

Technique: "Paper Piecing"

Nested Flying Geese

Creating modular blocks



This pattern is provided free of charge and contains:

- printable paper piecing templates "Maxi", "Midi", "Mini"
- basic sewing instructions
- layout ideas

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With this Nested Flying Geese approach, I have tried to add a contemporary, even modern twist to the traditional Flying Geese block.

When I started out I used cardboard templates to make this technique work. That required quite some preparatory work.

Thus, I searched for a way to simplify the process and ended up with:

PAPER PIECING!

One of the benefits is, that I now can offer my blocks in not just one, but in THREE sizes, which can be mixed and matched freely!

I am providing the paper piecing templates, general instructions and some of my layout ideas in English and German FREE OF CHARGE. And I explicitly encourage you to share it with your fellow quilters!

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Photos of any projects created based on my instructions and templates may be published using the hashtag **#NestedFlyingGeese**.

Paper piecing templates

Please make sure to print out the templates at original size using your printer’s 100% option!

I created the templates for using the ¼” patchwork sewing machine foot.

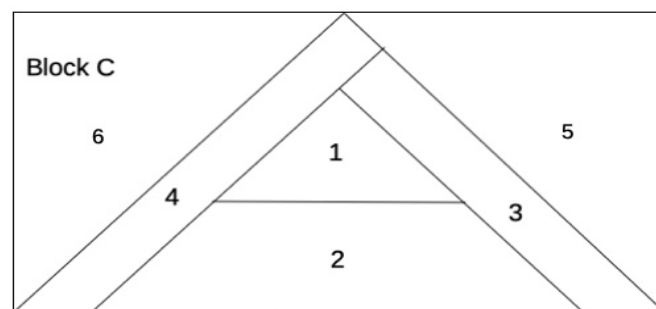
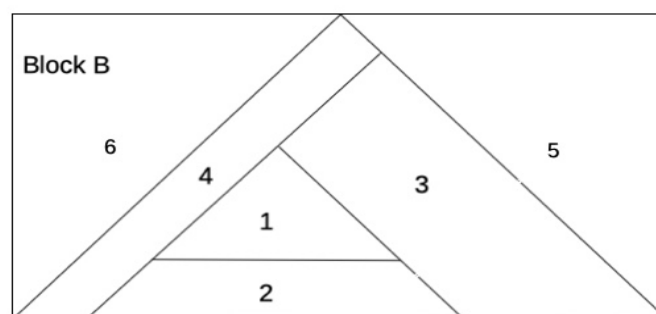
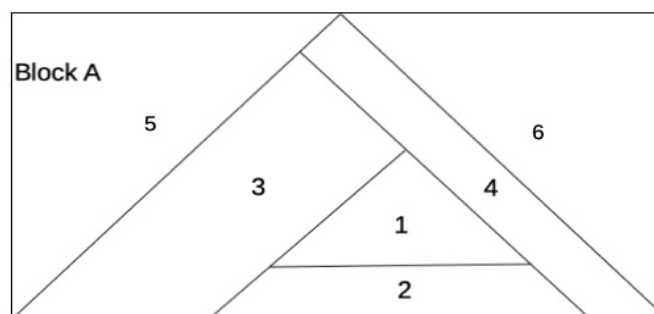
When paper piecing, you can use any straight stitch foot. But when it comes to joining the blocks, please use your ¼” foot.

Should you prefer to use a foot that is based on centimeters, please make sure to trim your blocks accordingly. The same goes when cutting your background squares and edge/corner triangles.

Sewing sequence for the geese blocks

The sewing sequence for the three geese blocks is the same for all three sizes.

**(Note that the picture below does not show the actual size of the blocks!
Pictured is the printed side of the templates that you sew on.)**



Fabric

The amount of fabric needed depends on the size of your individual project.

Size chart for the different block

	Maxi	Midi	Mini
Block size (unfinished)	5" x 9.5"	3.5" x 6.5"	2" x 3.5"
Block size (finished)	4.5" x 9"	3" x 6"	1.5" x 3"
Background squares (unfinished)	9.5" x 9.5"	6.5" x 6.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
Background squares (finished)	9" x 9"	6" x 6"	3" x 3"
Edge triangles (unfinished)	two each from one 10" x 10" square	two each from one 7" x 7" square	two each from one 4" x 4" square
Corner triangles (unfinished)	four from one 10,5" x 10,5" square	four from one 7,5" x 7,5" square	four from one 4,5" x 4,5" square
Fabric recommendation	2.5" strips	“regular” scraps	very small scraps

Assembly

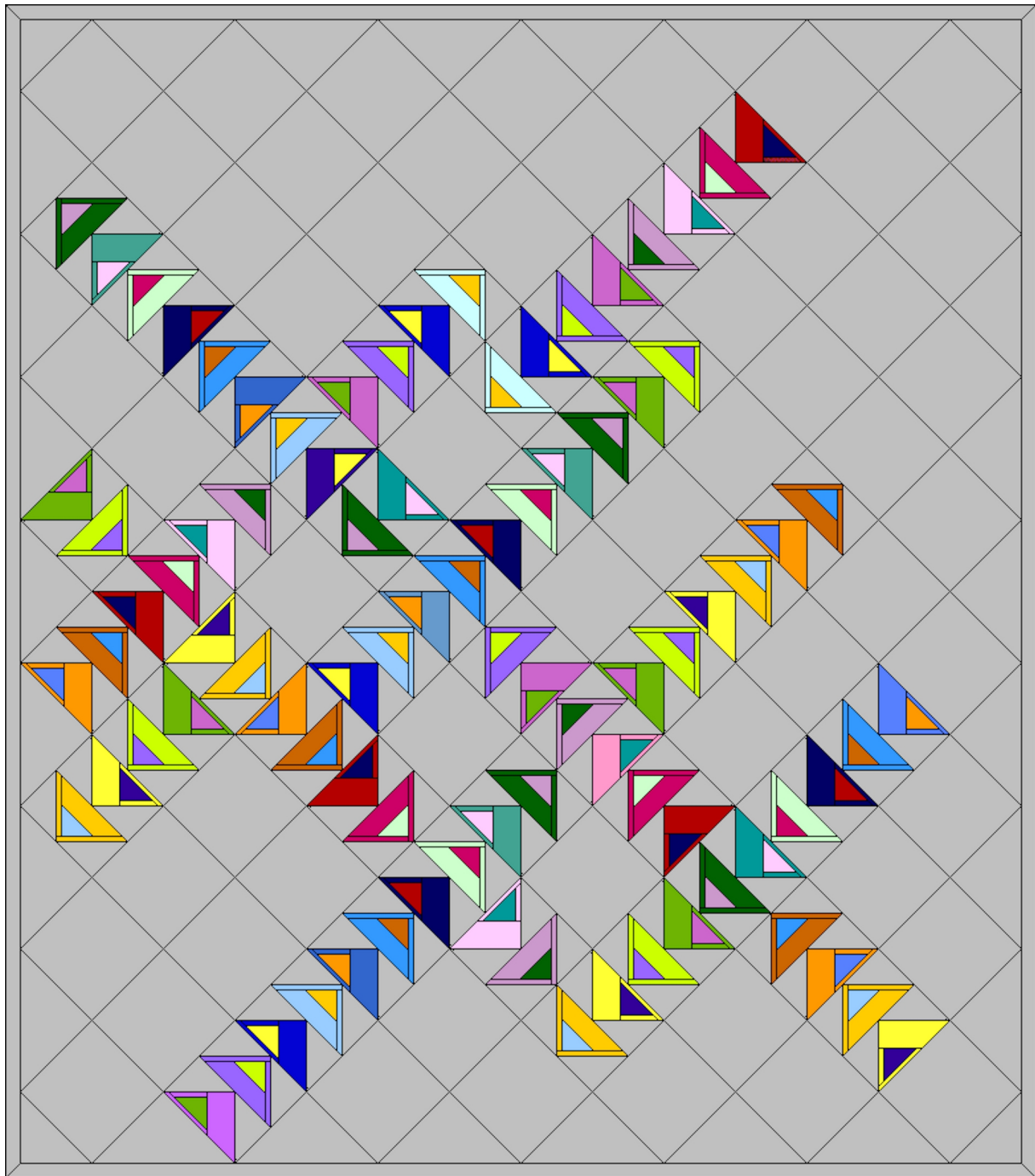
- Make as many blocks as desired.
- Lay out the geese blocks, the background squares and the edge/corner triangles according to the desired layout, the color gradation – or in any way you like!
- Assemble the diagonal rows first, then press the seams in opposite directions.
- Join the rows to form the top.

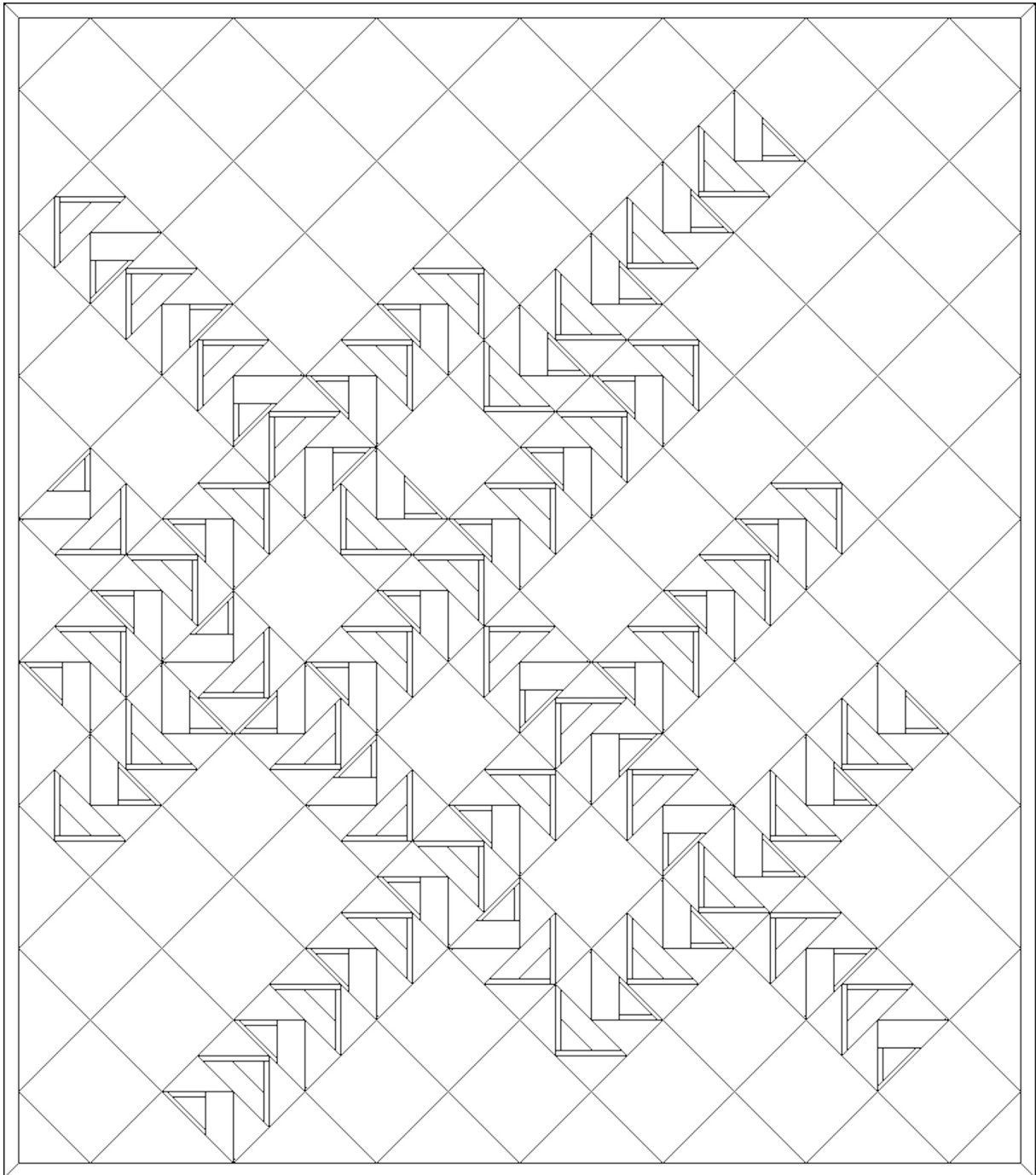
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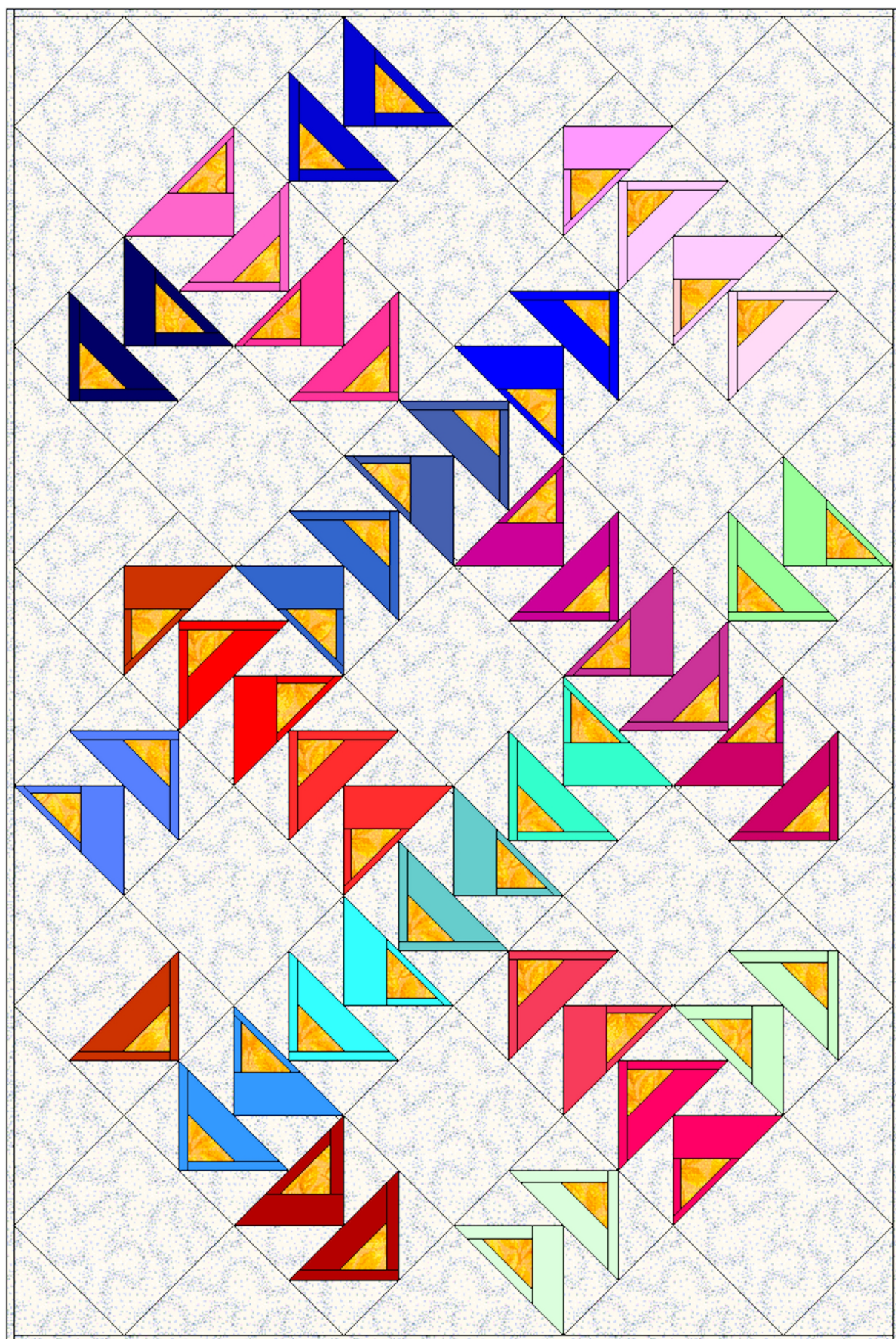
- Quilt your top as desired.
- Trim the quilted sandwich to the desired size.
- Press the binding strip lengthwise into half – right side out, sew it to the front edge and hand-stitch it to the back.

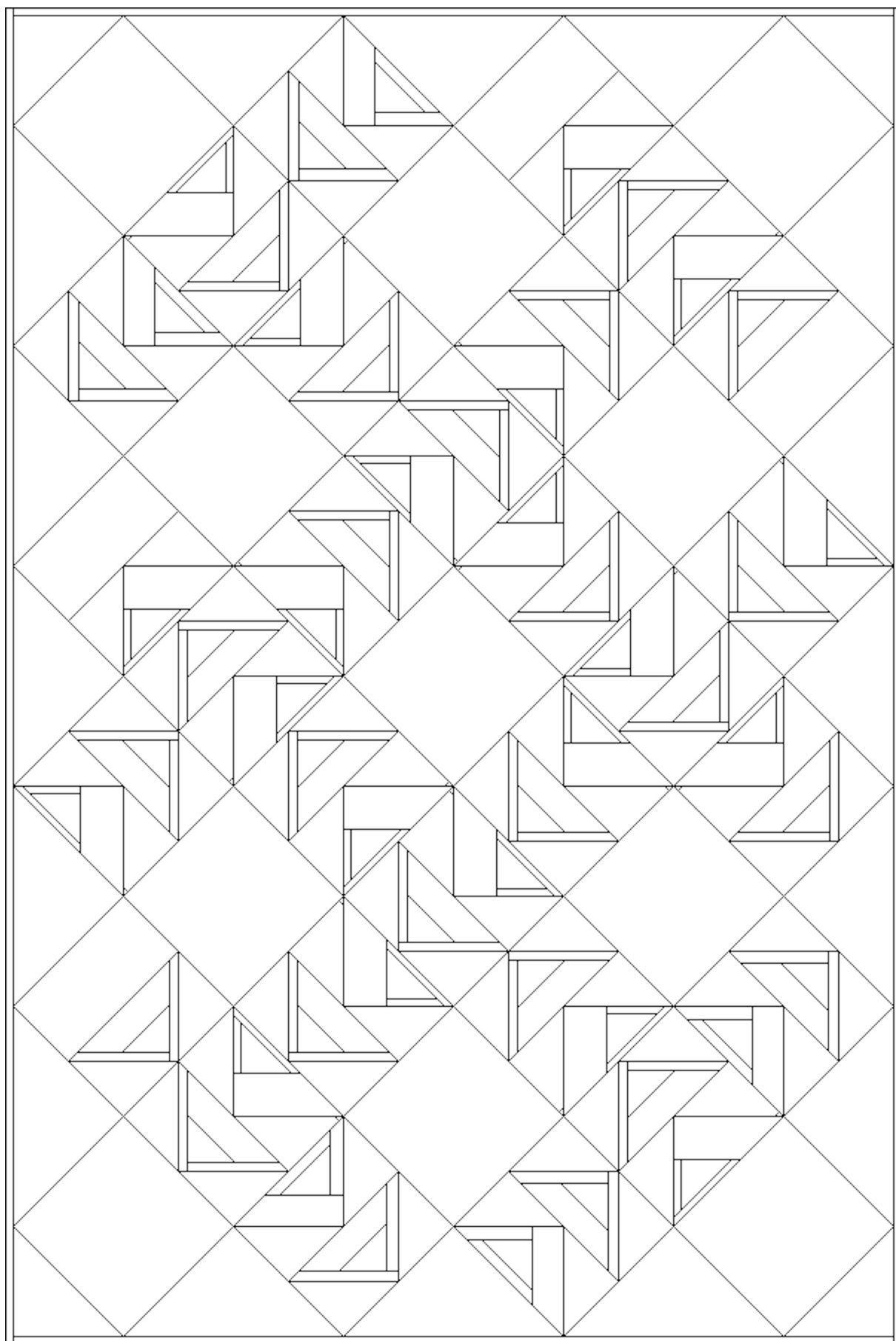
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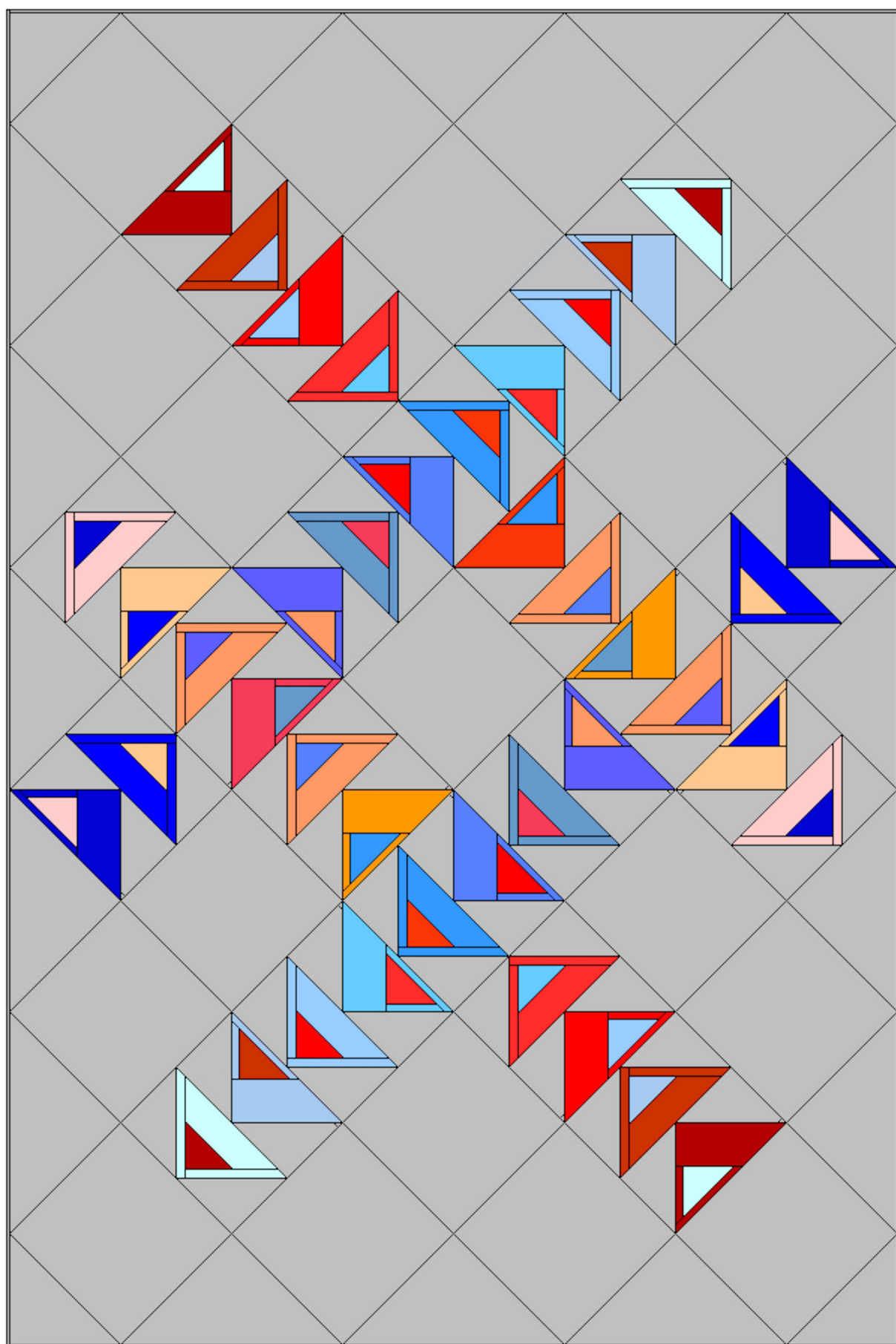
Layout ideas

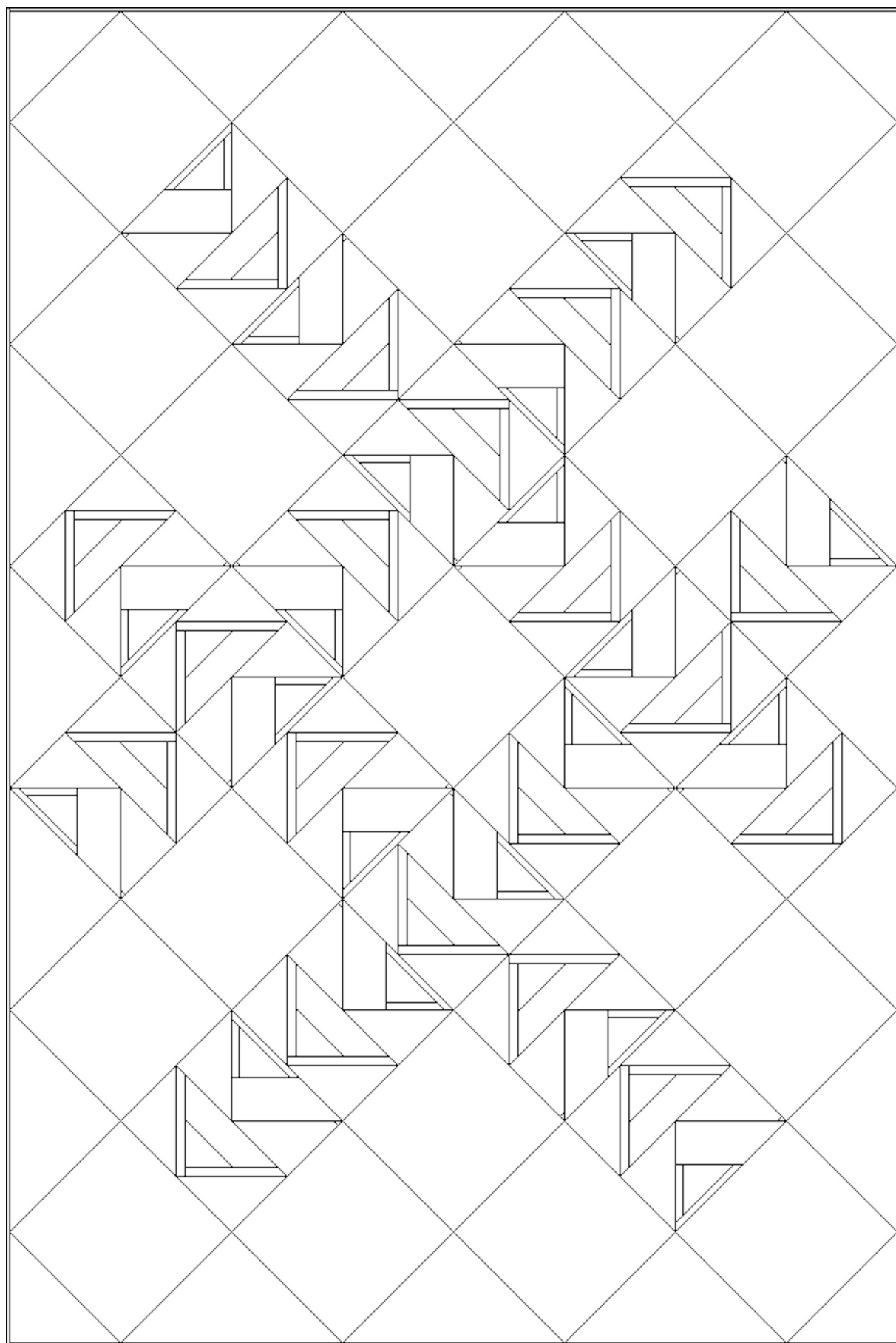


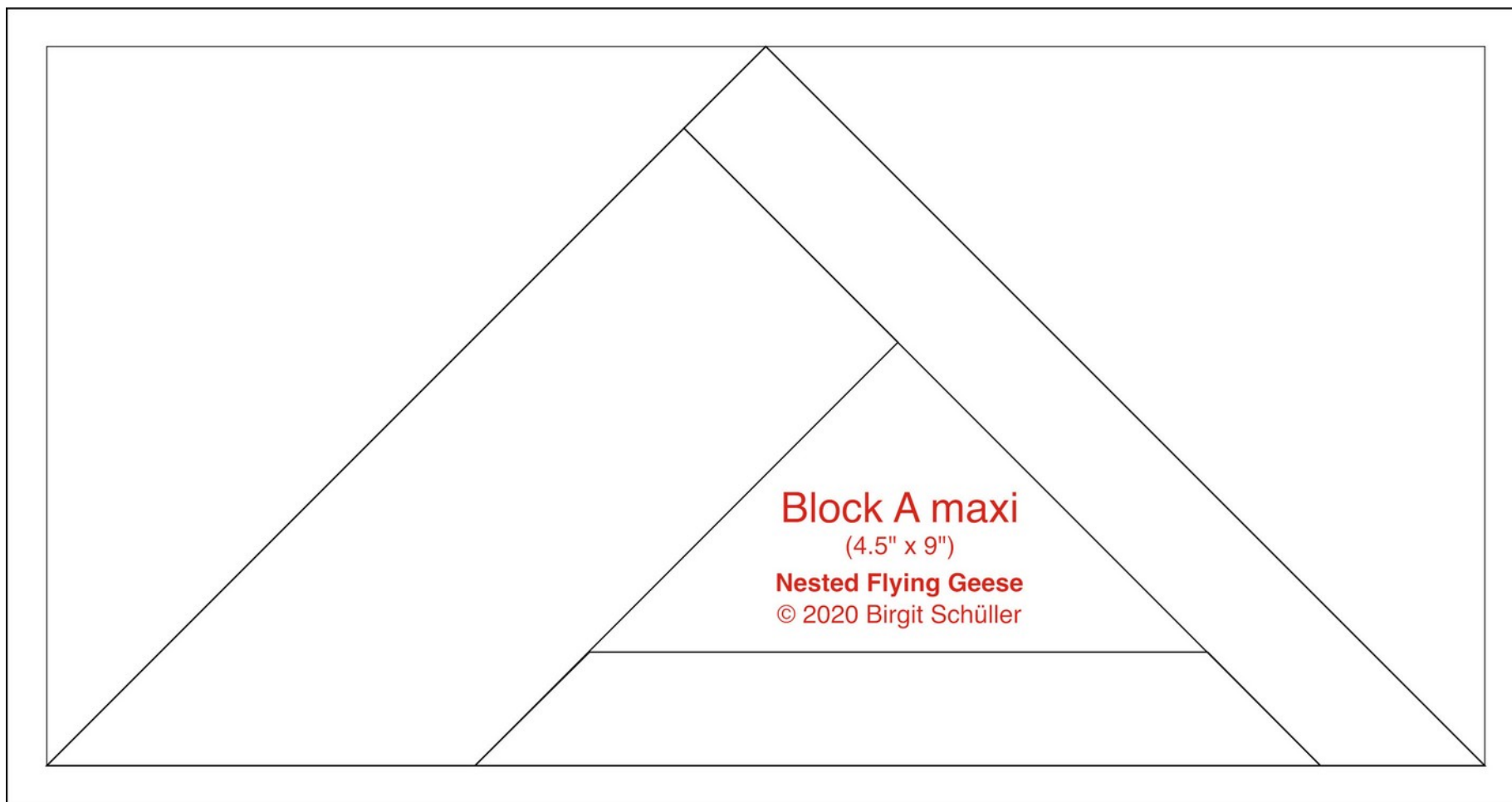






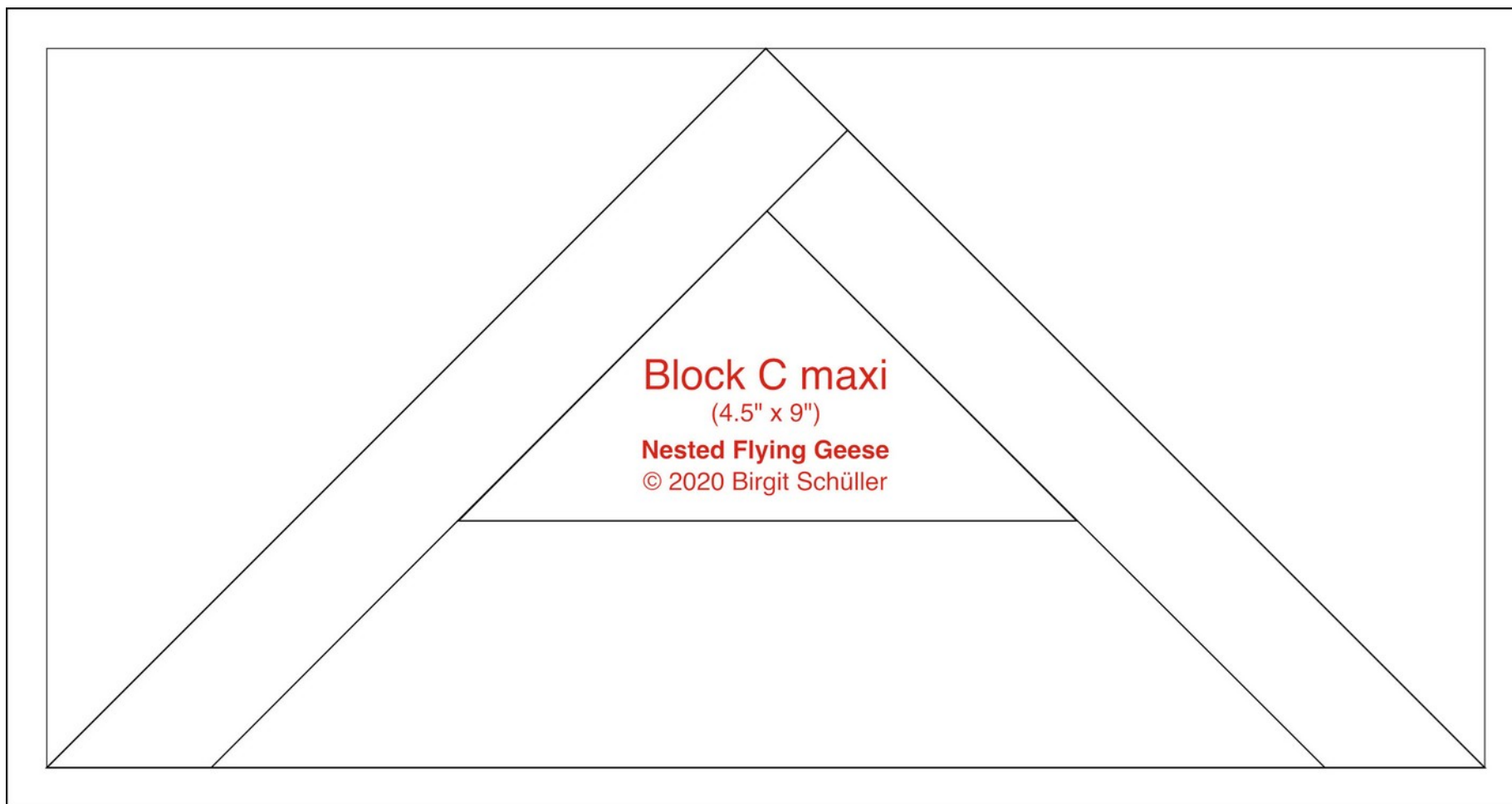








Block B maxi
(4.5" x 9")
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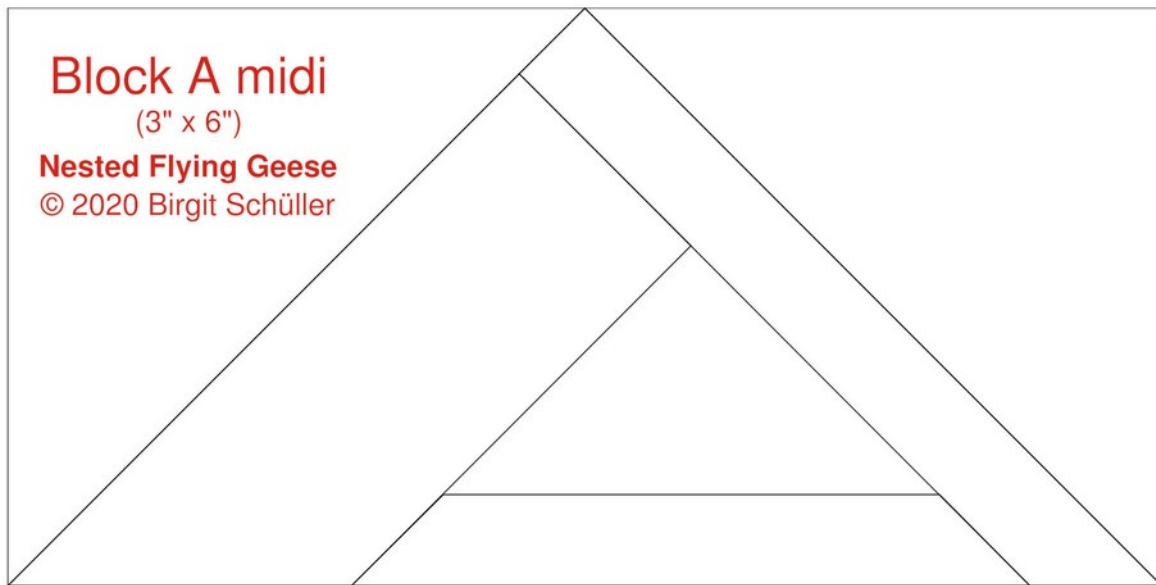
Block C maxi
(4.5" x 9")
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Block A midi

(3" x 6")

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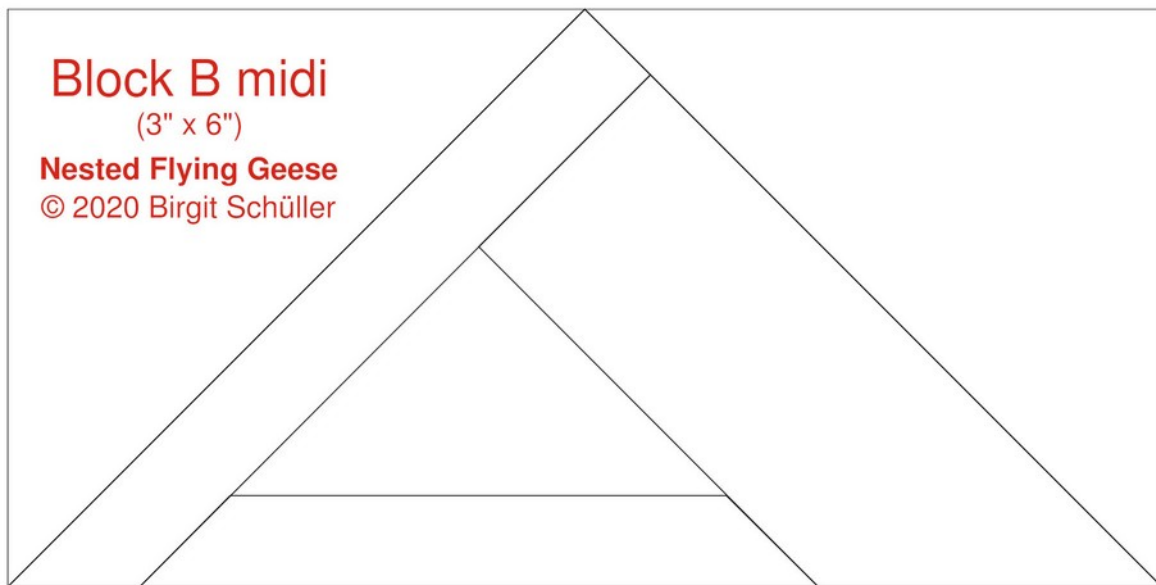


Block B midi

(3" x 6")

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