

Bonita Bunny

Block sizes included: 6", 8" and 10" square



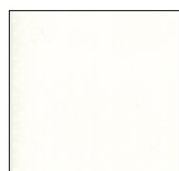
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- Includes full step by step instructions and diagrams.
- Full sized foundation paper piecing templates in 3 sizes.
- Colouring sheet to assist in planning.
- Tips and tricks for easy construction.

Free Block
Patterns

What You Will Need:

The following fabric requirements are generous estimates for an **8" block**. You will need to adjust quantities according to the size of block you wish to sew. Templates for a 6", 8" and 10" square (finished) block are included in this free pattern.



1 x fat eighth

55185-25 Little Snippets Cream Dot



1 x fat eighth

55182-12 Little Snippets Aqua Floral



1 x 2 1/2" WOF strip

55152-23 Handmade Coral Spot



Bow Fabric – 1 x 2 1/2" x 5 1/2" rectangle

55186-11 Little Snippets Red Gingham



Binding Fabric - 1 x 2" WOF strip

55183-11 Little Snippets Red Crosses

*(fabrics used are from **Bonnie and Camille Fabrics** – Moda Fabrics)*

WOF= width of fabric

PLUS

- 2 small black buttons
- 12" square of backing and wadding- **extra backing for optional hanging sleeve**
- Neutral thread for piecing
- Matching thread for buttons and bow
- Quilting thread
- General sewing and paper piecing supplies

Special Notes:

Please read all instructions carefully before proceeding with this project. A 1/4" seam allowance has been added to all measurements. Fabric requirements are based on fabric 44" (112cm) wide. I have been generous when estimating the fabric requirements to allow for constructing the paper pieced units.

It is recommended that fabrics be prewashed, ironed and starched before proceeding.

A colouring sheet has been included with this pattern to assist in fabric/colour selection prior to piecing your **Bonita Bunny** mini quilt or blocks.

Printing Instructions:

When printing the design sheets, ensure your printer settings are set to “none” or “actual size” in the page scaling panel to ensure accuracy of printing.

Before printing, identify the design sheets for the size block you require – you will find the sizes at the top of the design sheets.

Print copies straight from your printer- do not photocopy pages as this will reduce the size of the templates just slightly.

Let's Get Started:

Constructing Your Bonita Bunny Mini Quilt:

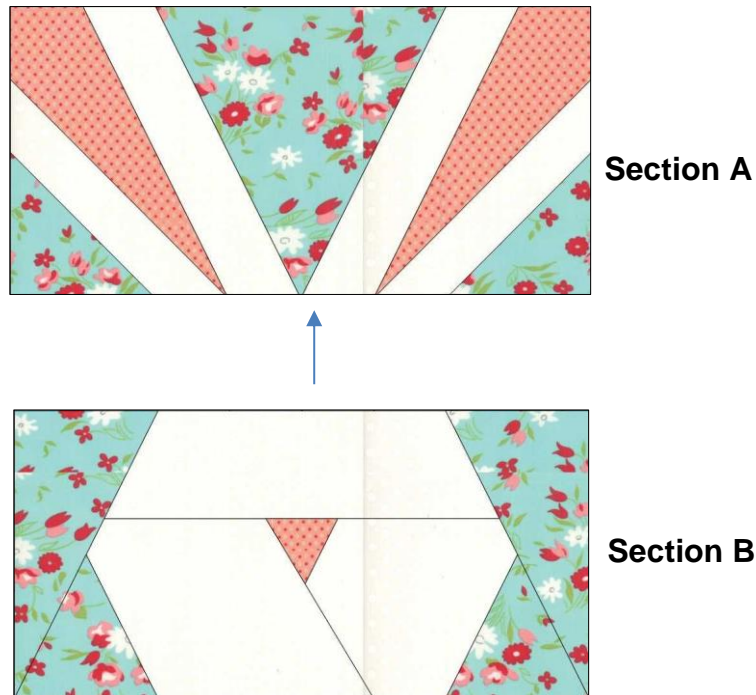
1. Print the **Bonita Bunny- Colouring Sheet** and plan the placement of your chosen fabrics or colours.



2. Select which size block you would like to sew and print the corresponding **Bonita Bunny - Design Sheet/s** included in this pattern. The finished block sizes are included at the top of the design sheets and you require a template **A and B** for each size block.

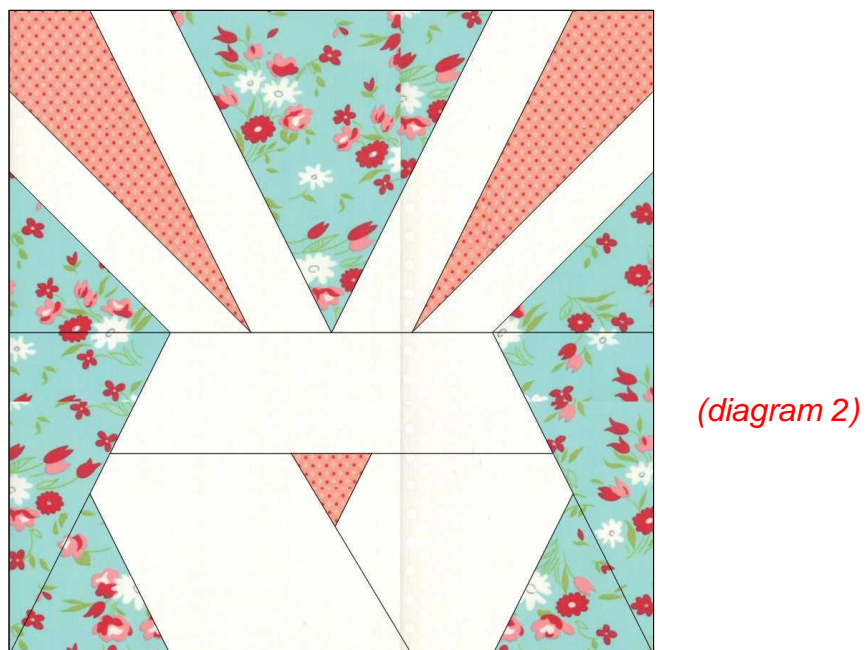
Please Note: The design sheets include shaded colours of the ones I used to make my **Bonita Bunny** mini quilt. They can be used as a guide for your colour placement but you'll still be able to write in your alternate colours if you wish.

- Cut around the templates, about ¼" from the outer lines. I found it easier to label the colour placement on the paper templates, prior to piecing. **(don't forget, you are working in reverse.)**
- Paper piece the **A and B** sections in your chosen fabrics. *(diagram 1)*



(diagram 1)

- Carefully matching all seams, sew the two sections together along the long sides and pressing the seam open to complete your **Bonita Bunny** mini quilt top. *(diagram 2):*



(diagram 2)

- Carefully remove the paper from the back of the quilt top and press well in preparation for basting and quilting.

Basting and Quilting:

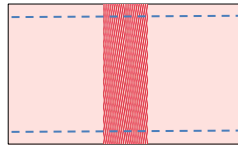
1. Lay the backing fabric wrong side up on a flat surface and tape into position to secure.
2. Lay the wadding on top, smoothing out any wrinkles and then position the well pressed quilt top, on top, right side up.
3. Pin the three layers together if you are machine quilting and hand baste the three layers together if you are hand quilting.
4. Quilt as desired. I have chosen to machine quilt and I have quilted rows of serpentine stitch spaced approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart.

Bindings and Finishing:

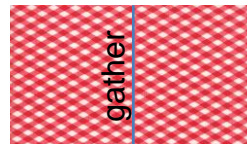
1. Trim the excess backing and wadding level with the quilt top.
2. You can add a hanging sleeve at this point if desired. Here are two options:
Option 1: Cut a strip of backing fabric $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" (for the 8" mini quilt) and with right side down turn in a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either short edge and press well. Fold strip in half lengthways, wrong sides together. Pin the raw edge of the sleeve to the back of the quilt evenly on one raw edge and sew across a scant $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam to secure into position. (With this option once binding has been completed you can slide in a quilt hanger to hang your quilt)
Option 2: Cut 2 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares from the backing fabric and with wrong sides together, fold each square diagonally to form a triangle. Press well. Position a triangle on the back of the quilt, in the two top corners, raw edges together. Sew around the raw edges with a scant $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam to secure into position. (With this option you can use the triangles to hold a quilt hanger OR place a thumbtack inside the triangle and push through the triangle only and then into your wall to hang your quilt)
3. To bind your mini quilt, press the 2" binding strip in half lengthways and starting in the middle of one side of the quilt sew bindings to the quilt front, raw edges together, mitring the corners as you go and trimming excess.
4. Turn bindings to the wrong side of the quilt and slipstitch into place to secure.
5. Position the two black buttons above the bunny nose and when you're happy with their placement sew them onto the mini quilt in matching thread to secure.
6. To make the fabric bow:
 - Fold over and press a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam at either short edge of your $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, wrong sides together.



- With right sides together, fold the short sides in, meeting at the centre and press.



- Sew down either long side to secure.
- Clip the corners and turn the bow to the right side and press.
- Find the centre of the bow and gather with your fingers to form a bow.



- With matching thread, sew through the gather a few times and then wind the thread firmly around the centre of the bow 5-6 times. Slip stitch to secure.
7. Stitch the bow to the mini quilt on the ear for a female bunny or below the nose as a bow tie for a male bunny (Bonito Bunny).
 8. Label and date your completed **Bonita Bunny** mini quilt. Enjoy 😊

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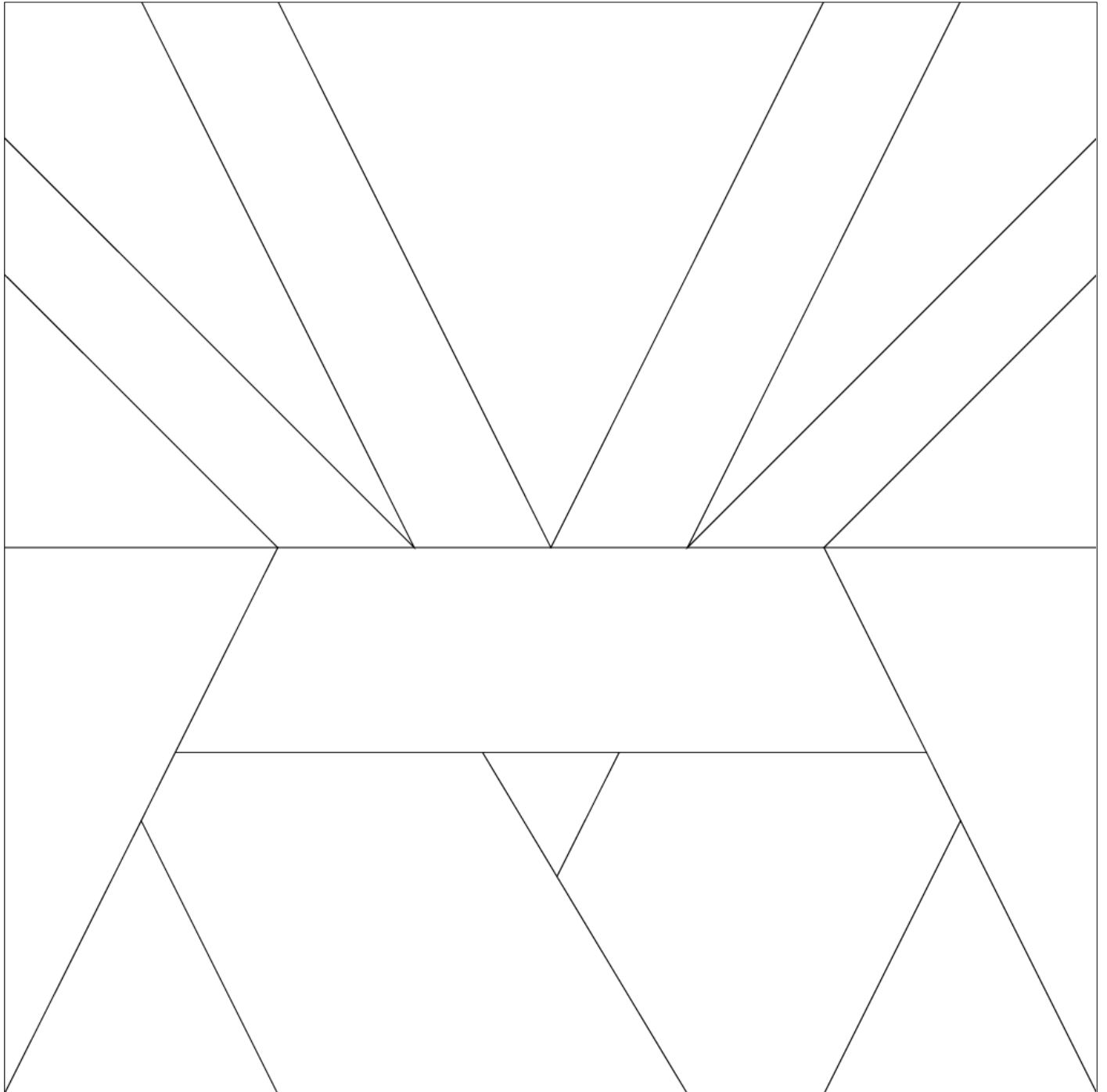
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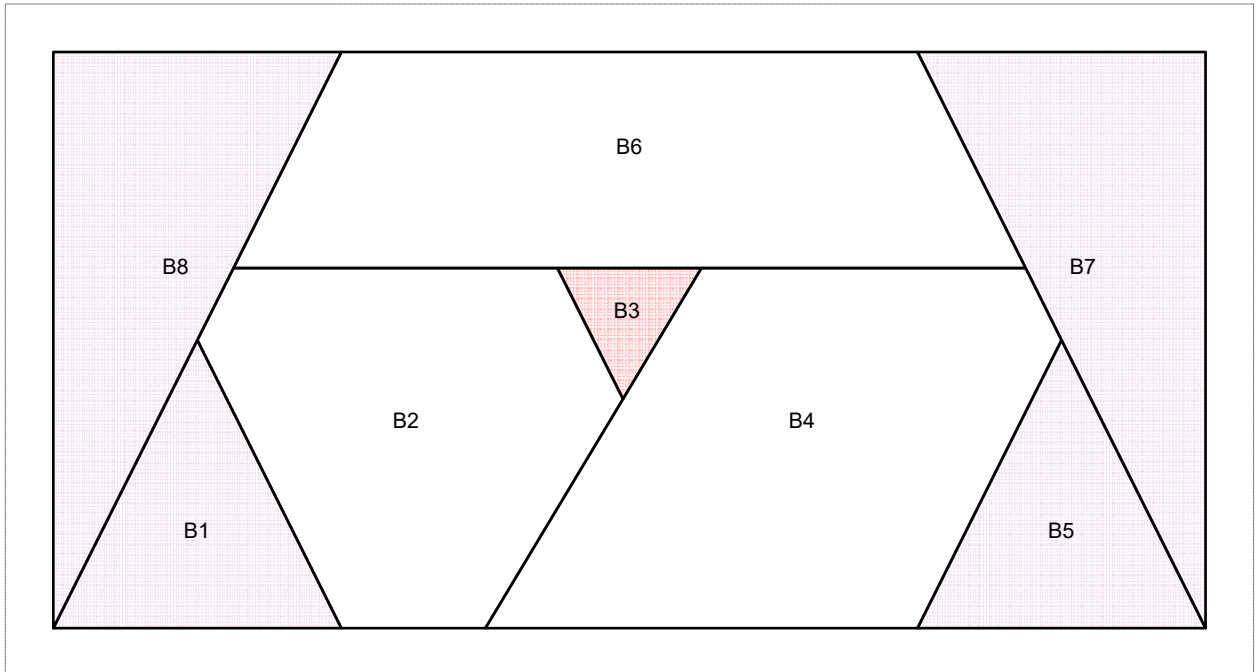
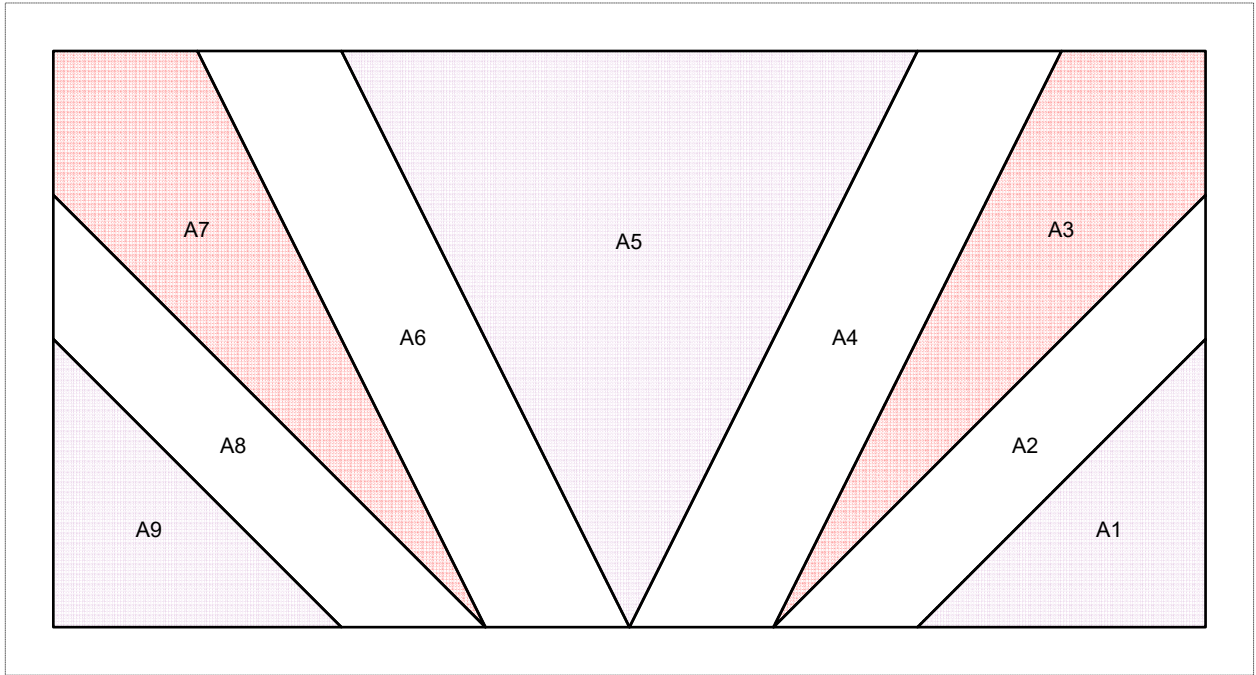
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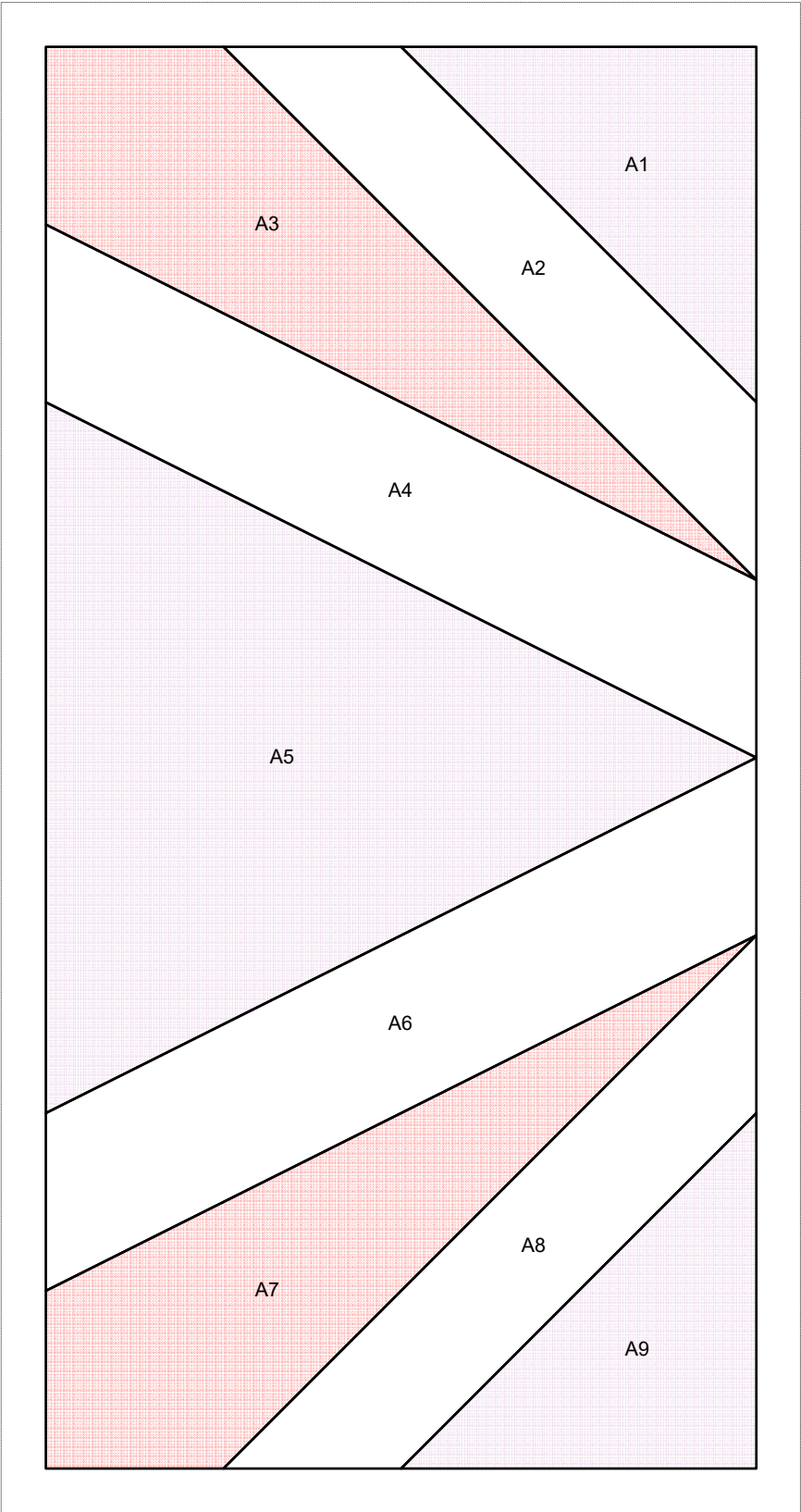
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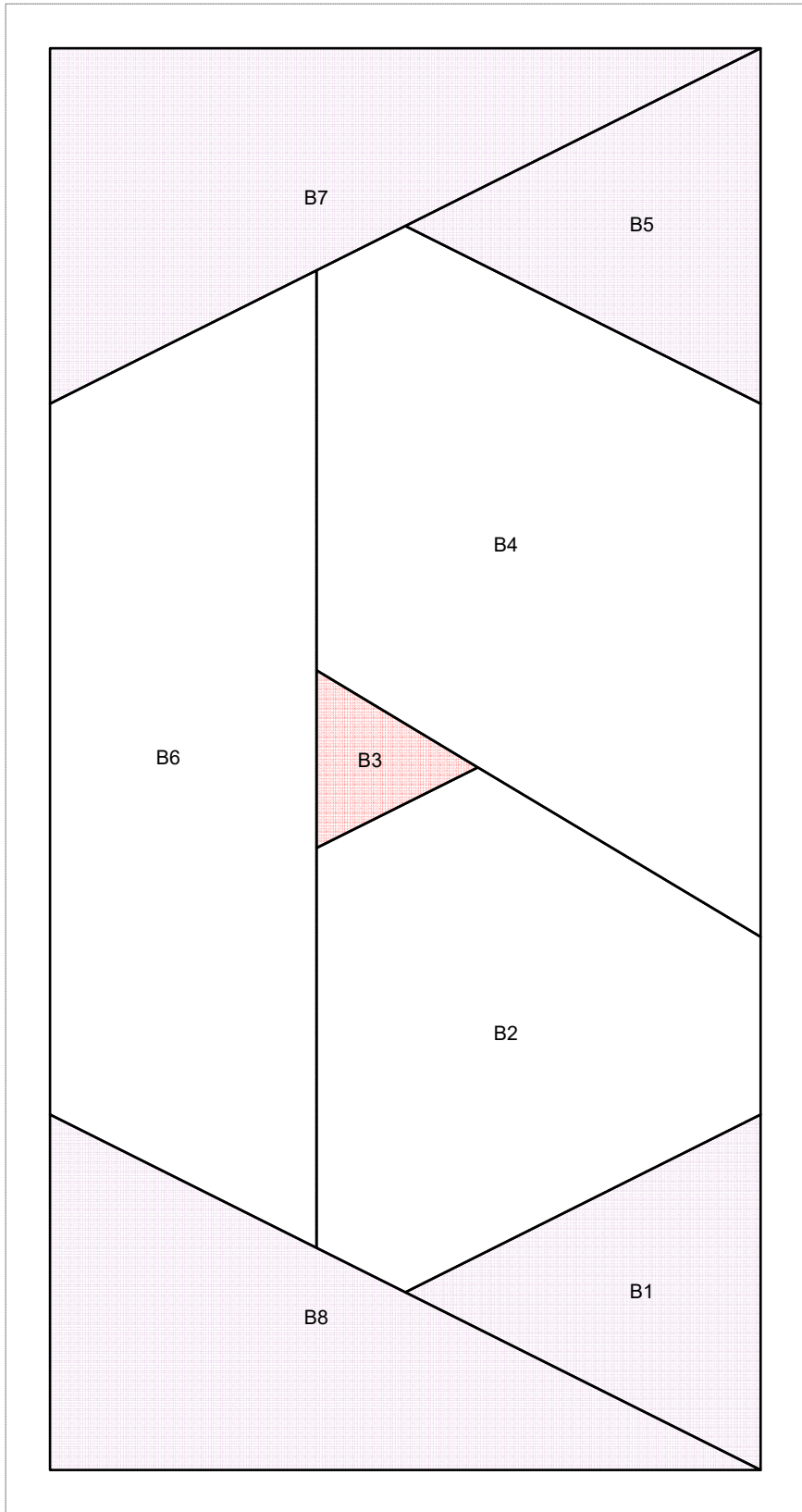


Bonita Bunny- 6" Block



Bonita Bunny- 8" Block





Bonita Bunny- 10" Block

