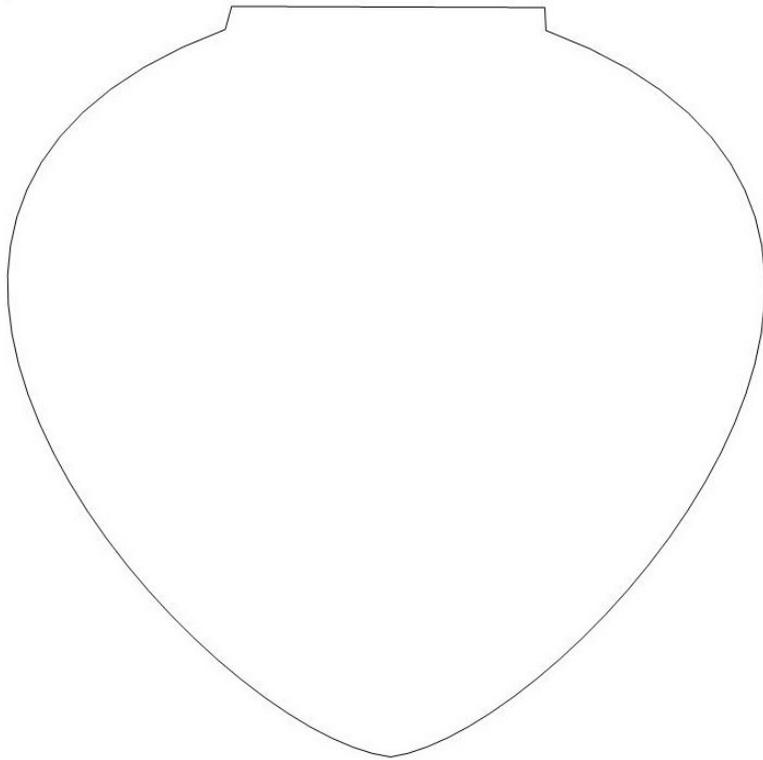
1. Cut 2.75" (or larger) squares, cutting diagonally two times for side setting triangles.
2. Cut two squares, each 1 5/8" (or larger). Cut each on the diagonal.
3. Lay out as shown in the first diagram.
4. Sew together as indicated in the second diagram, adding the remaining corner setting triangles at the end.
5. Insert the completed unit into the ornament top and assemble ornament as demonstrated.

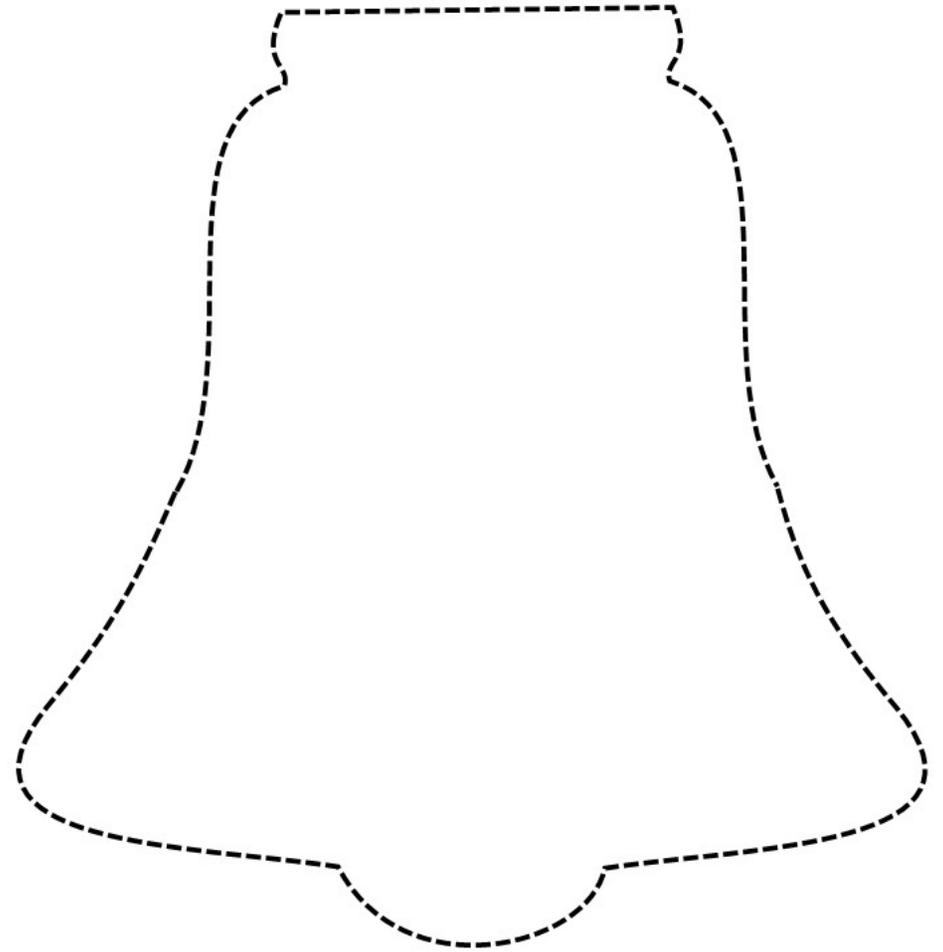
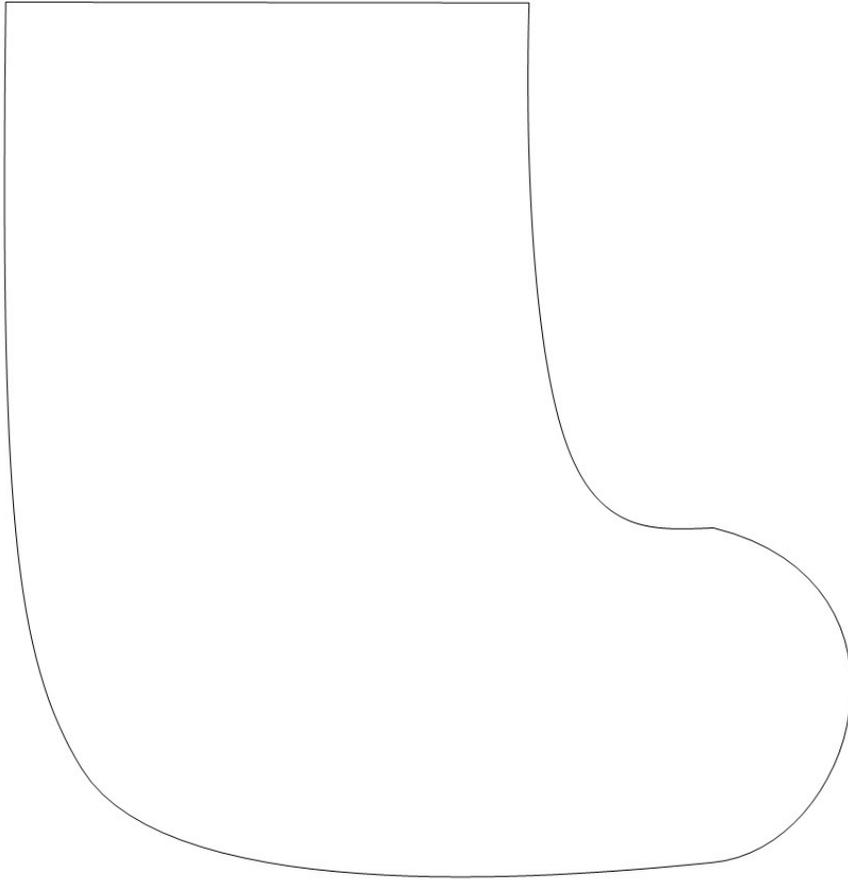


Shape Templates

Created using *Electric Quilt 8* quilt design software

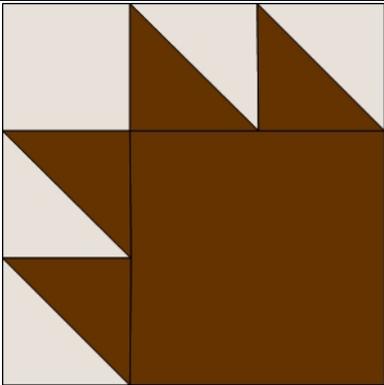
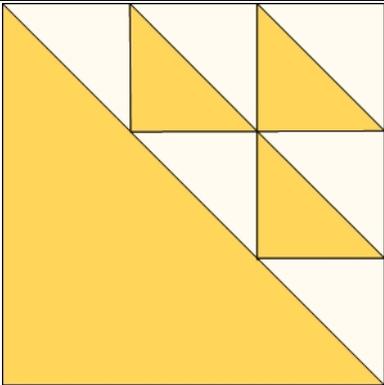
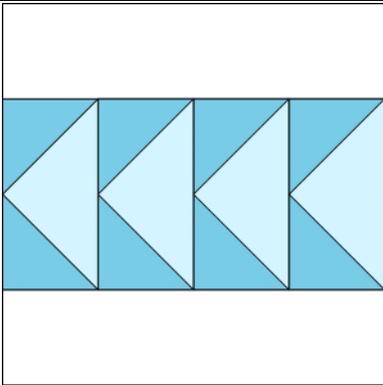
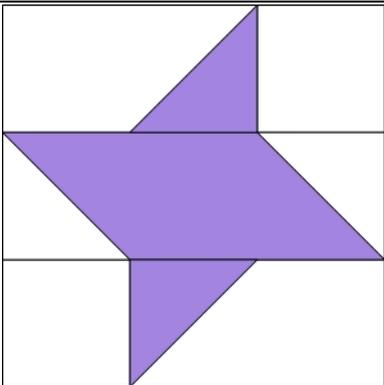
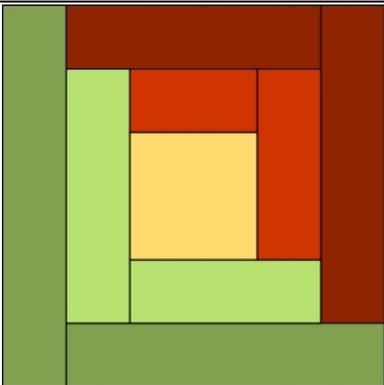
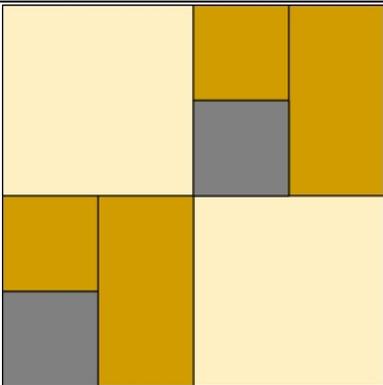
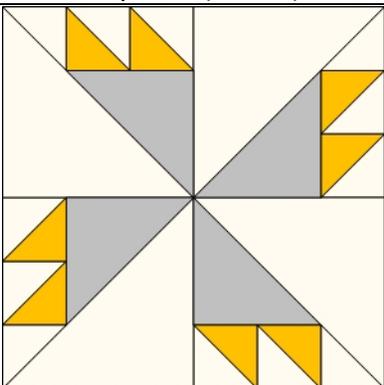
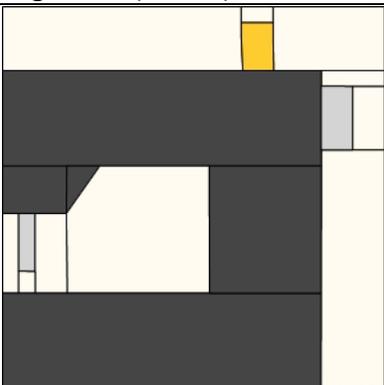
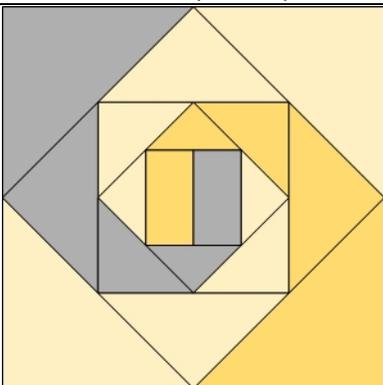
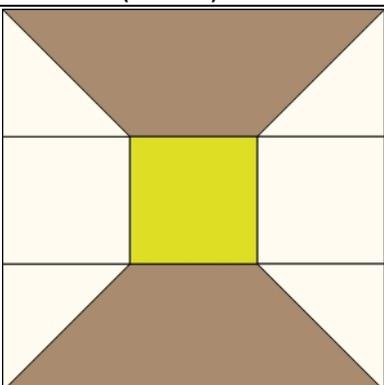
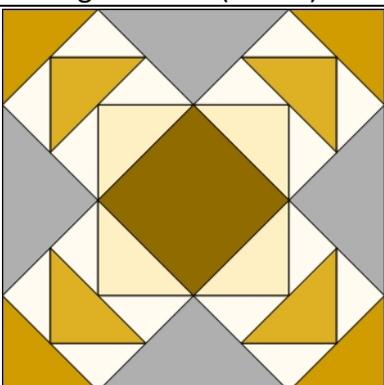
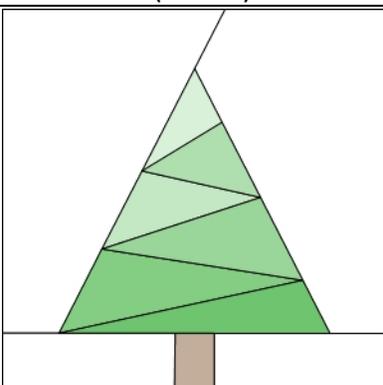
Trace these onto card stock or template plastic before using



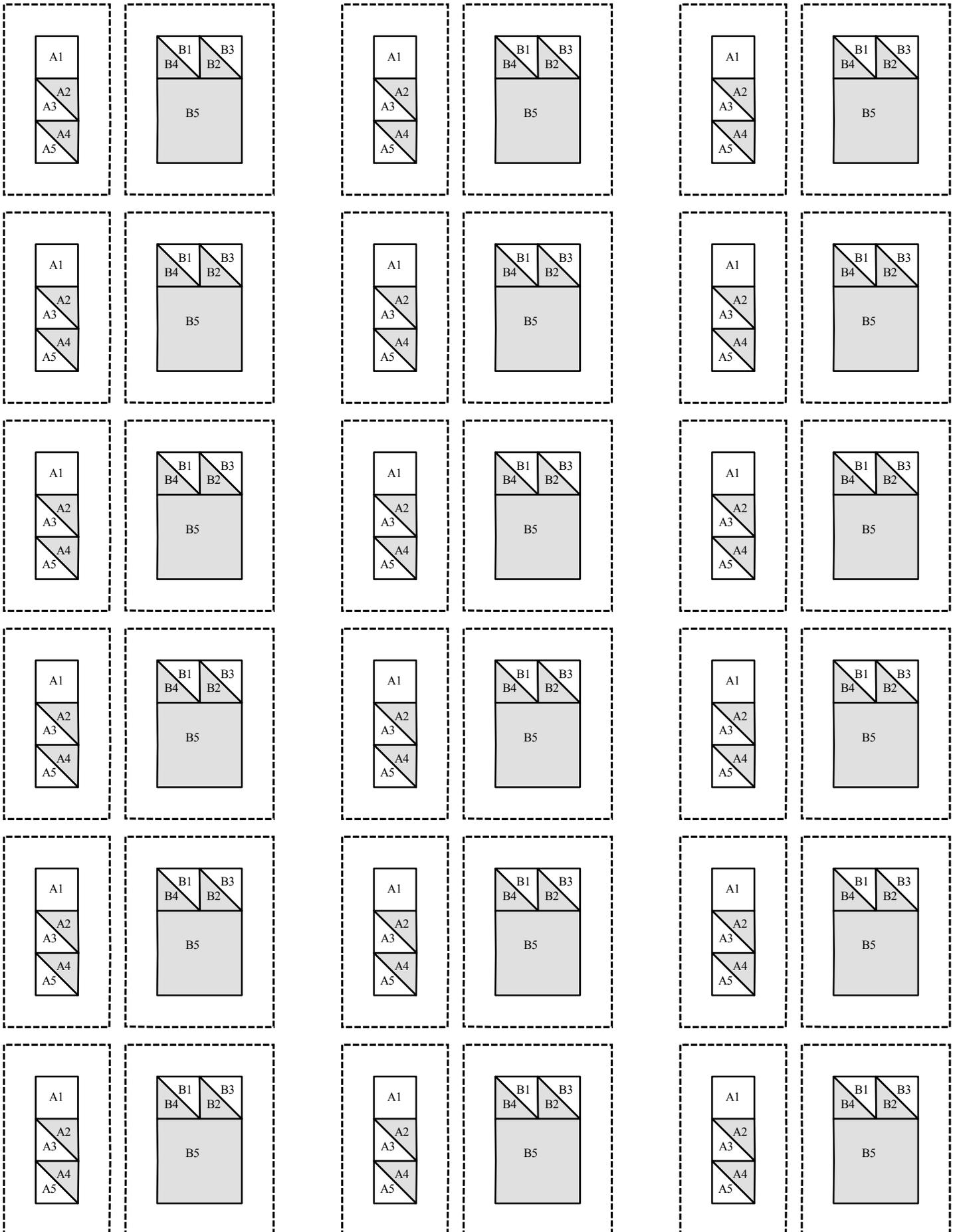


The stocking shape does not need an ornament cap. Instead, place the hanging cord or ribbon at the top left corner of the shape, between the ornament top and back as you layer the sandwich. Sew around the shape, leaving an opening to turn.

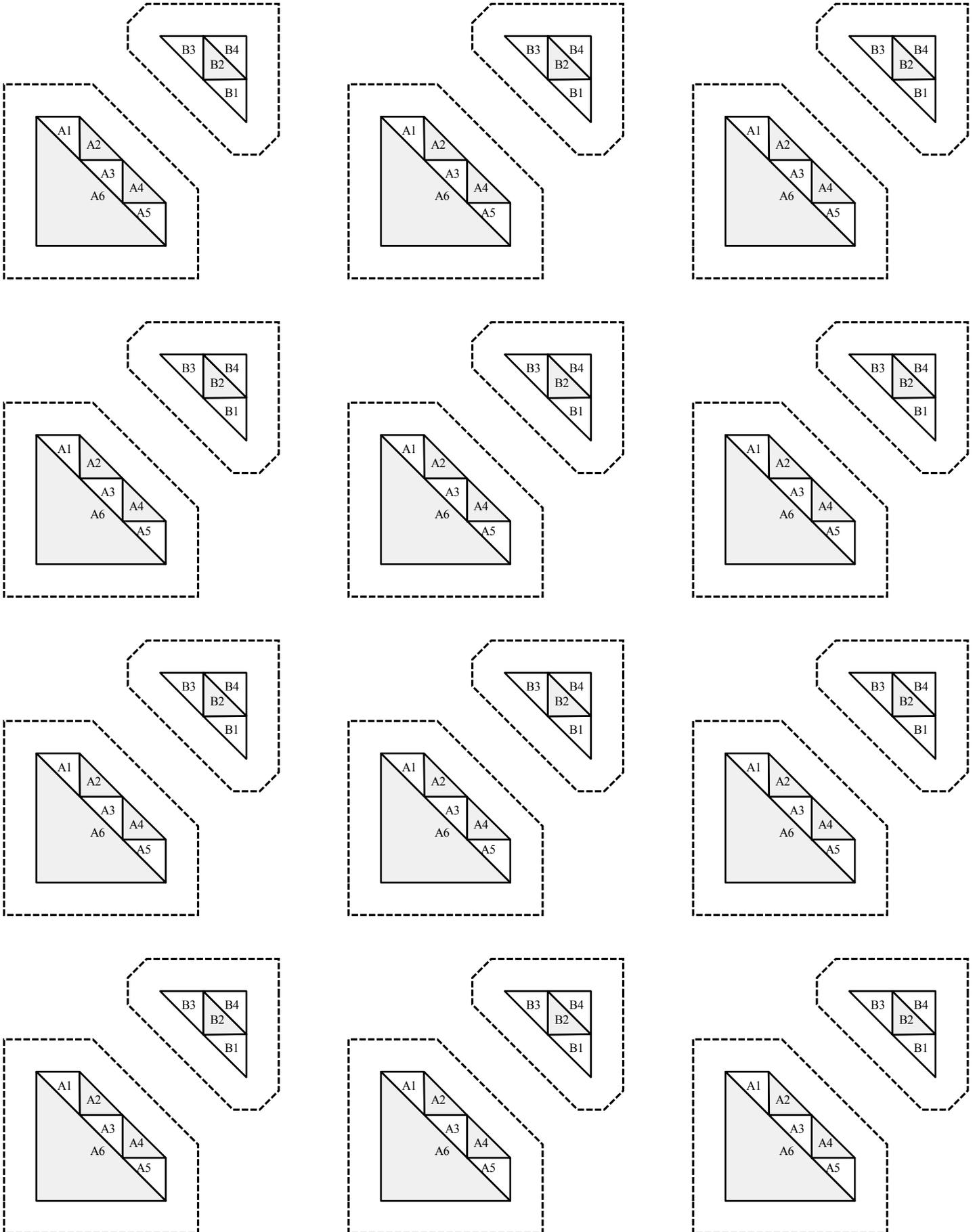
Quilt blocks for foundation paper piecing created using Electric Quilt 8 quilt design software

		
Bear's Paw (1-inch)	Birds in the Air (1-inch)	Flying Geese (1-inch)
		
Friendship Star (1-inch)	Log Cabin (1-inch)	Puss in Corner (1-inch)
		
Rosebud (1-inch)	Sewing Machine (3-inch)	Snail's Trail (1-inch)
		
Spool (1-inch)	Toad in a Puddle (1-inch)	Tree (5-inch)

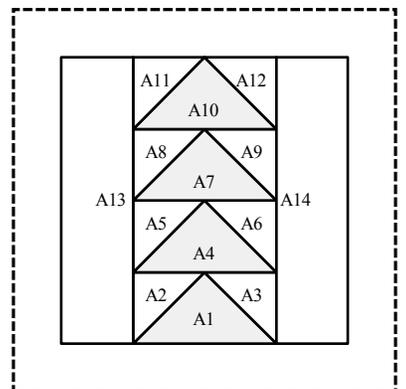
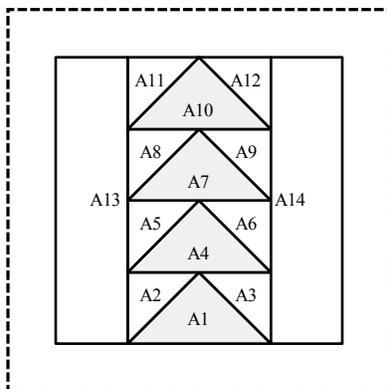
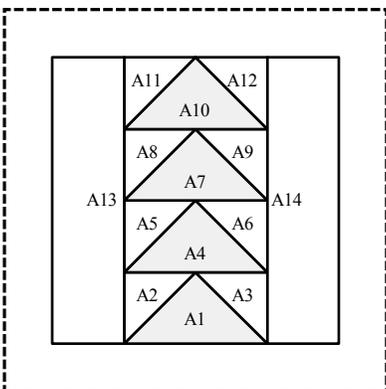
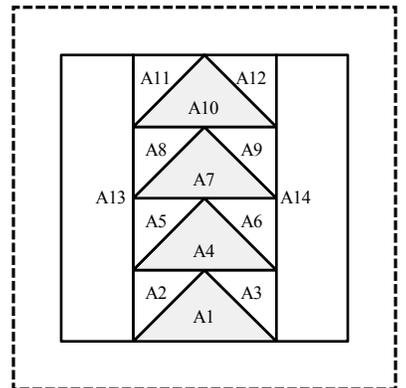
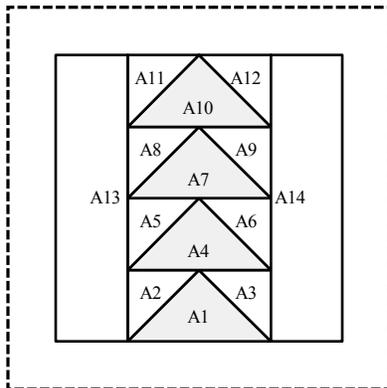
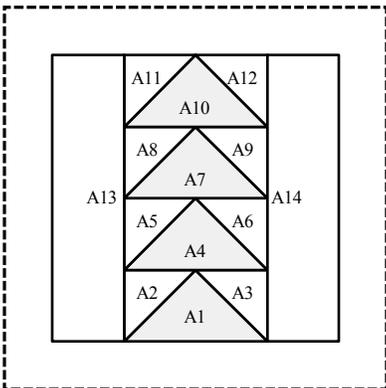
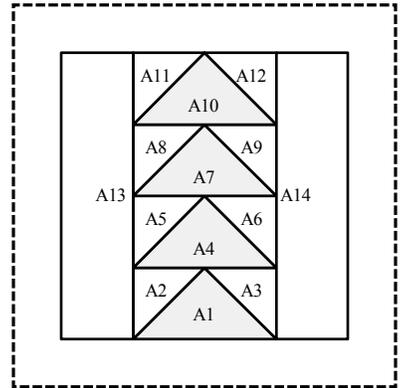
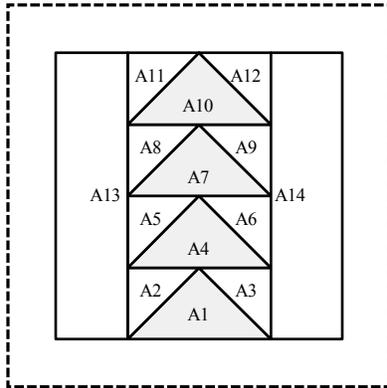
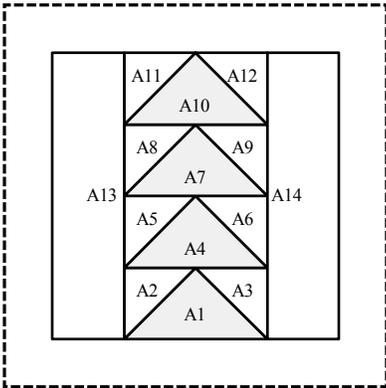
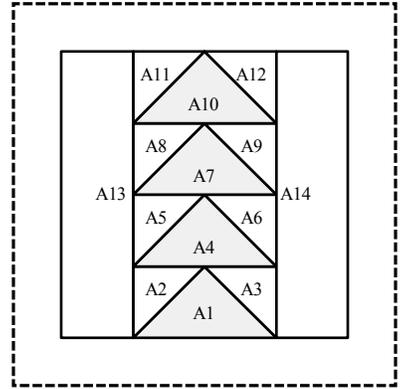
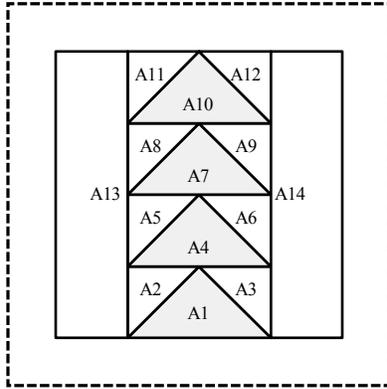
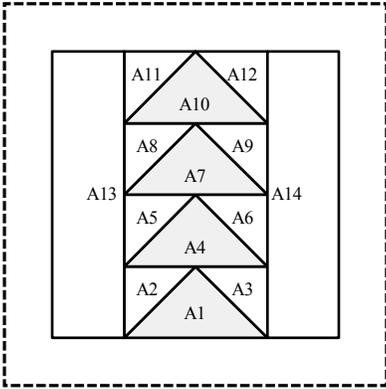
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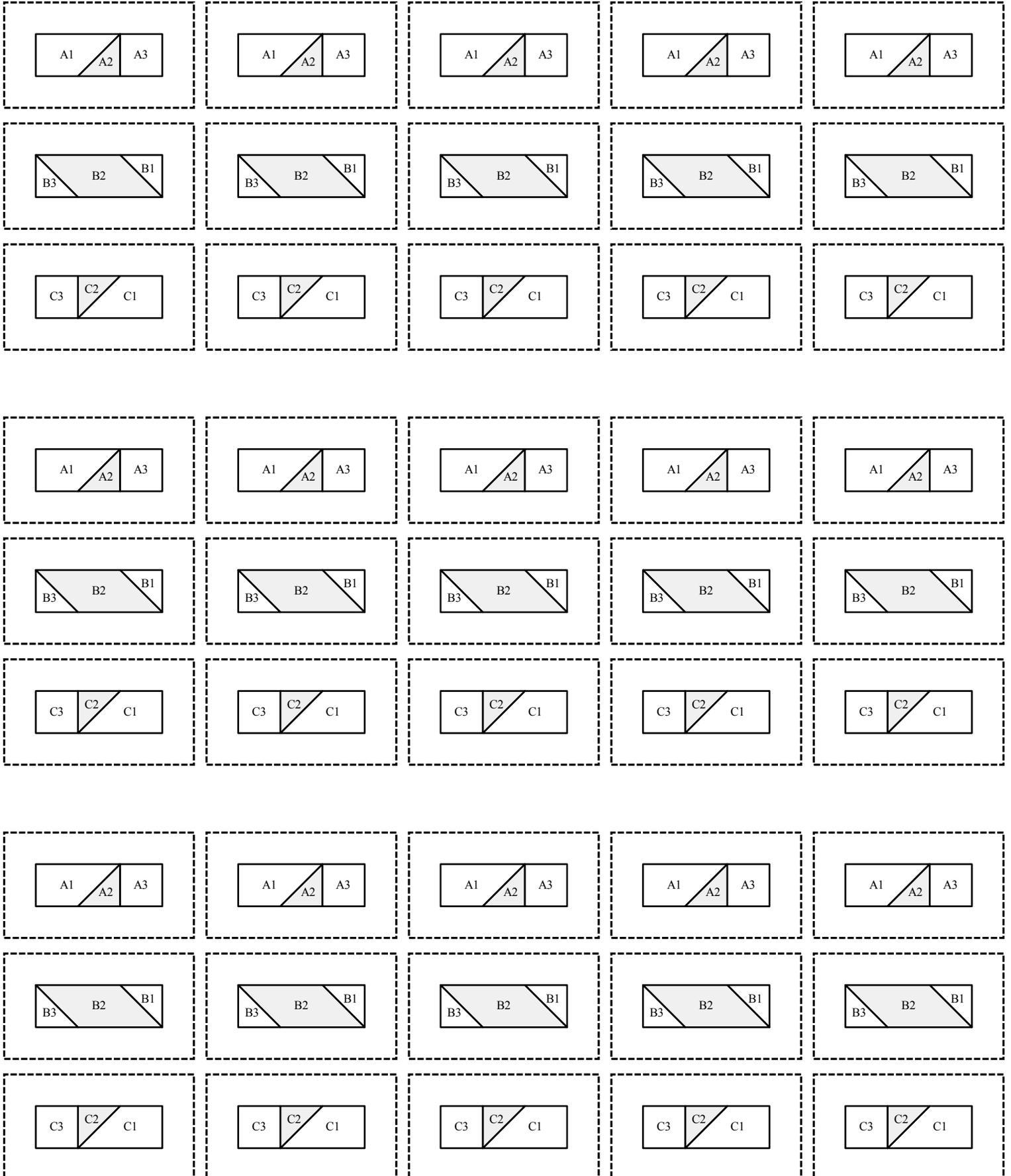
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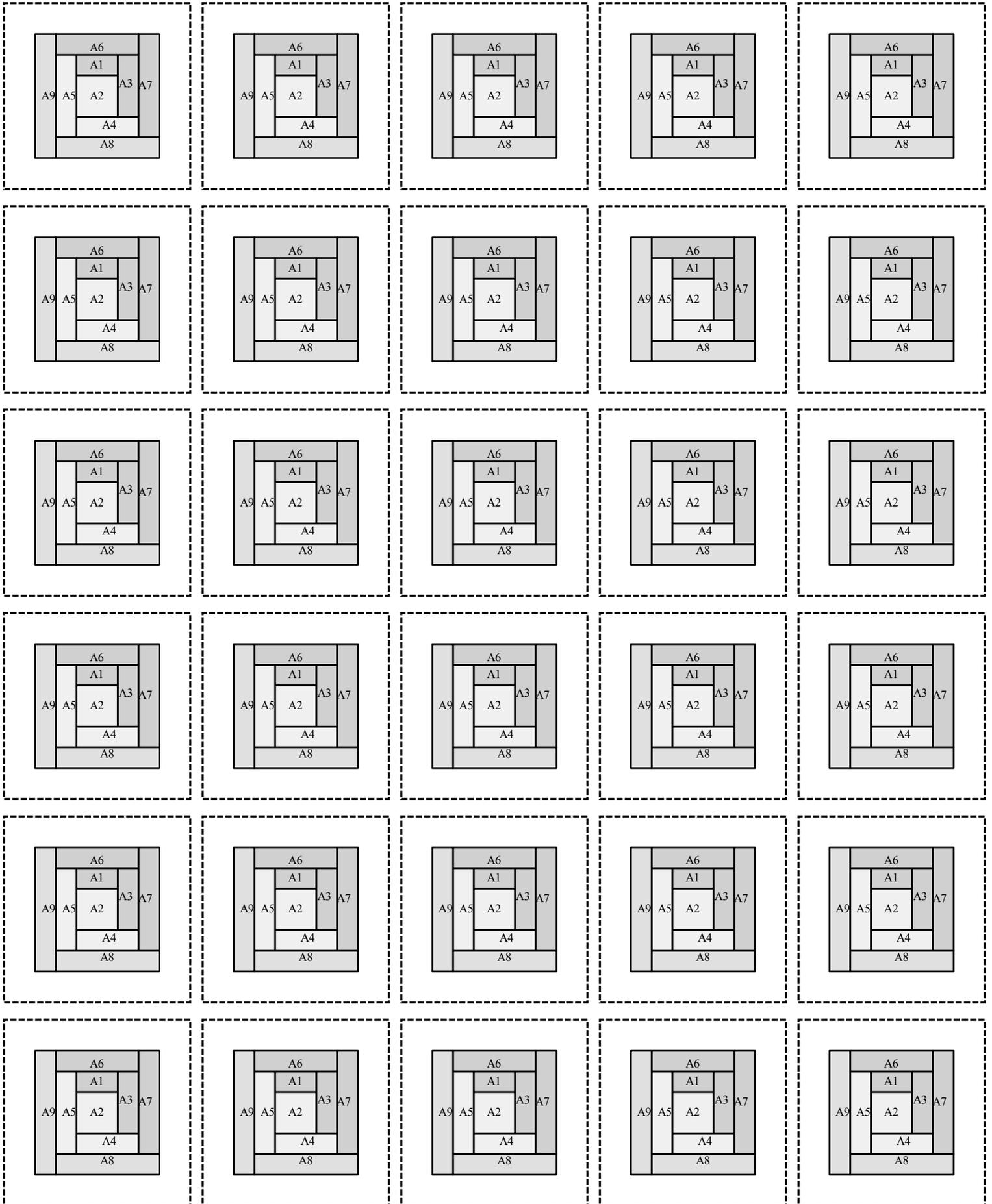
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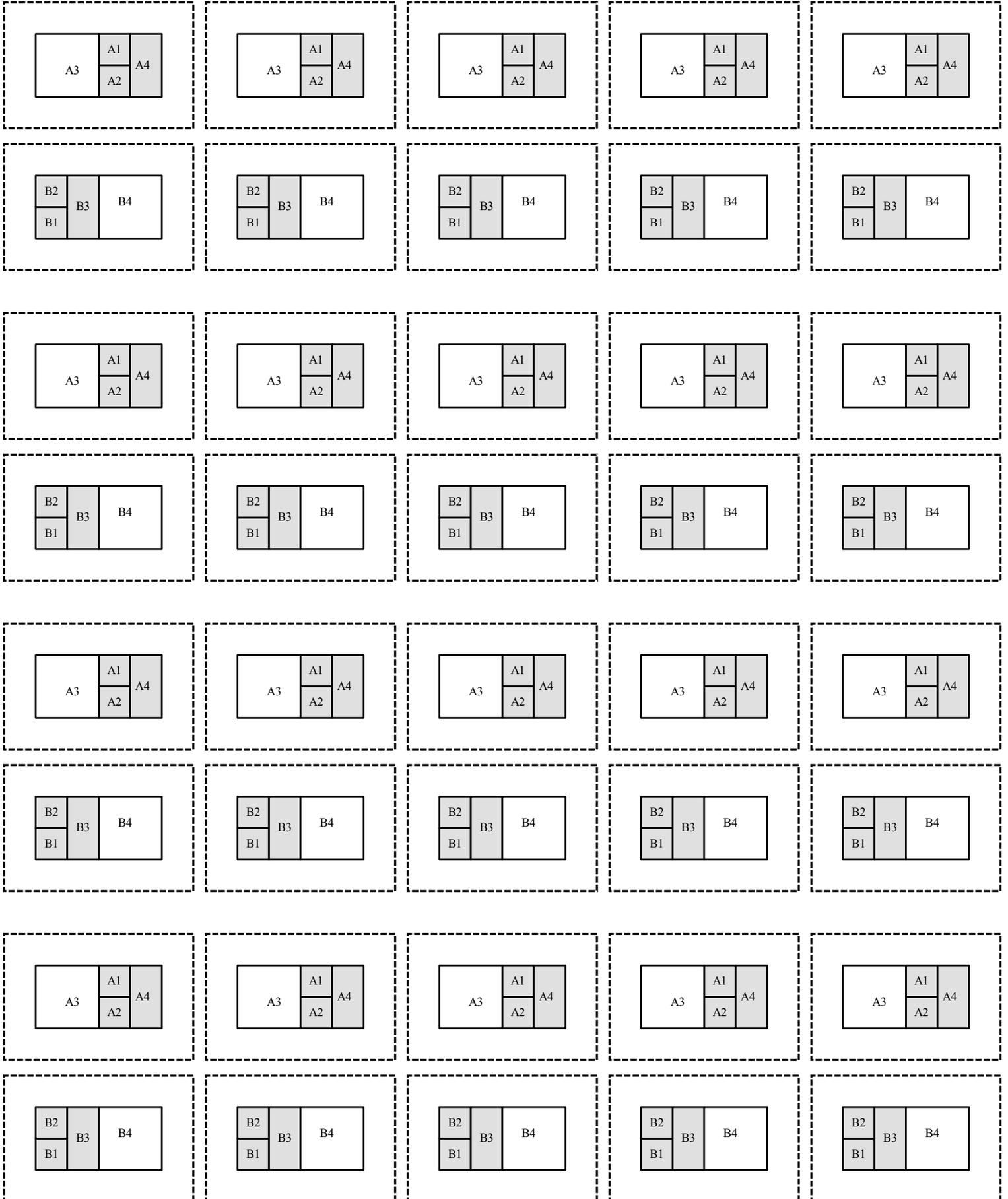
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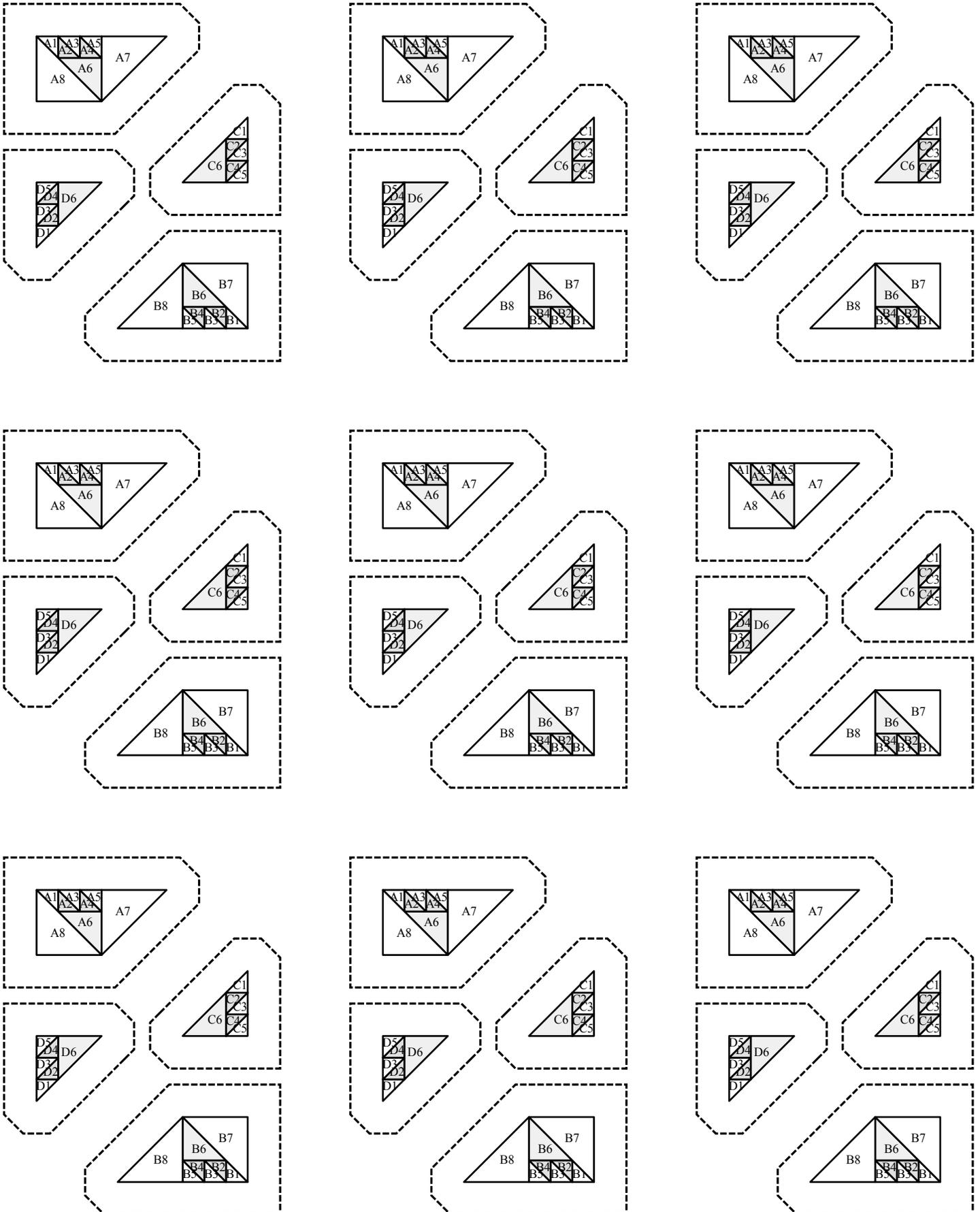
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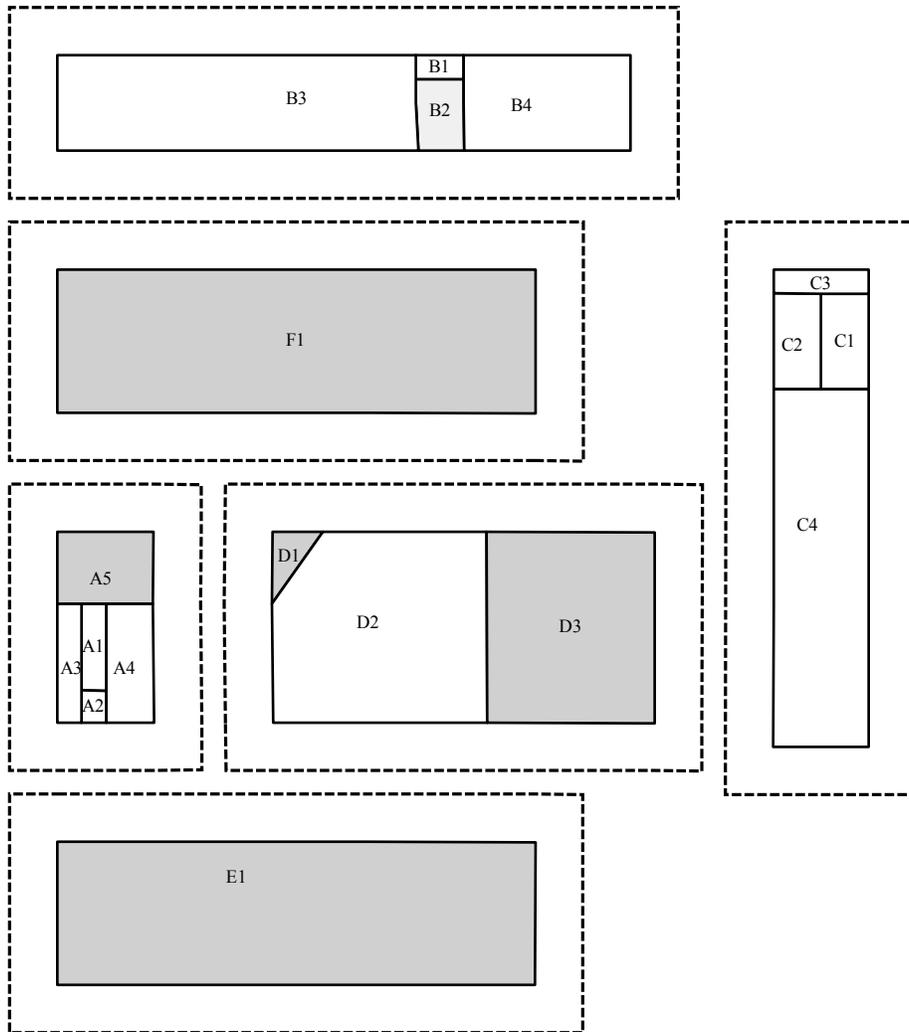
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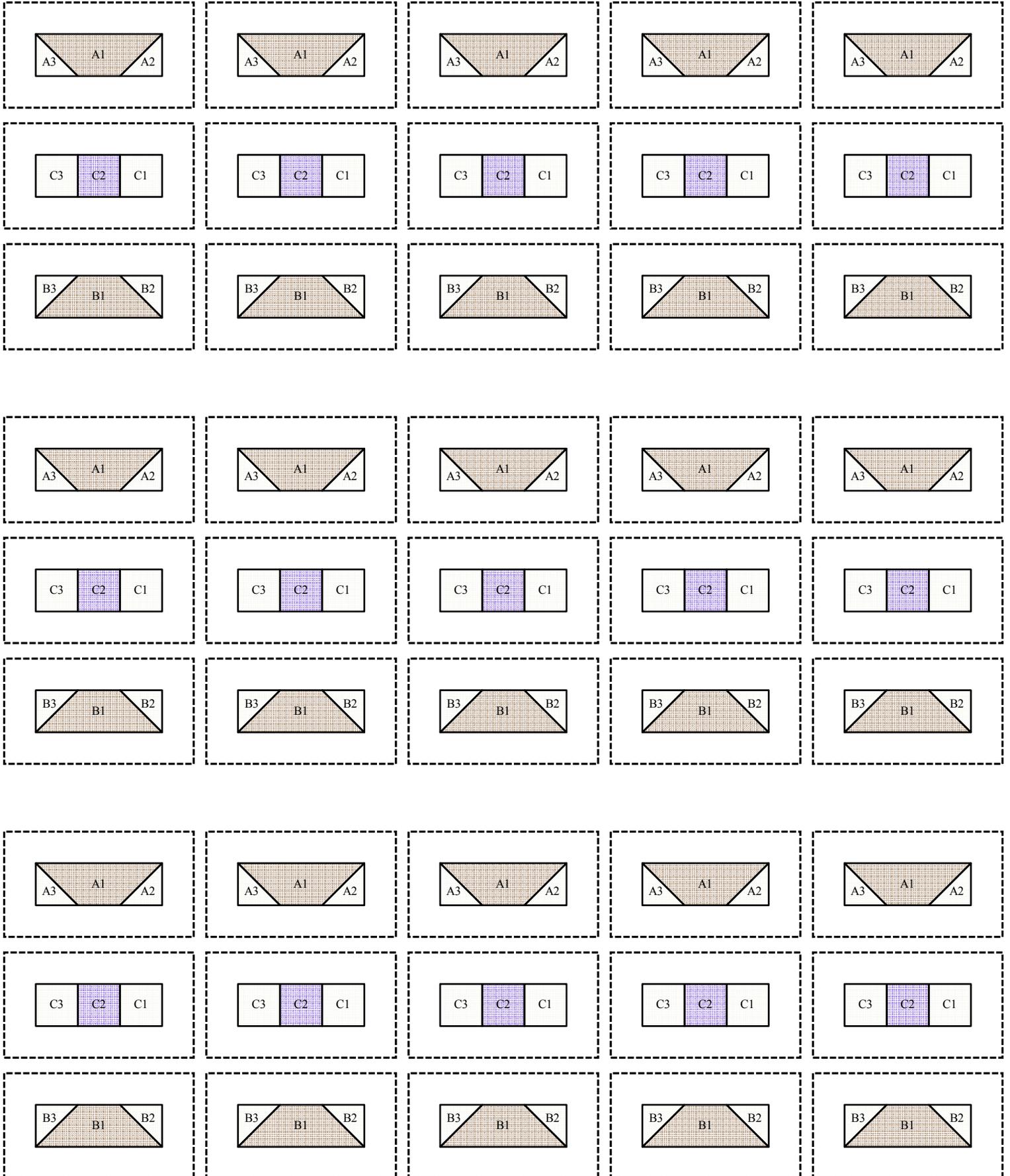
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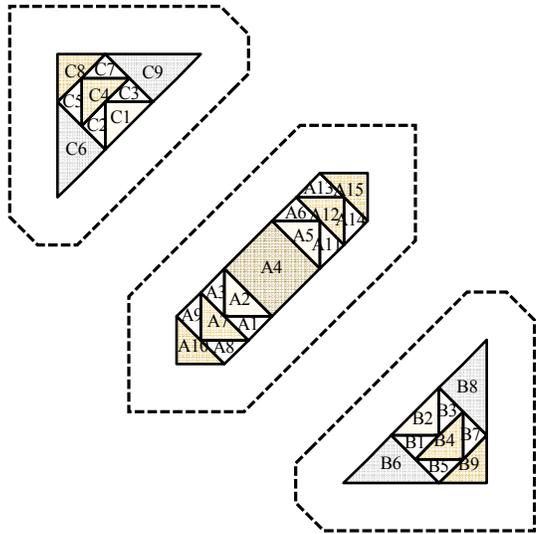
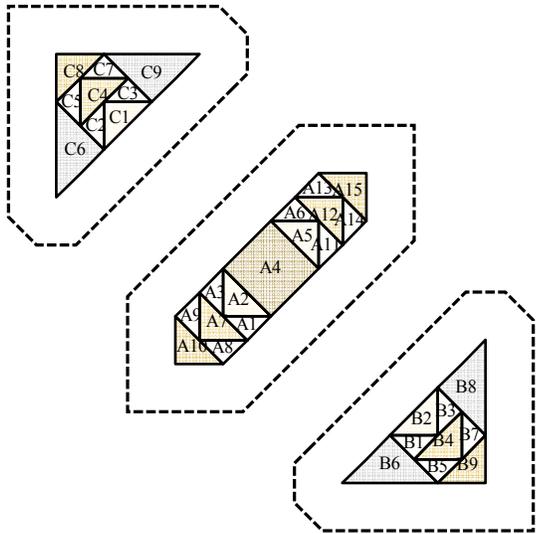
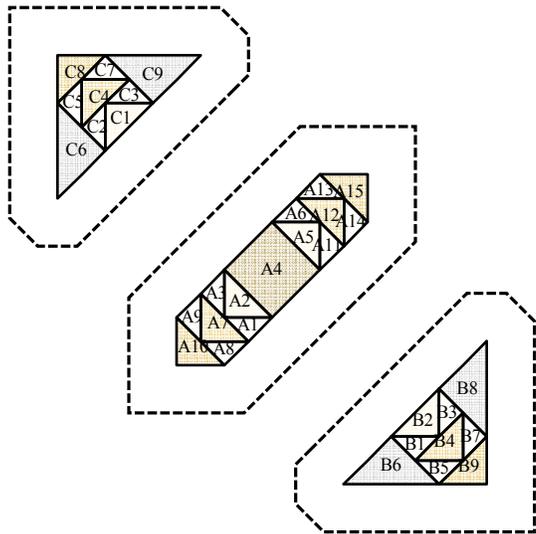
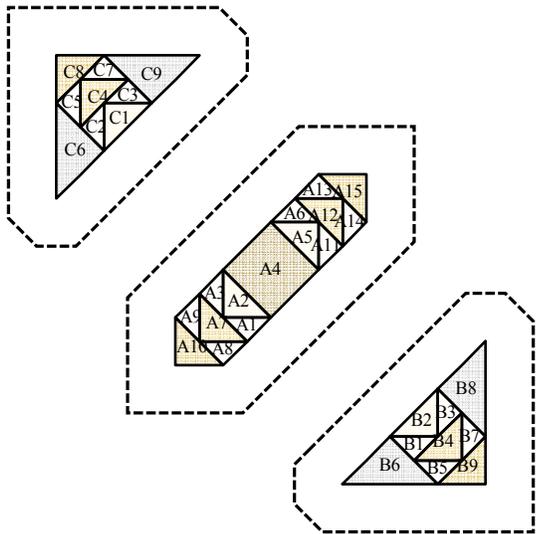
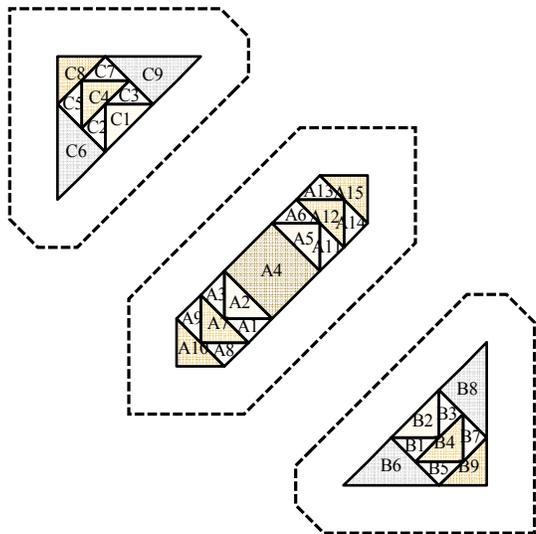
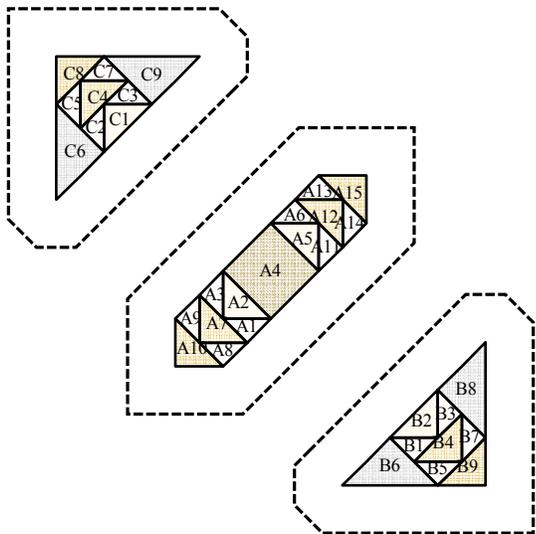
Sewing Machine



Spools



Toad in a Puddle



Tree

