

"Moody Blues" – Month 4

This month you will foundation piece the border strips.



Side Border



Top/Bottom Border

You Will Need:

3 metres (3 yards) plain latte (fawn) coloured fabric

1 metre (1¼ yards) plain mid-blue fabric

1 metre (1 yard) plain white fabric

1½ metres (1 ¾ yards) dark chocolate brown fabric for borders

Sufficient 'tile' patterned fabric to cut 18, 2½ inch squares (see picture in Month 1)

1 metre (1 yard) of backing material/paper for foundation pieced border. We used light-weight non-fusible interfacing for this.

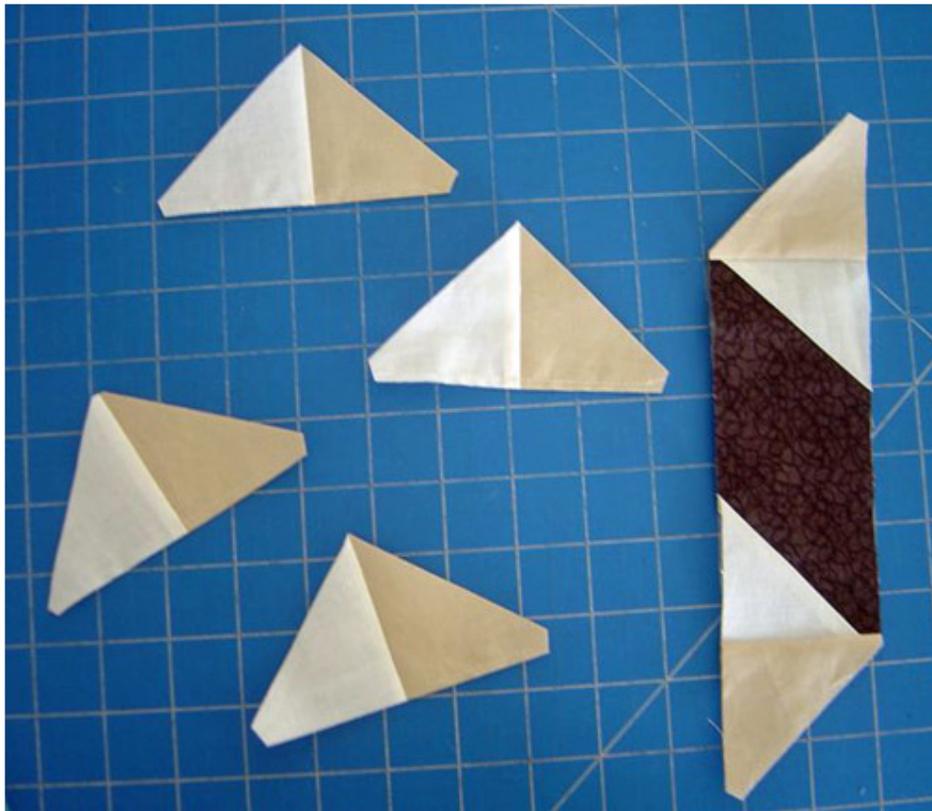
Piecing:

We have included both patterns for foundation piecing these border strips, as well as templates for those who prefer to piece that way.

Refer to the photos for placement of the pieced border strips. The pieced strips for the sides are slightly longer than the top and bottom.

Print off the piecing templates. The set in red pen is for the tile strip, and the black is for the dark brown strip in between. The numbers refer to the order in which to piece them. The foundation piecing templates have also been included. Choose whichever method you prefer (templates or foundation piecing) to piece these borders.

As shown in the photos, these are constructed by sewing together diagonal rows. You will need to add a small pair of white/latte triangles to one side of the end strip to square it up for the rectangular border strip. Use the templates to add this pair as shown.





Both sides are the same, and top and bottom are the same.

The rest of the border strip is made from pieced latte and blue strips.

From the latte fabric, cut 8 strips measuring $1 \frac{7}{8}$ inch wide. They need to each be long enough to suit the length of border required. You will need a length of at least 16 inches for the top and bottom borders and at least 26 inches for the side borders.

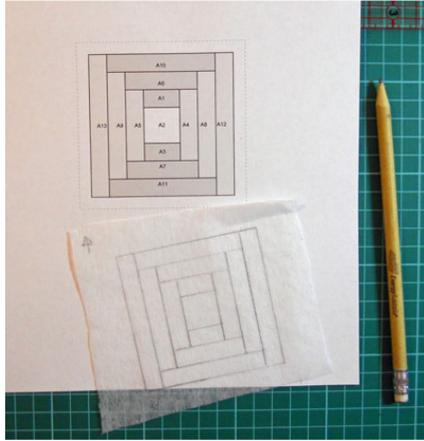
From the blue fabric, cut 4 strips measuring 3 inches wide.

Refer to the first photo, and strip piece the latte/blue/latte strips, so that you have 4 borders. Cut one end at 45 degrees to fit the pieced angled end and sew together.

Your border strips will be longer than you need. Press well and put aside for next month.

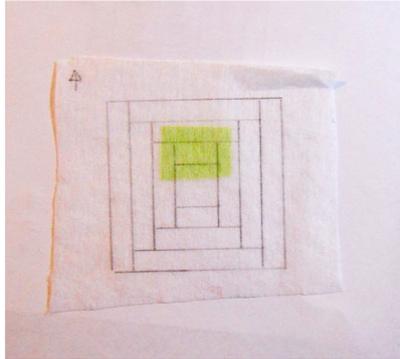
Next Month, you will applique the cornerstone flowers and finish your quilt.

Foundation Piecing:



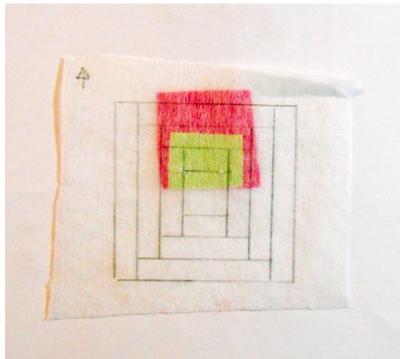
This is a guide on how to Foundation Piece – the block is just for this ‘how to’ example – it is NOT included in this quilt.

Start by tracing the templates onto the foundation fabric.

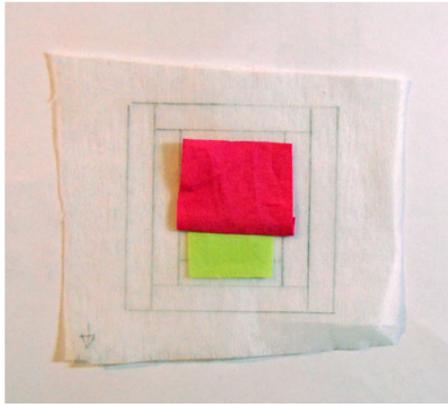


Place the first piece of fabric face down behind the foundation but covering the first marked area with a seam allowance around all sides.

You sew on the marked lines on this (wrong) side of the block.

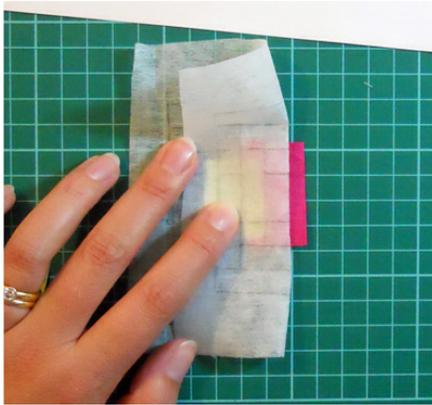


Now following the numbers in order, place the second piece with right sides together as shown. You will sew on the (lower) marked line then turn the block over and flip down the pink piece to cover the second marked area on the block.

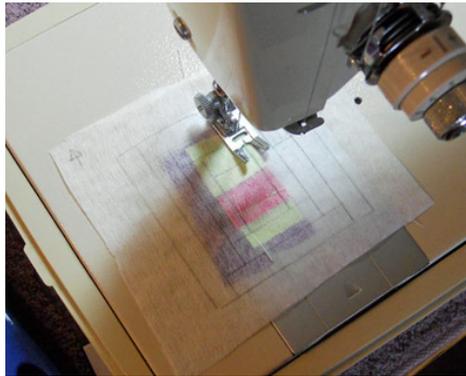


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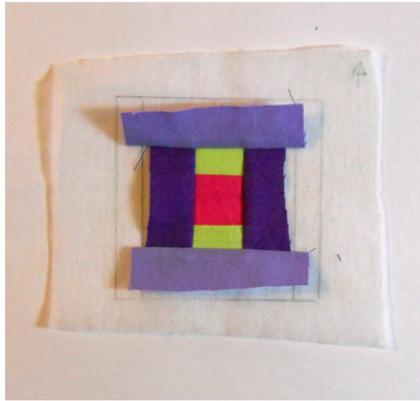
Turn the block right sides up and finger press the second piece.



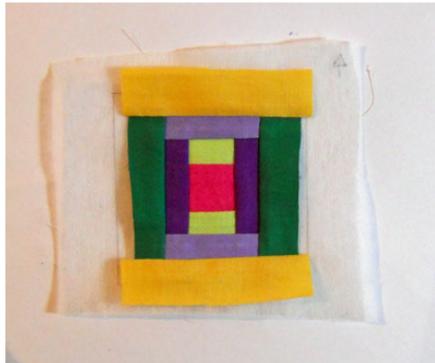
Now turn back over and trim the excess fabric so that there is just the regular seam allowance extending past the marked line of the second piece.



Add the next pieces in order in the same way, sewing on the lines from the wrong side, and adding each piece in numbered order.



For example, add the purple sides then the lavender top and bottom strips.



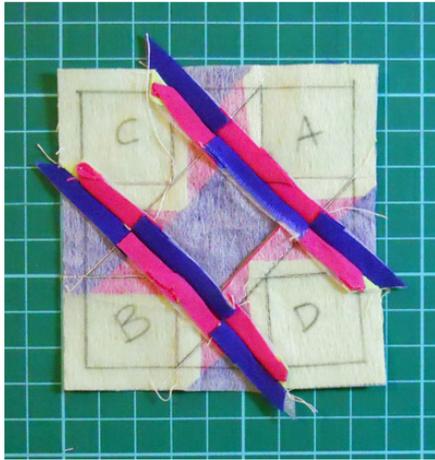
Then the green sides and yellow top and bottom strips in order



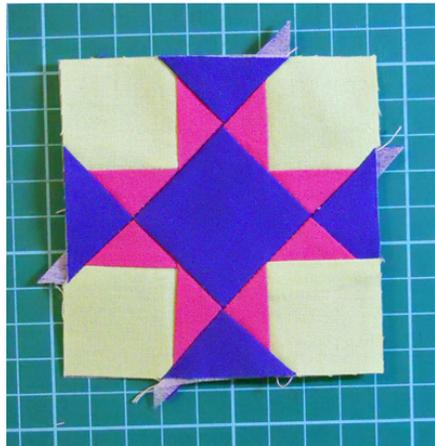
The finished block – right side up and looking also from the wrong side with the foundation still sewn on.

When finished adding pieces, press well and mark and trim a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance around the complete shape.

Most foundation templates are in pieces. Piece the separate block sections first, then press and trim with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowances before carefully joining the separate pieces together as indicated on the templates.



Pressing some seams open on the back will help reduce bulk too.



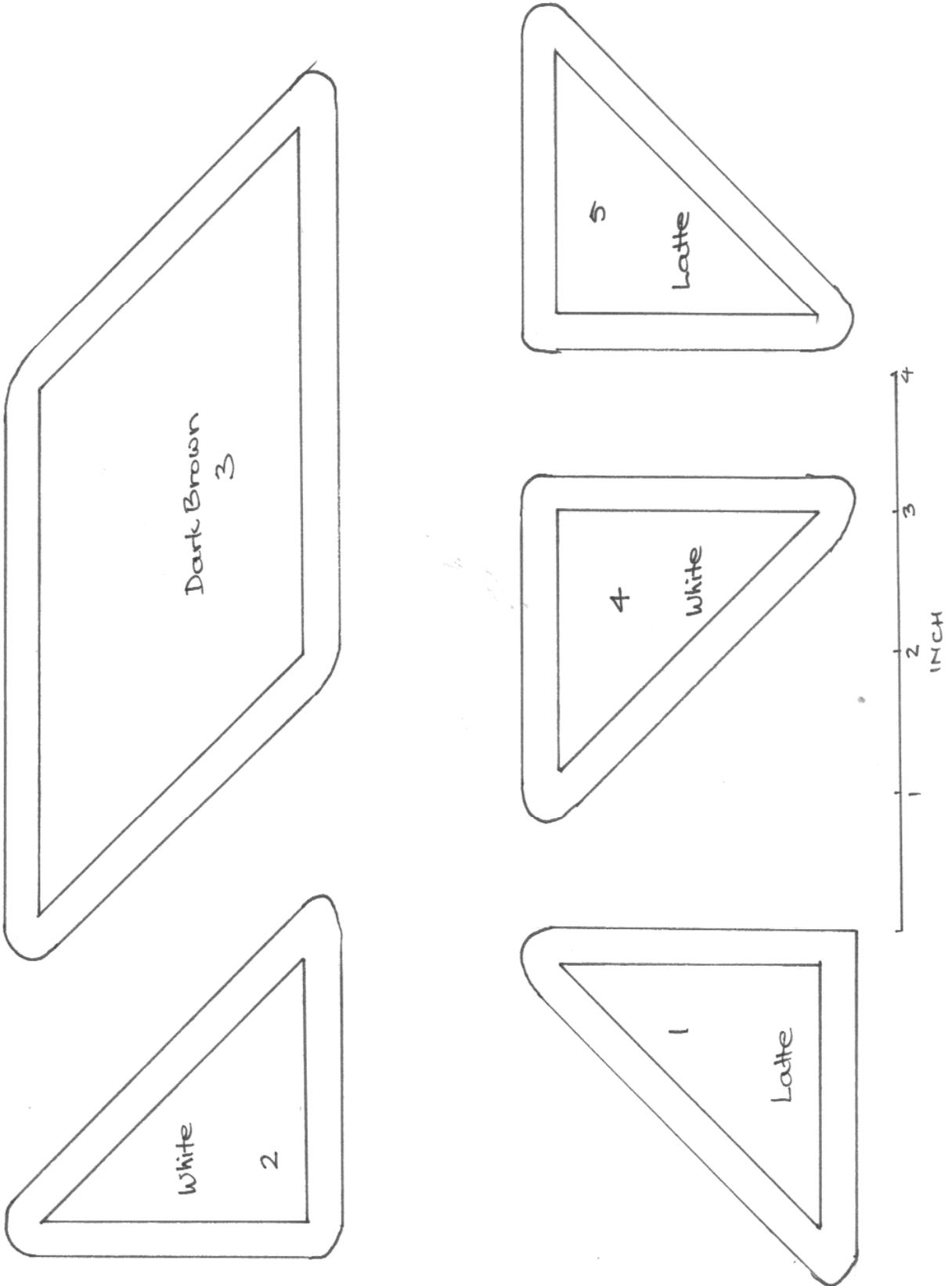
The front of the sample pieced block.

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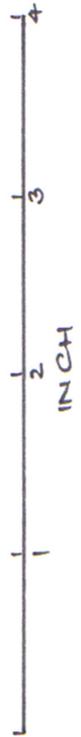
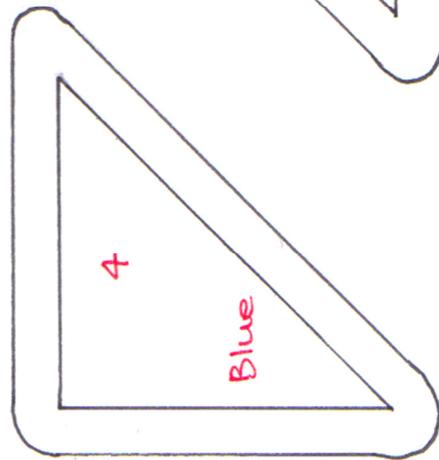
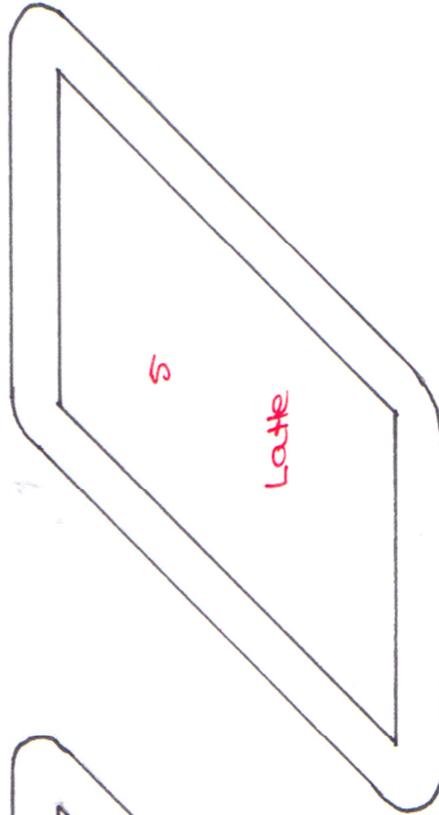
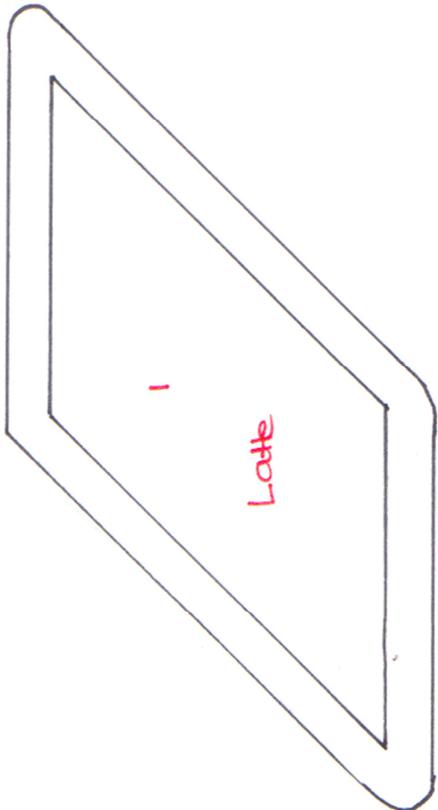
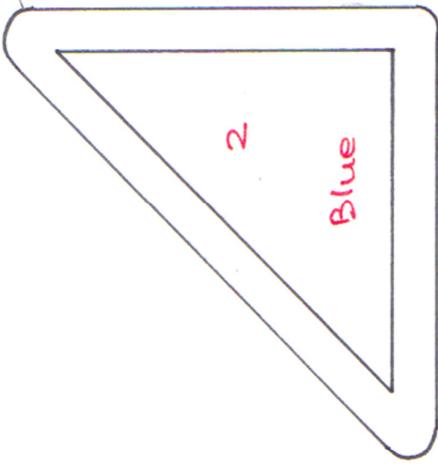


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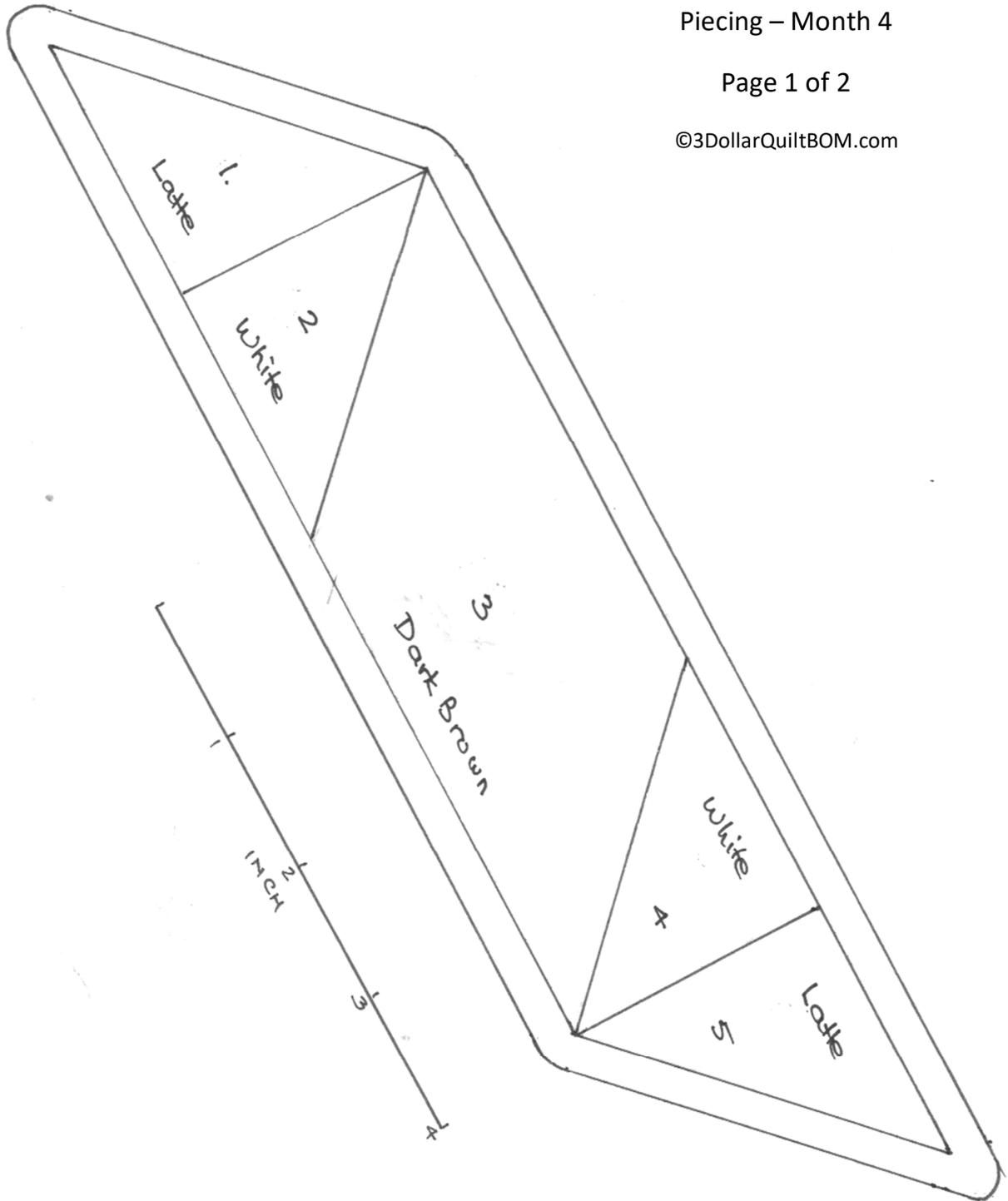


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