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Spinning Snowflake Table Topper

Are you looking for a project with a bit of a challenge? Here it is.

SPECIFICATIONS

Skill Level: Advanced

Topper Size: 44¼" x 18¾"

Block Sizes: 9" x 9" and 2½" x 2½"

Number of Blocks: 3 and 4



INSTRUCTIONS

Completing the Spinning Snowflake Blocks

Step 1. Prepare 17 copies of each of the sections of the Spinning Snowflake paper-piecing pattern.

Step 2. Cut up one of each of the unit patterns on the marked lines to make templates for each shape; trace shapes right side up onto the wrong side of fabrics as directed on each piece for color, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " between shapes.

Step 3. Cut out shapes, leaving at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the traced lines as shown in Figure 1.

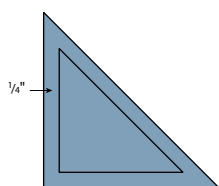
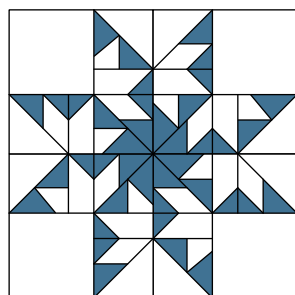
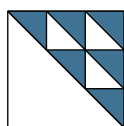


Figure 1



Spinning Snowflake
9" x 9" Block
Make 3



Corner
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Block
Make 4

Step 4. Select one A paper foundation pattern unit and one piece A1 fabric piece for that section; turn the paper to the unmarked side and pin piece A1 over the space marked A1 with the wrong side of A1 against the paper. Select piece A2 and pin right sides together with piece A1 on the edge with the line between pieces A1 and A2 as shown in Figure 2.

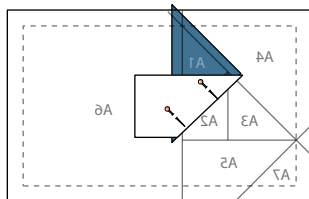


Figure 2

Step 5. Turn the paper over and stitch on the line between pieces A1 and A2, taking at least one stitch before the beginning of the line and at the end as shown in Figure 3.

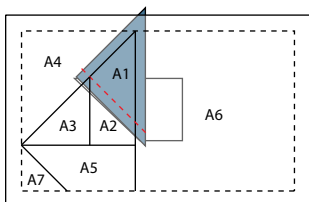


Figure 3

Step 6. Turn the paper over to unmarked side, press piece A2 to the right side as shown in Figure 4. Trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ", if necessary.

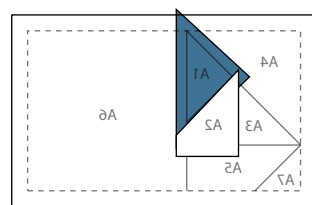


Figure 4

Step 7. Repeat with piece A3 on pieces A1 and A2 as shown in Figure 5.

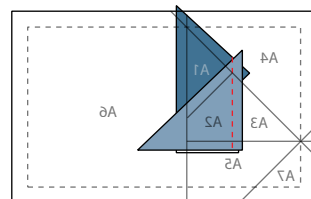


Figure 5

Step 8. Repeat with all pieces for the A unit; trim outer edges even with outer line on paper pattern to complete the A unit.

Step 9. Repeat all steps to complete four each A, B, C, D and E units.

Step 10. Join one each B, C, D and E units, and add an A unit as shown in Figure 6, to complete one quarter unit; repeat to make four quarter units.

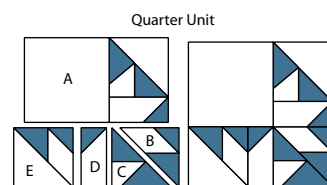


Figure 6

FABRIC	PATTERN PIECES	#STRIPS & PIECES	CUT	#PIECES	SUBCUT
Measurements based on 42" usable fabric width.					
2 yards blue print	CC DD	2 1 4	1" x $38\frac{3}{4}$ " 1" x 42" $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 42" for binding	2	1" x $14\frac{1}{4}$ " strips
$2\frac{1}{2}$ yards white tonal			Pieces for paper piecing as per patterns		

FABRIC	PATTERN PIECES	#STRIPS & PIECES	CUT	#PIECES	SUBCUT
Measurements based on 42" usable fabric width.					
Backing			53" x 27"		

SUPPLIES

- Batting 53" x 27"
- All-purpose thread to match fabrics
- Quilting thread
- Copy paper
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

Step 11. Join four quarter units as shown in Figure 7 to complete one Spinning Snowflake block; press seams open as stitched. Remove paper backing.

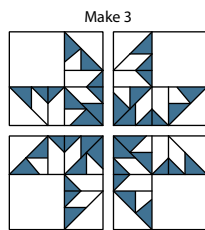


Figure 7

Step 12. Repeat Steps 4–11 to complete a total of three Spinning Snowflake blocks.

Step 13. Complete four additional quarter units using the remaining pieces; set aside for the setting triangles.

Completing the Setting Triangles

Step 1. Prepare nine copies of each section F–I of the Setting Triangle paper-piecing patterns. Make one copy of the J triangle pattern and use to cut eight J triangles.

Step 2. Repeat steps for making Spinning Snowflake blocks, making eight of each unit F–I referring to Figure 8. Join the paper-pieced sections to make eight each F–G units and H–I units, again referring to Figure 8. Add a J triangle to each H–I unit to complete eight H–I–J units. Press seams open.

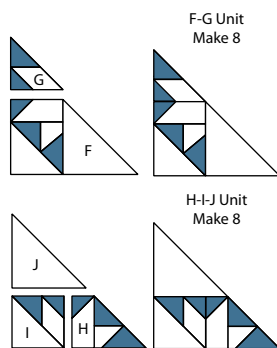


Figure 8

Step 3. Sew an F–G and an H–I–J unit to one quarter unit as shown in Figure 9 to complete one side-setting triangle; press seams open.

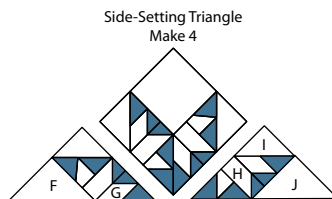


Figure 9

Step 4. Repeat to complete a total of four side-setting triangles.

Step 5. Join one each F–G and H–I–J unit to complete one corner-setting triangle as shown in Figure 10; press seams open.

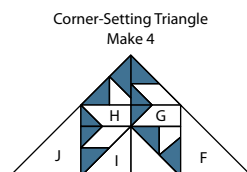


Figure 10

Step 6. Repeat to complete a total of four corner-setting triangles.

Completing the Side & End Units

Step 1. Prepare seven copies of each section K, L, O and P of the Side and Reversed Side Unit paper-piecing patterns, and three copies of each section S, T, W and X of the End and Reversed End Unit paper-piecing patterns. Make one copy each of the M, N, Q, R, U, V, Y and Z triangles and use to cut six each M, N, Q and R triangles and two each U, V, Y and Z triangles.

Step 2. Repeat steps for making Spinning Snowflake blocks to make six each unit K and L and O and P referring to Figure 11. Join one of each K and L sections and add M and N triangles

to make an N unit, again referring to Figure 11. Join one of each O and P sections and add Q and R triangles to make an R reversed unit, again referring to Figure 11. Press seams open.

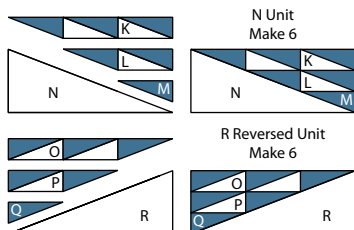


Figure 11

Step 3. Join one each N unit and R reversed unit to make a side unit as shown in Figure 12; press seams open. Repeat to make a total of six side units.

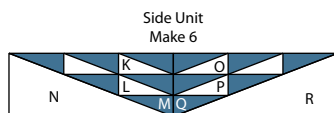


Figure 12

Step 4. Repeat steps for making Spinning Snowflake blocks to make two each unit S, T, W and X referring to Figure 13. Join one of each S and T sections and add U and V triangles to make a V unit, again referring to Figure 13. Join one of each W and X sections and add Y and Z triangles to make a Z reversed unit, again referring to Figure 13. Press seams open.

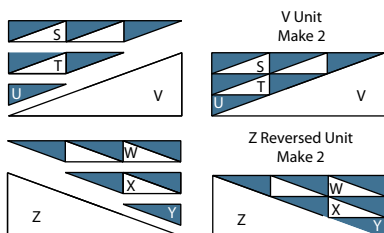


Figure 13

Step 5. Join one each V unit and reversed Z unit to make an end unit as shown in Figure 14; press seams open. Repeat to make a second end unit.

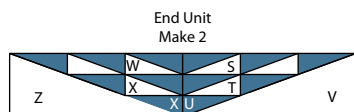


Figure 14

Completing the Corner Blocks

Step 1. Prepare five copies of each section AA and BB of the Corner Block paper-piecing patterns.

Step 2. Repeat steps for making Spinning Snowflake blocks to make four each AA and BB units as shown in Figure 15.

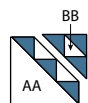


Figure 15

Step 3. Join one each AA and BB unit to make one Corner block as shown in Figure 16; press seams open. Repeat to make a total of four Corner blocks.

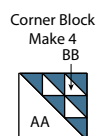


Figure 16

Completing the Topper

Step 1. Arrange and join the Spinning Snowflake blocks in diagonal rows with

the side-setting and corner-setting triangles as shown in Figure 17; press seams open.

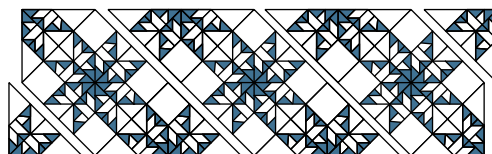


Figure 17

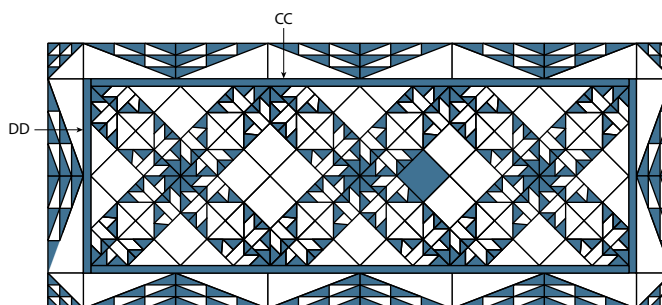
Step 2. Sew a CC strip to opposite long sides and the DD strips to opposite short ends of the pieced center; press seams toward the strips.

Step 3. Join three side units to make a side strip as shown in Figure 18; press seams open. Repeat to make a second side strip.



Figure 18

Step 4. Sew a side strip to opposite sides of the pieced center referring to the Placement Diagram for positioning of strips.



Spinning Snowflake Table Topper
Placement Diagram 44 1/4" x 18 3/4"

How to Quilt

This table topper is quilted in white thread throughout. A combination of line echoing and feathers is used in the outer border. The center of the table topper is filled with feathers, vines, petals and stippling in the blue background.



Step 5. Sew a Corner block to opposite ends of an end unit to make an end strip as shown in Figure 19; press seams open. Repeat to make a second end strip.

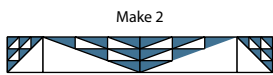


Figure 19

Step 6. Sew an end strip to opposite ends of the pieced center to complete the pieced top referring to the Placement Diagram for positioning of strips.

Step 7. Press the quilt top on both sides; check for proper seam pressing and trim all loose threads.

Step 8. Sandwich batting between the stitched top and prepared backing piece; pin or baste layers together to hold. Quilt on marked lines and as desired by hand or machine

Step 9. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting. Trim batting and backing fabric edges even with raw edges of the quilt top.

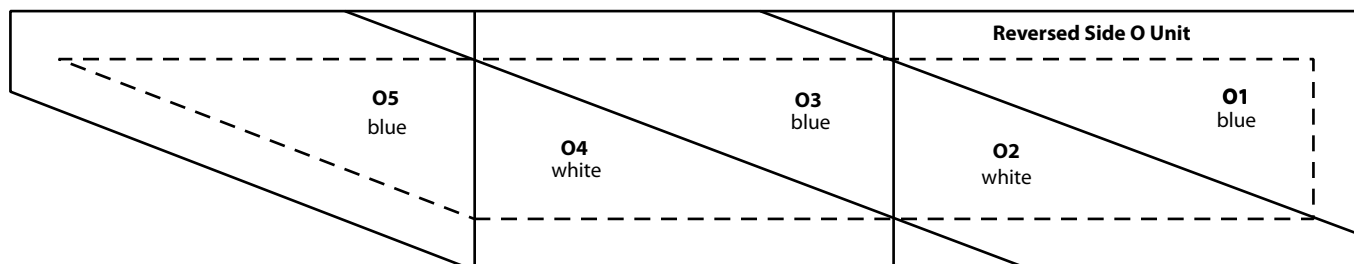
Step 10. Join the binding strips on short ends with diagonal seams to make one long strip; trim seams to ¼" and press seams open.

Step 11. Fold the binding strip in half with wrong sides together along length; press.

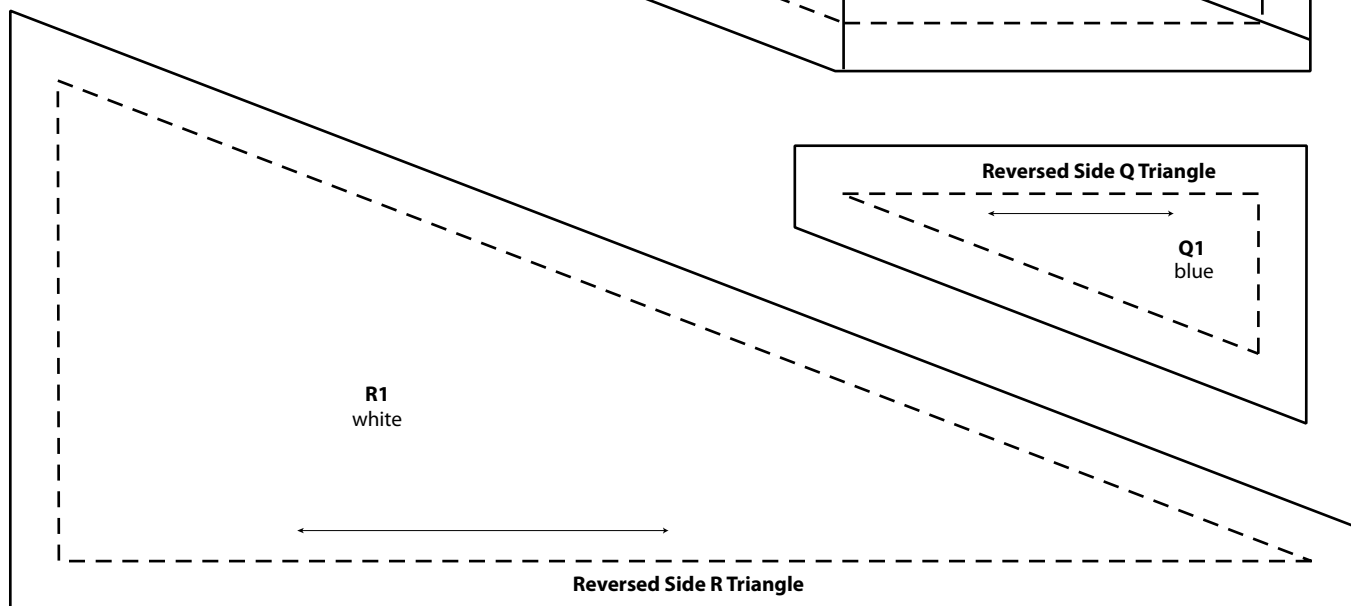
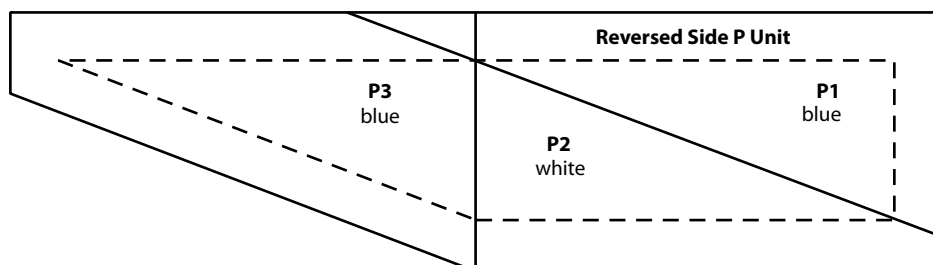
Step 12. Sew the binding to the right side of the quilt edges, mitering corners and overlapping ends.

Step 13. Fold binding to the back side and stitch in place to finish. **QW**

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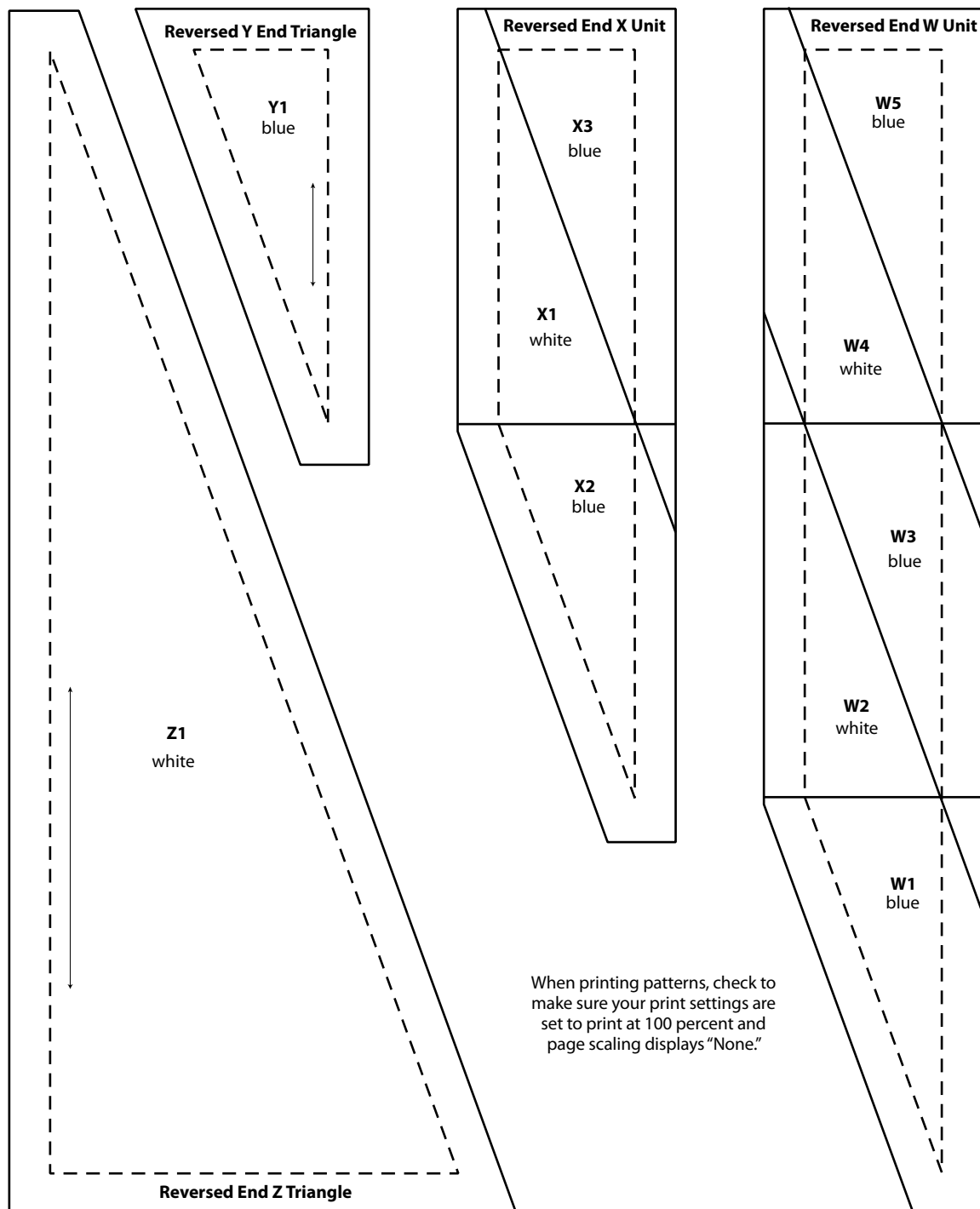


Reversed Side Unit Paper-Piecing Patterns

Make 7 copies each O & P

Make 1 copy each Q & R

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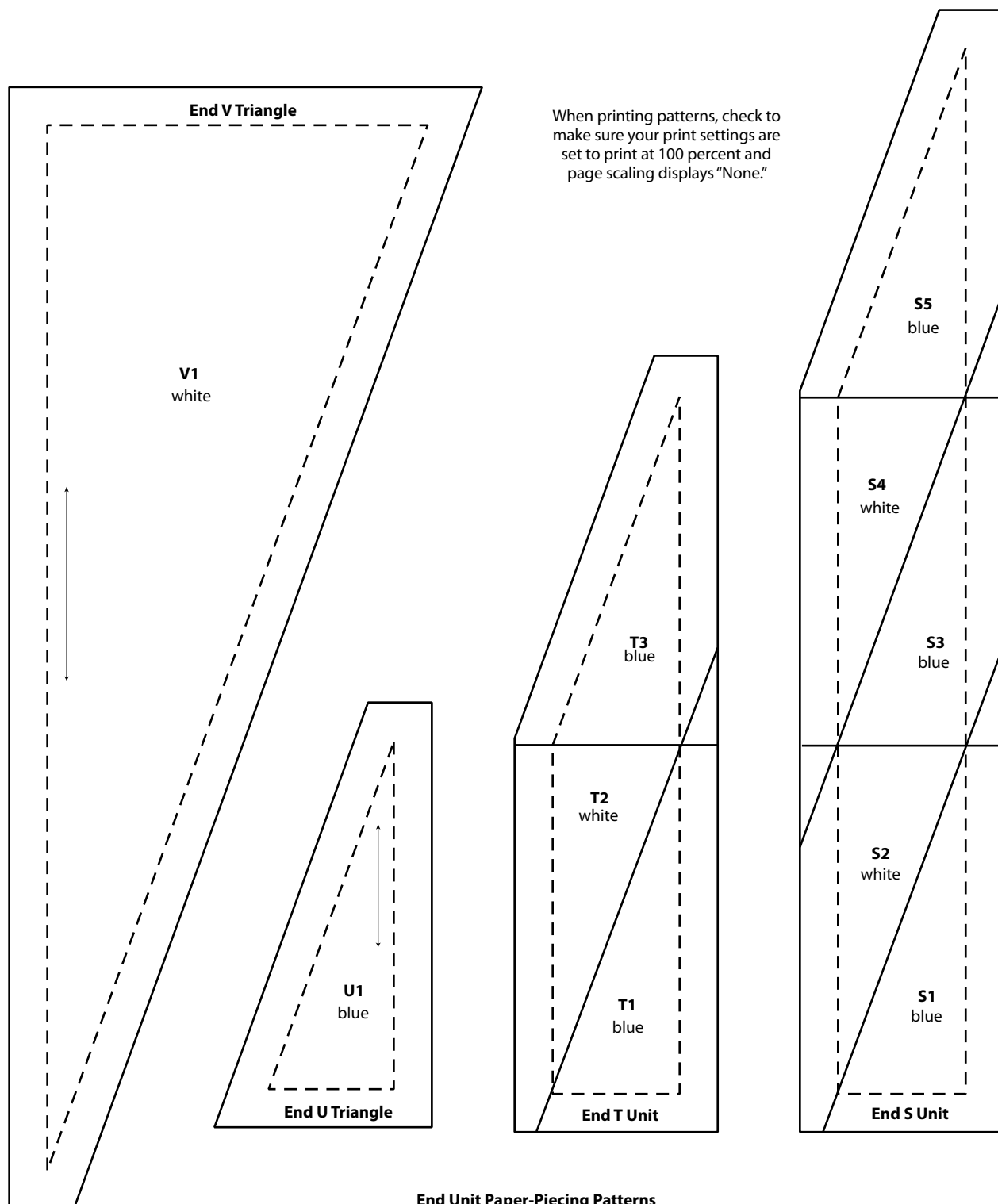


Reversed End Unit Paper-Piecing Patterns

Make 3 copies each W & X

Make 1 copy each Y & Z

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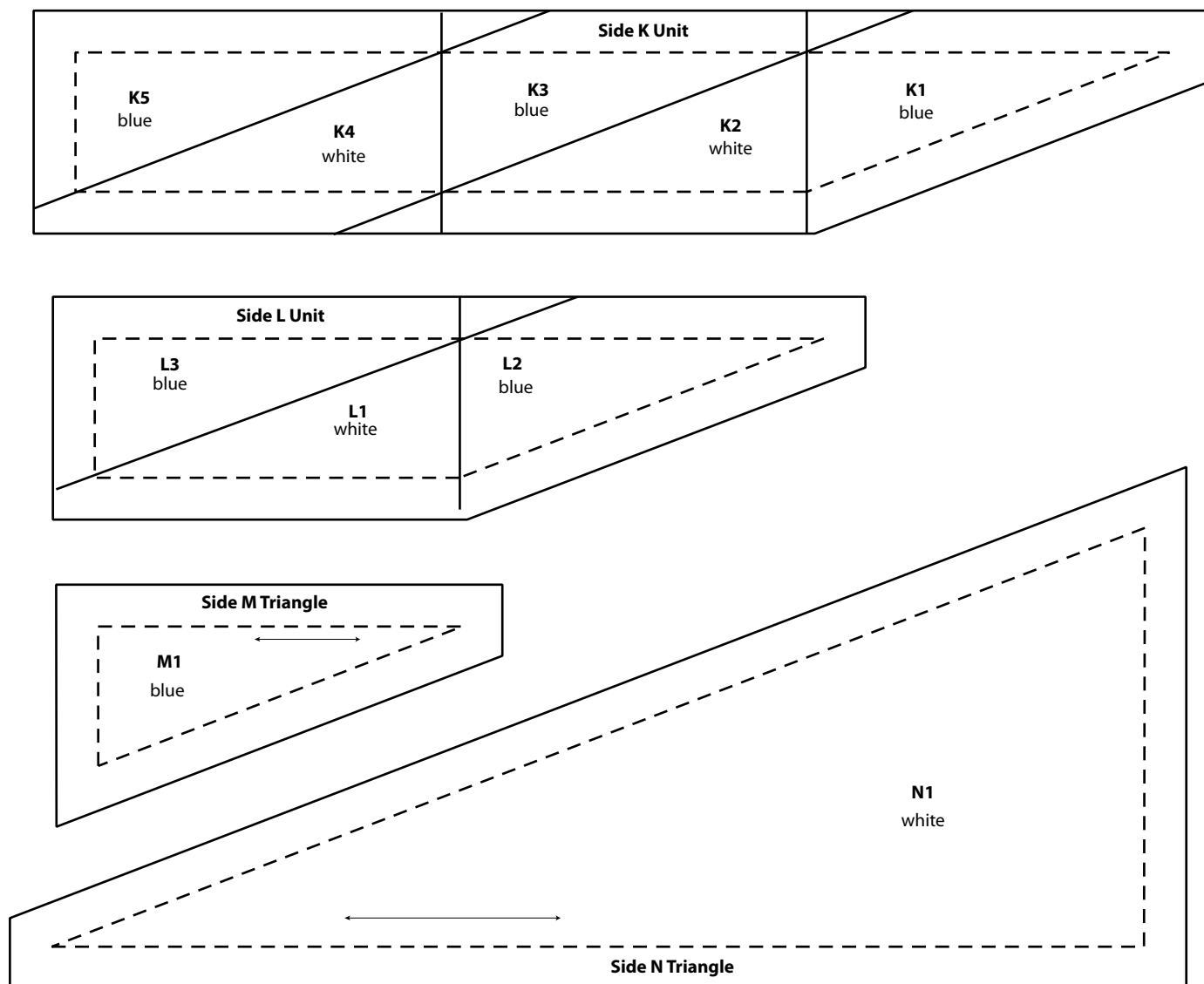
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Make 1 copy each U & V

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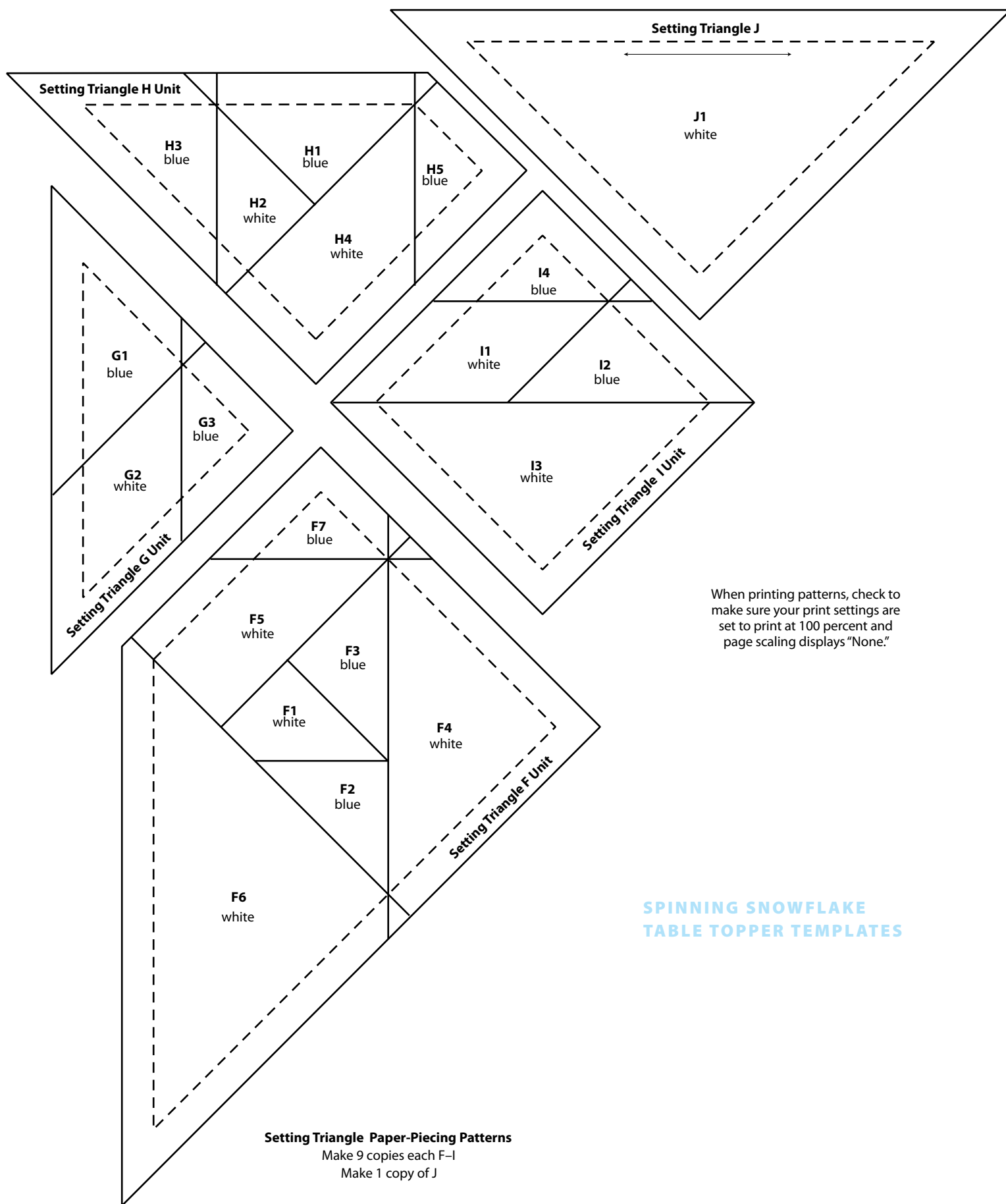
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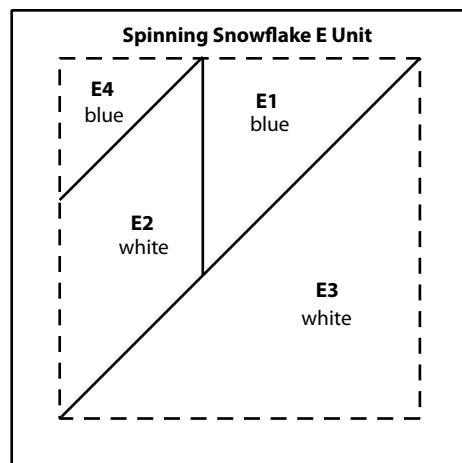
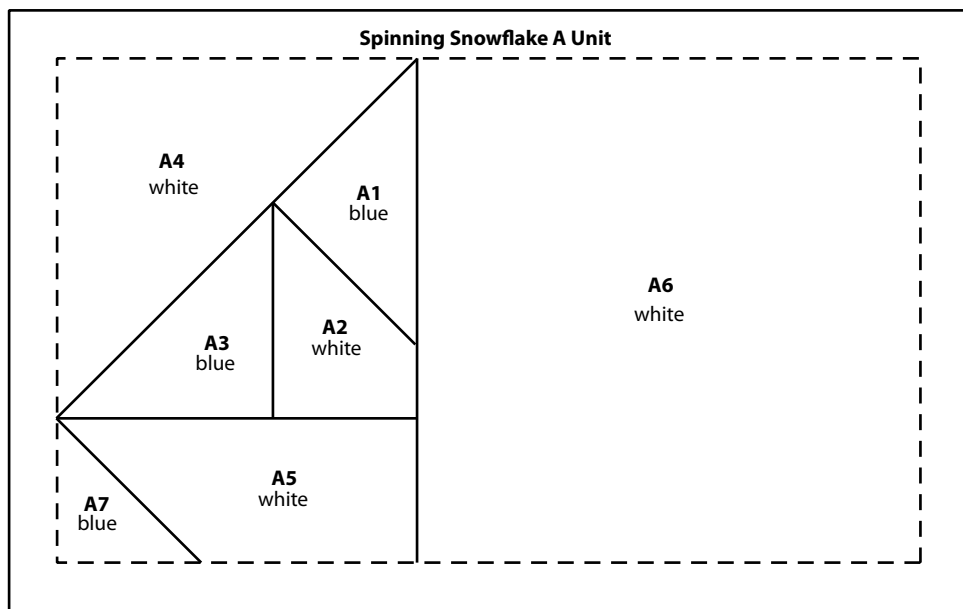
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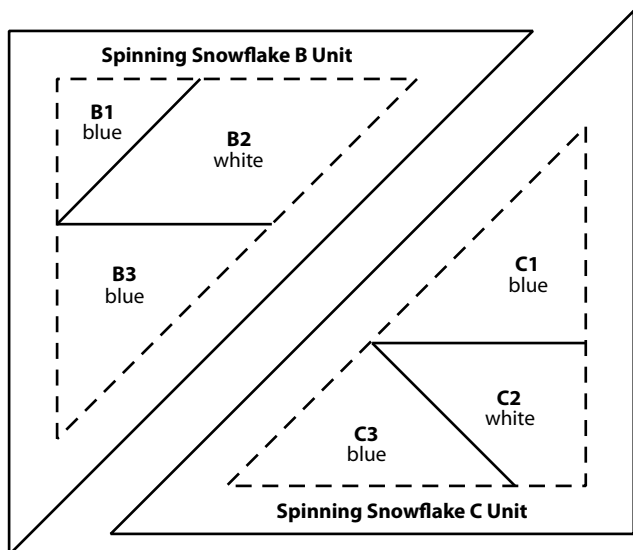
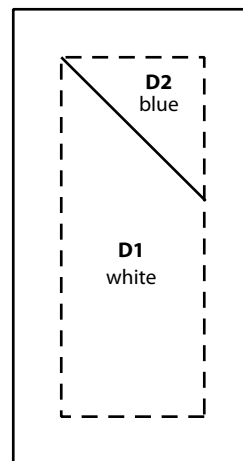
Make 1 copy each M & N



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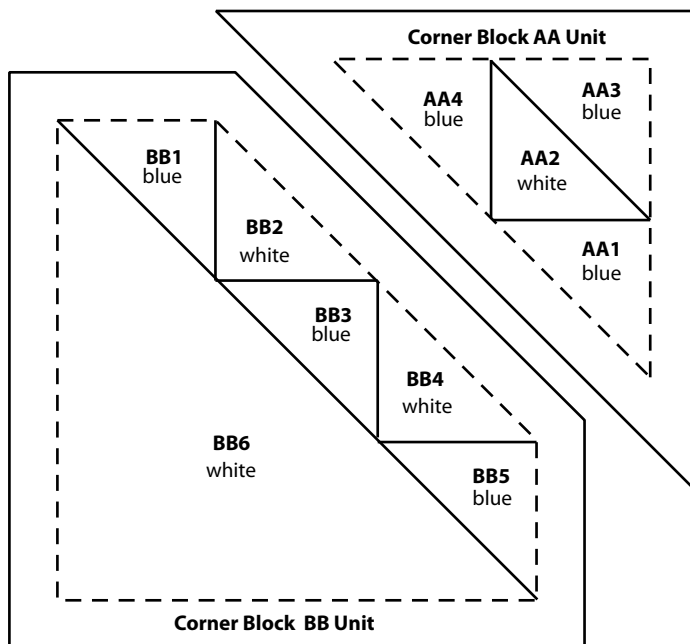
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**Spinning Snowflake
Paper-Piecing Patterns**
Make 17 copies each unit A–E

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Corner Block Paper-Piecing Patterns
Make 5 copies each unit AA & BB



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