

Back to School Quilt

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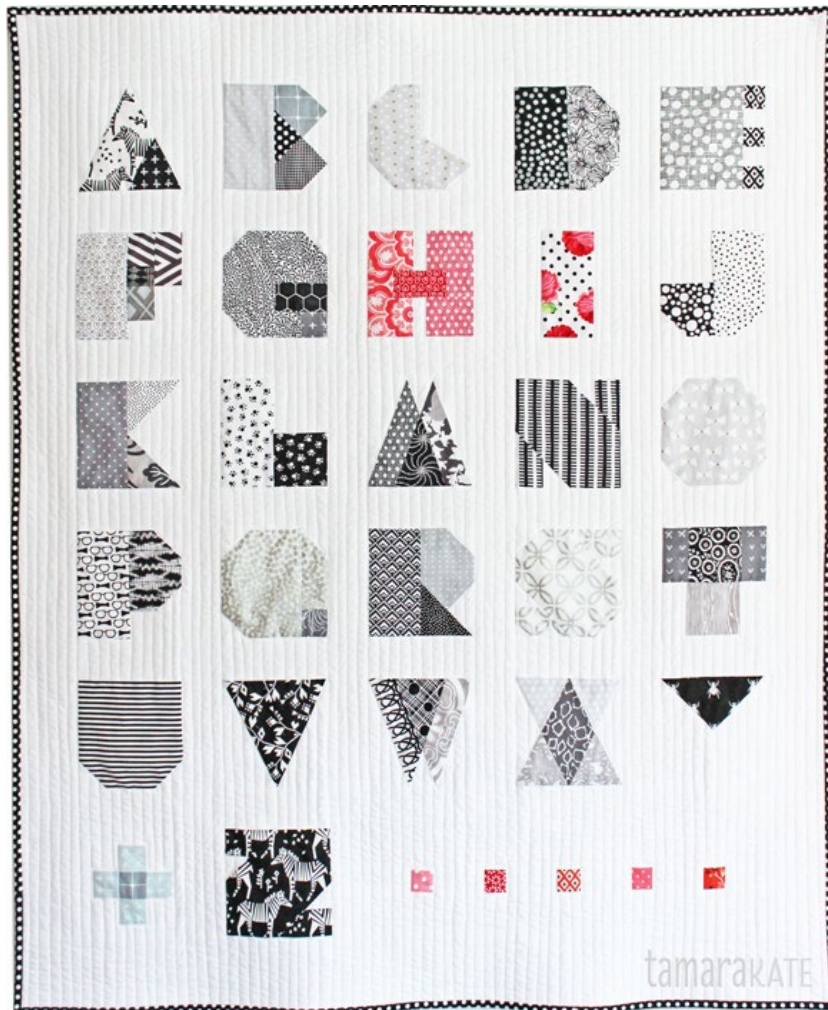
Originally shared as part of the Janome America Back to School month of projects, Tamara Kate's black and white alpha-quilt offers a hidden surprise within the alphabet! The following instructions are brief, but with careful attention to labelling all pre-cut pieces, this quilt top comes together with ease. The letter templates are designed for using a general paper piecing technique. Simple straight line quilting finishes the project with a modern flair.

FINISHED QUILT SIZE: 38" x 48"

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

- For Letters: Co-ordinating fabric scraps, minimum 6 x 6". I used approximately 60 different prints. 5 Pieces contrasting fabric (6"x6") and for small squares at bottom right of quilt.
- Ground fabric: 1 yard
- Backing fabric: 1 1/2 yards
- Binding fabric: 1/2 yard



ALSO REQUIRED:

- 44 x 52" quilt batting, rotary cutter, cutting mat, acrylic ruler, thread, scissors, pins and pencil



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CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Ground Fabric:

- A - 22 pieces - 2 1/2 x 5 1/2"
- B1 - 1 piece - 1 1/2 x 4 1/2"
- B2 - 4 pieces - 1 1/2 x 3"
- B3 - 1 piece - 1 1/2 x 2 1/2"
- B4 - 1 piece - 4 1/2 x 21 1/2"
- B5 - 1 piece - 2 1/2 x 21 1/2"
- C - 1 piece - 2 1/2 x 40 1/2"
- D - 3 pieces - 2 1/2 x 33 1/2"
- E - 2 pieces - 3 1/2 x 40 1/2"
- F - 2 pieces - 4 1/2 x 40"

Use the remainder ground fabric for piecing the letters.

Binding Fabric:

Cut 5 strips 2 1/2" x WOF (width of fabric)

Contrasting Fabric:

G - Cut 5 squares 1 1/2 x 1 1/2"

BACK TO SCHOOL ALPHABET TEMPLATES

Download the accompanying Template PDF for the paper-piecing letter forms



QUILT TOP CONSTRUCTION:

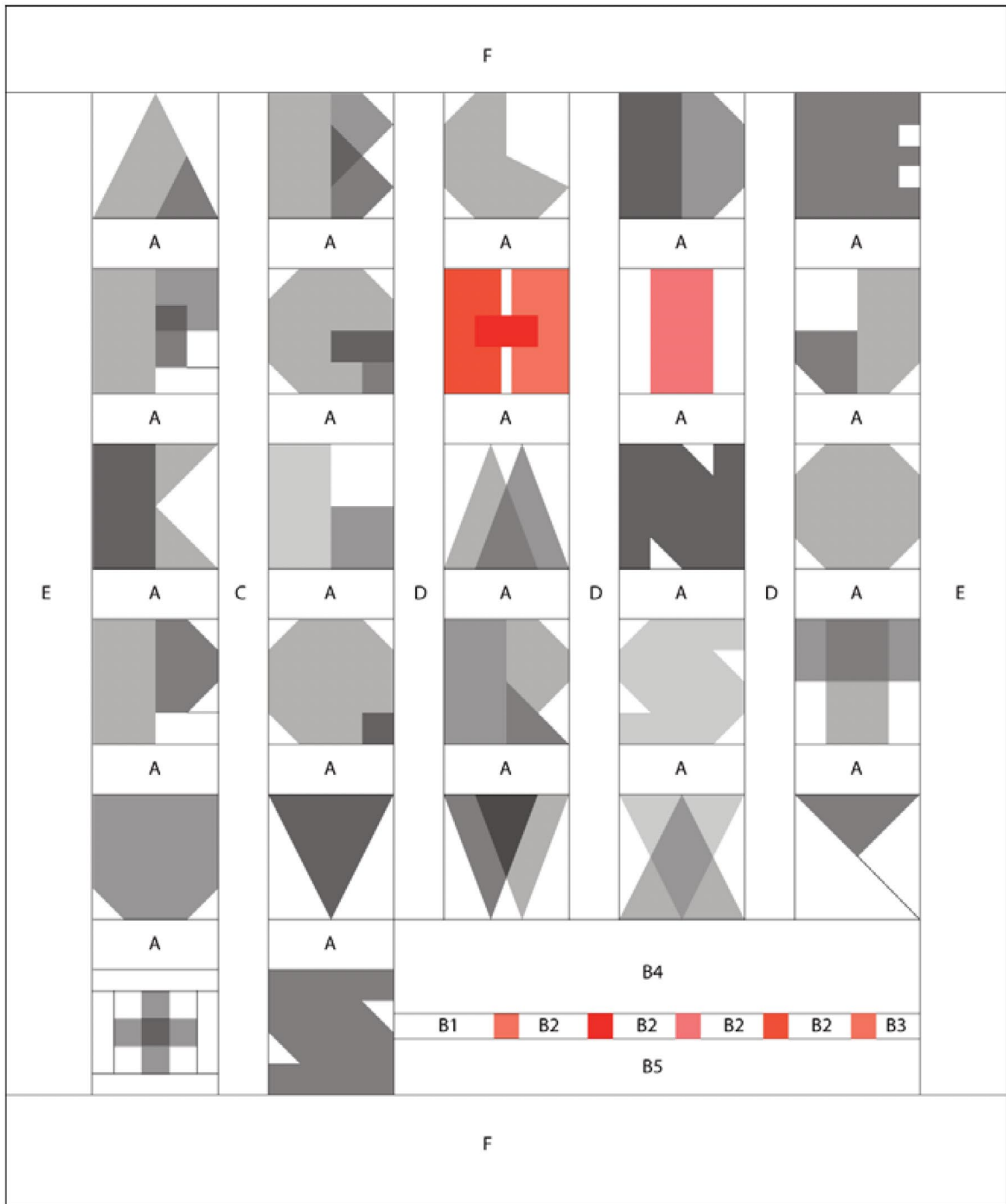
- All seam allowances are 1/4"
- Download and print the Back to School templates. These will be the base of the paper pieced letters (check the one inch test square for printing size accuracy.)
- For each letter, piece with paper piecing technique. Numbers on individual pieces indicate order in which to piece. Choose fabrics that are lighter or darker in value as per Diagram 1 to achieve depth and variety. All blocks should measure 5 1/2" square when completed (includes seam allowance).
- Following Diagram 1, add ground fabric sashing in the following order:
 - Sew pieces "A" between letter blocks. Sew pieces B1, four B2 & B3 between small squares "G".
 - Sew B4 and B5 to top and bottom of strip with small squares.
 - Sew "C" between 1st and 2nd column of letters, pinning first.
 - Sew three "D" to last three columns of letters, pinning first.
 - Sew block of last three strips of letters to block of small squares.
 - Sew this to block of first two strips of letters, pinning first.
 - Add "E" to both sides, then "F" to top and bottom.

ASSEMBLING QUILT:

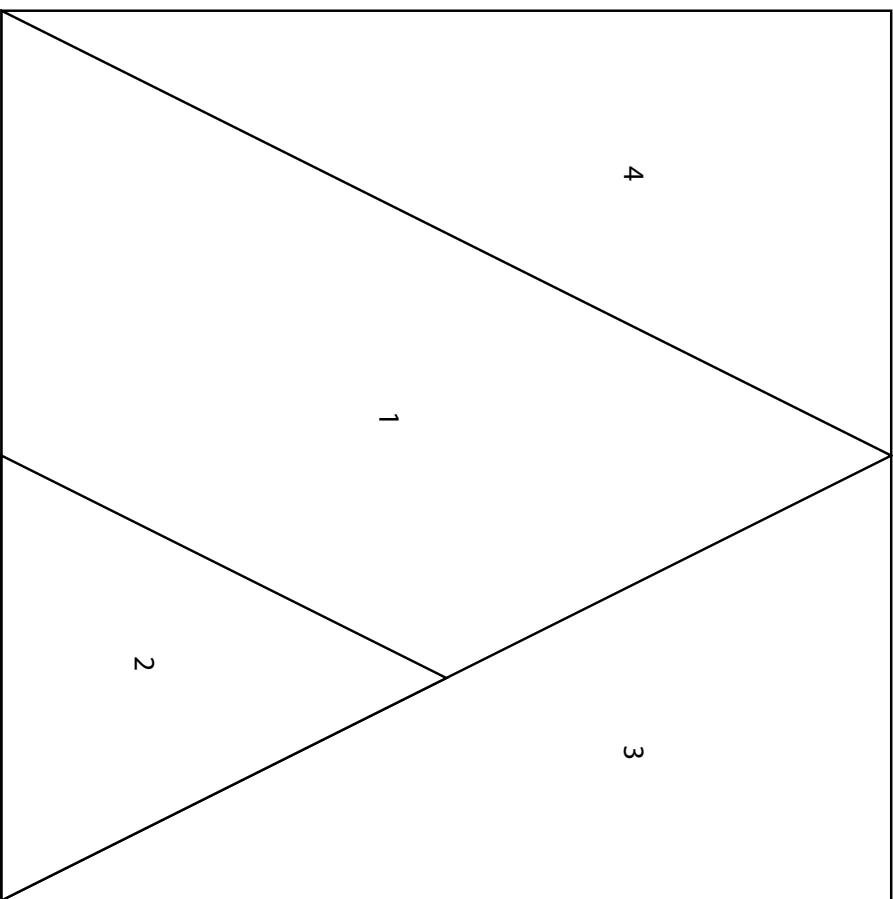
- Layer backing, batting and quilt top. Baste or pin.
- Quilt as desired. I used straight line quilting 1/2" apart on all ground fabric, framing letters.
- Square up quilt. Join binding strips together and bind in your preferred fashion.

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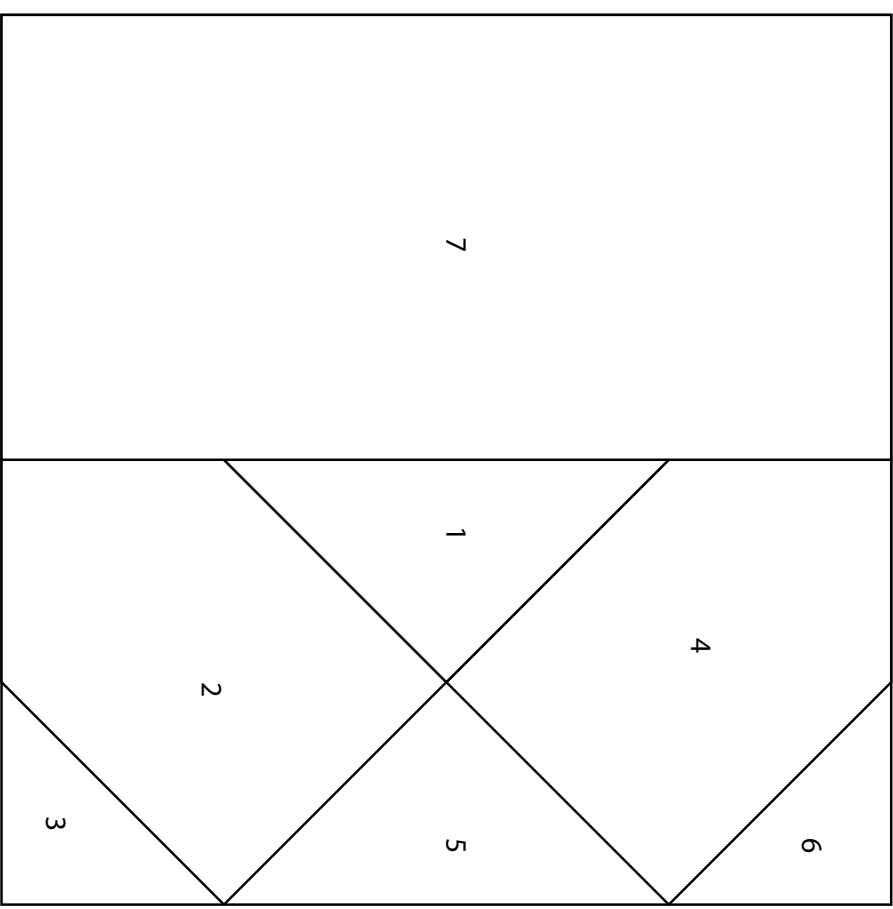
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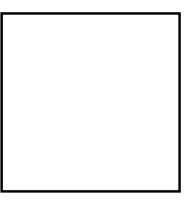
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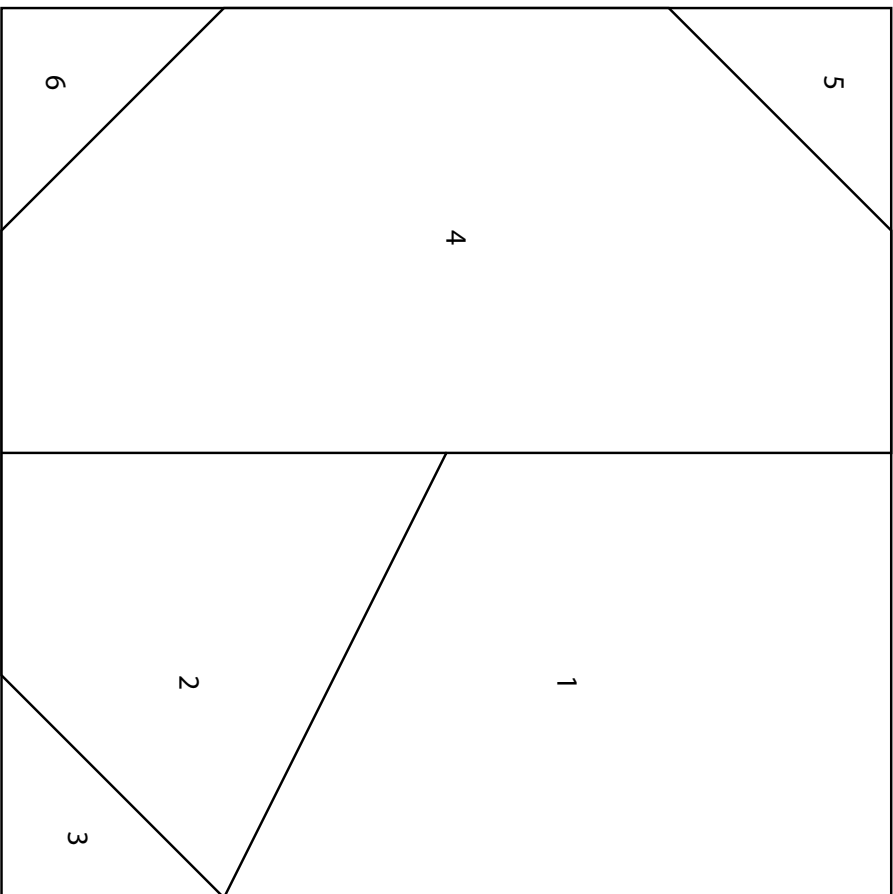
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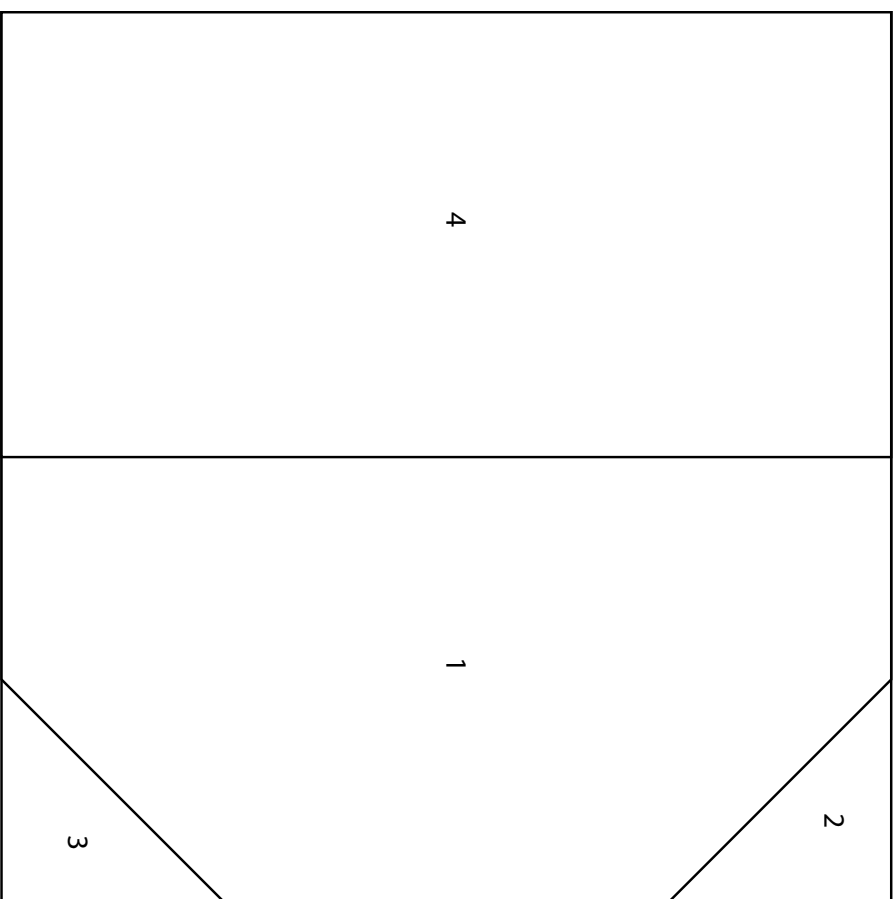
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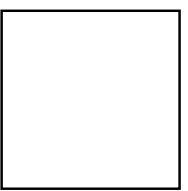
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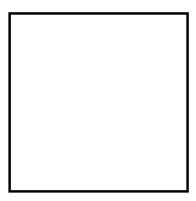
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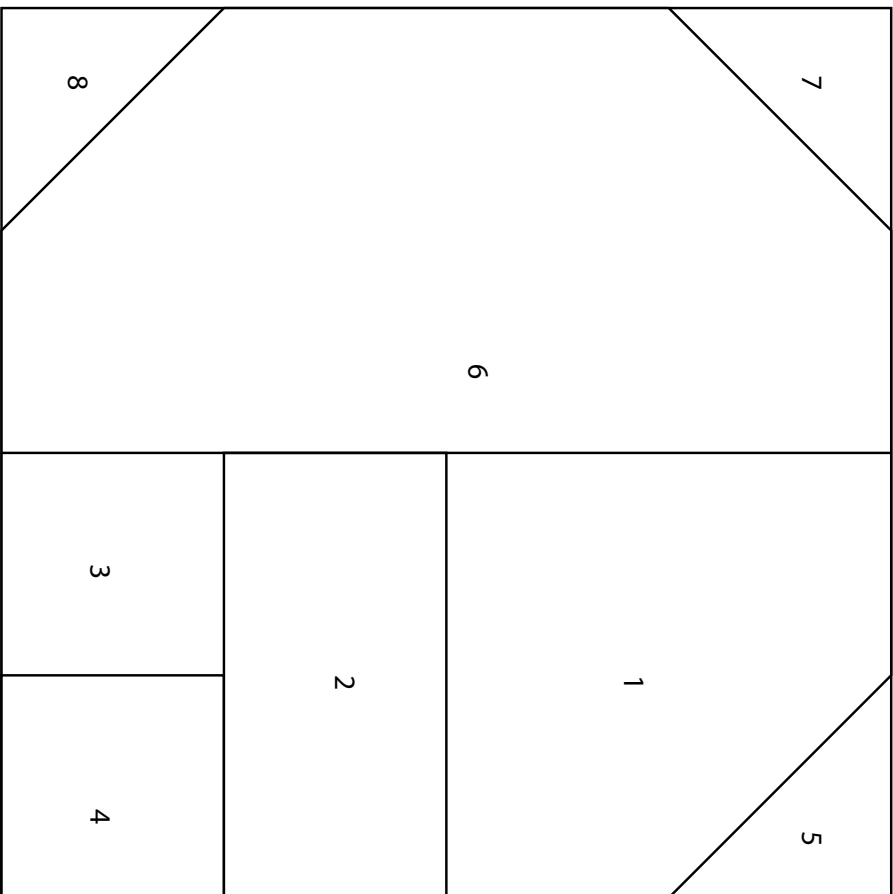
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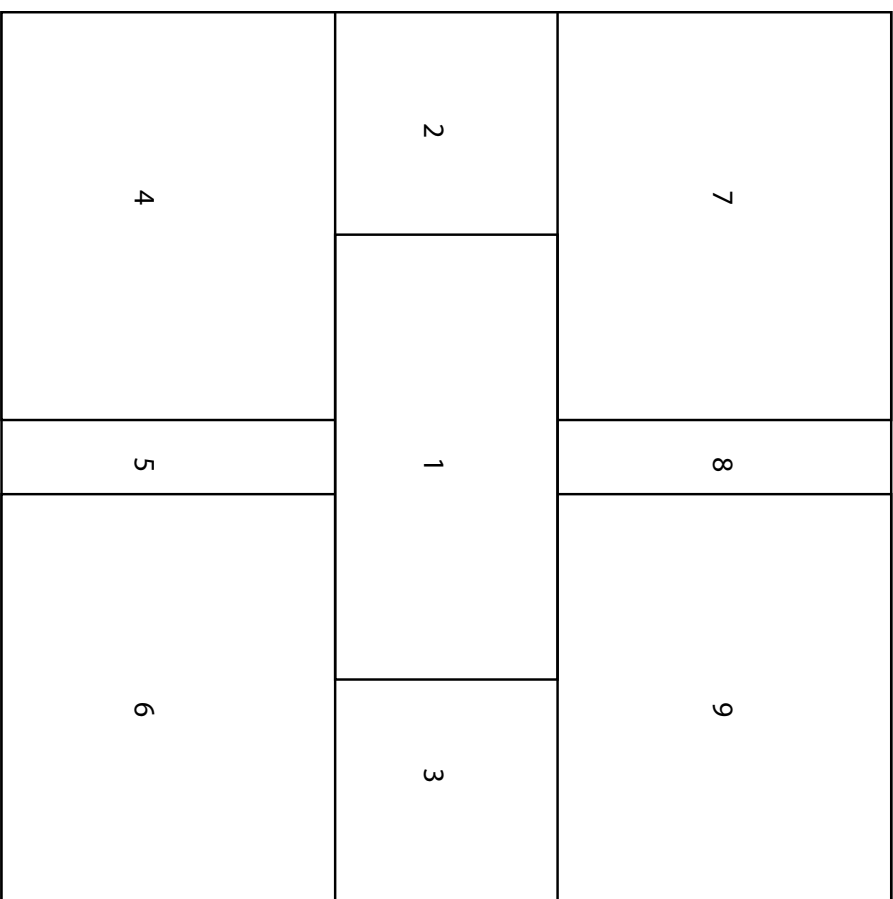
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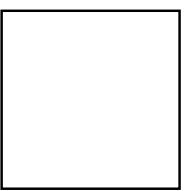
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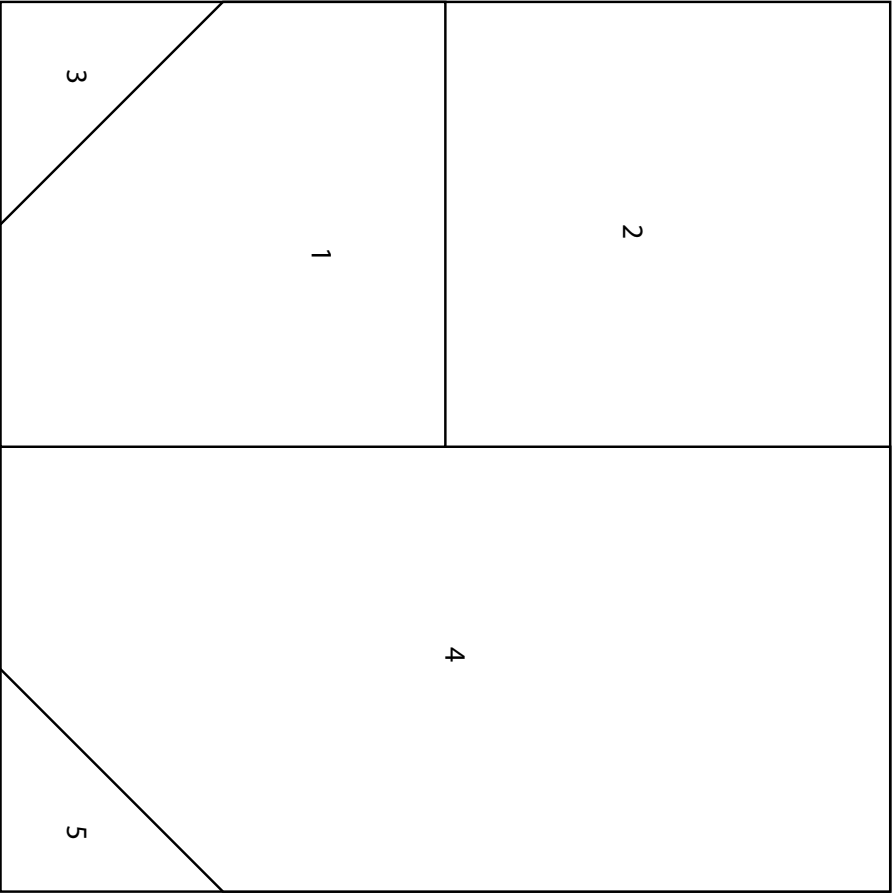
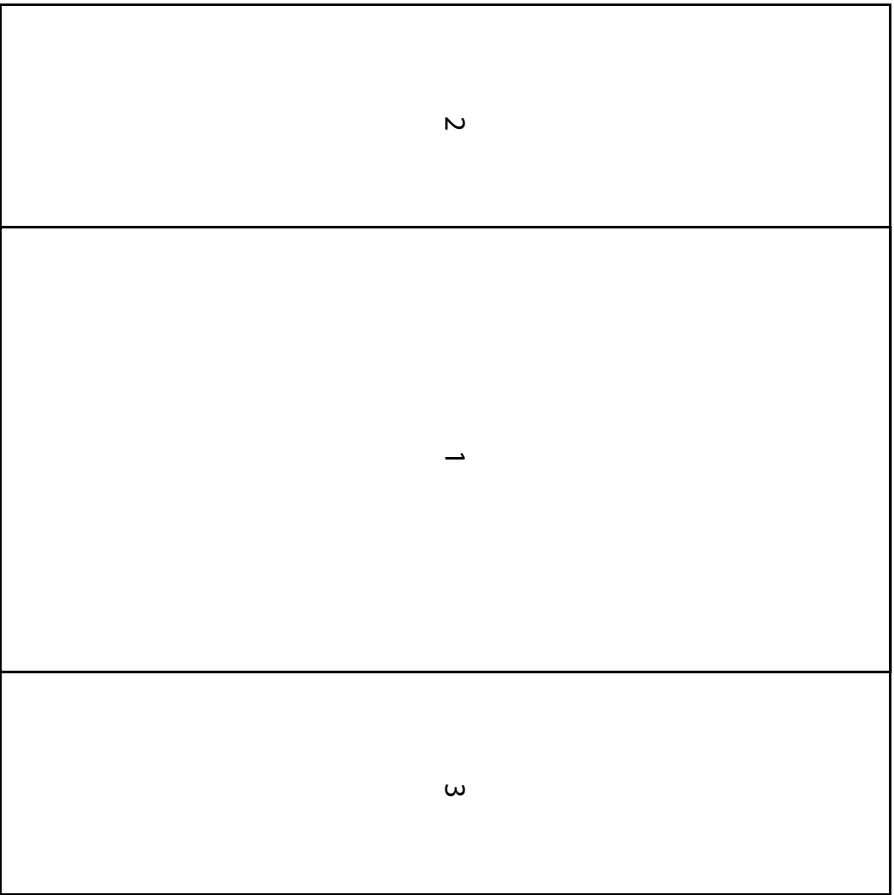


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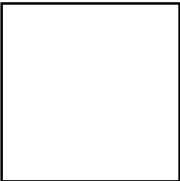


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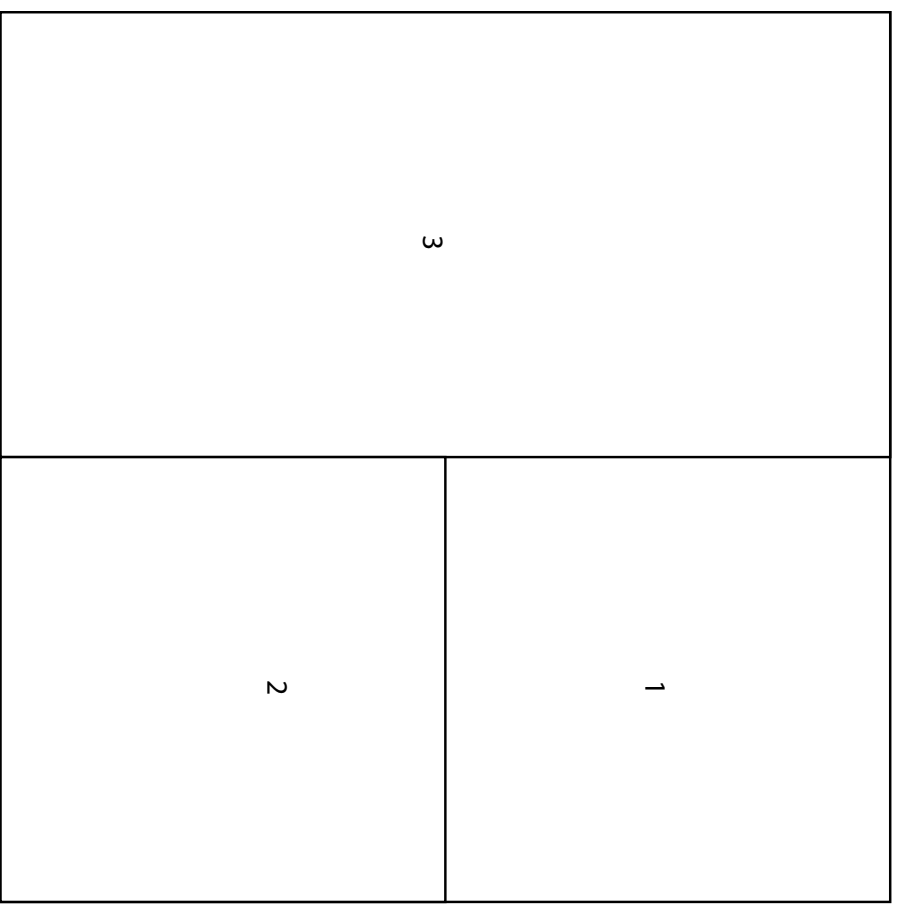
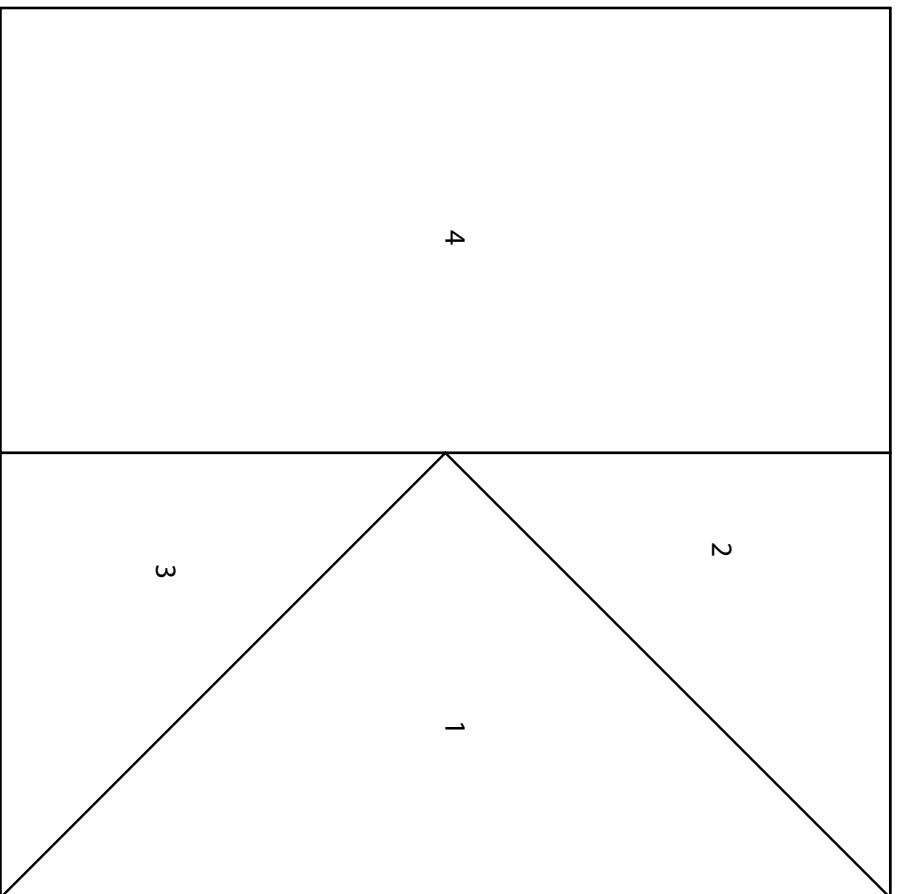


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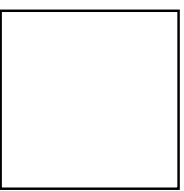
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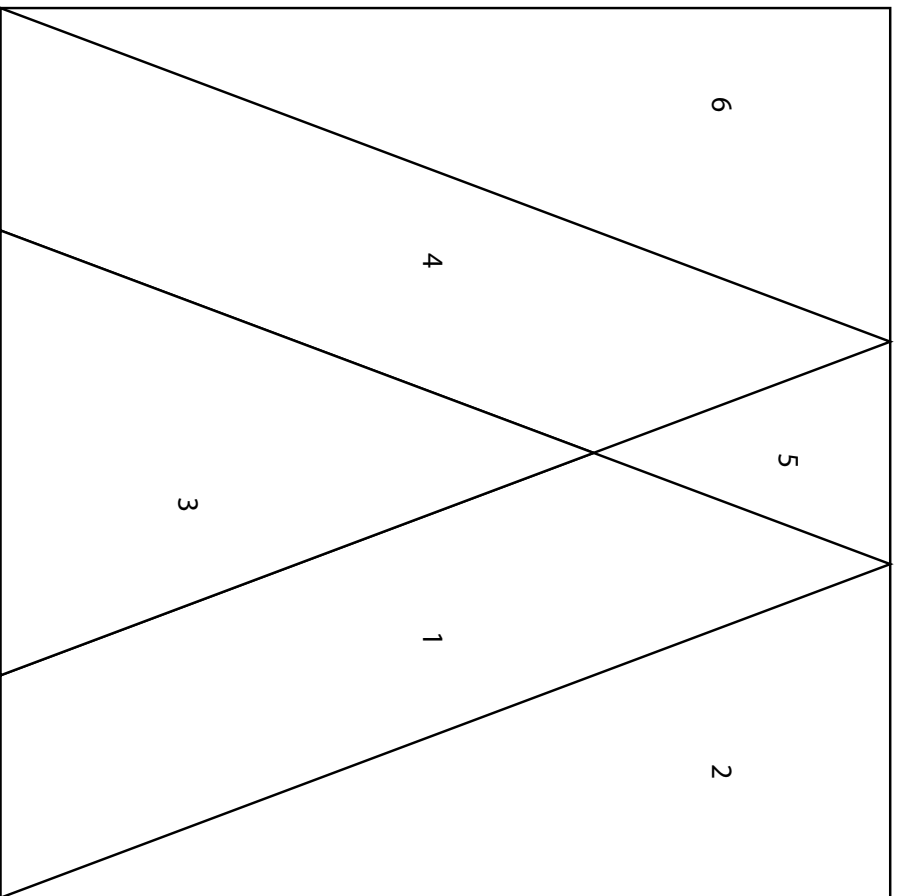
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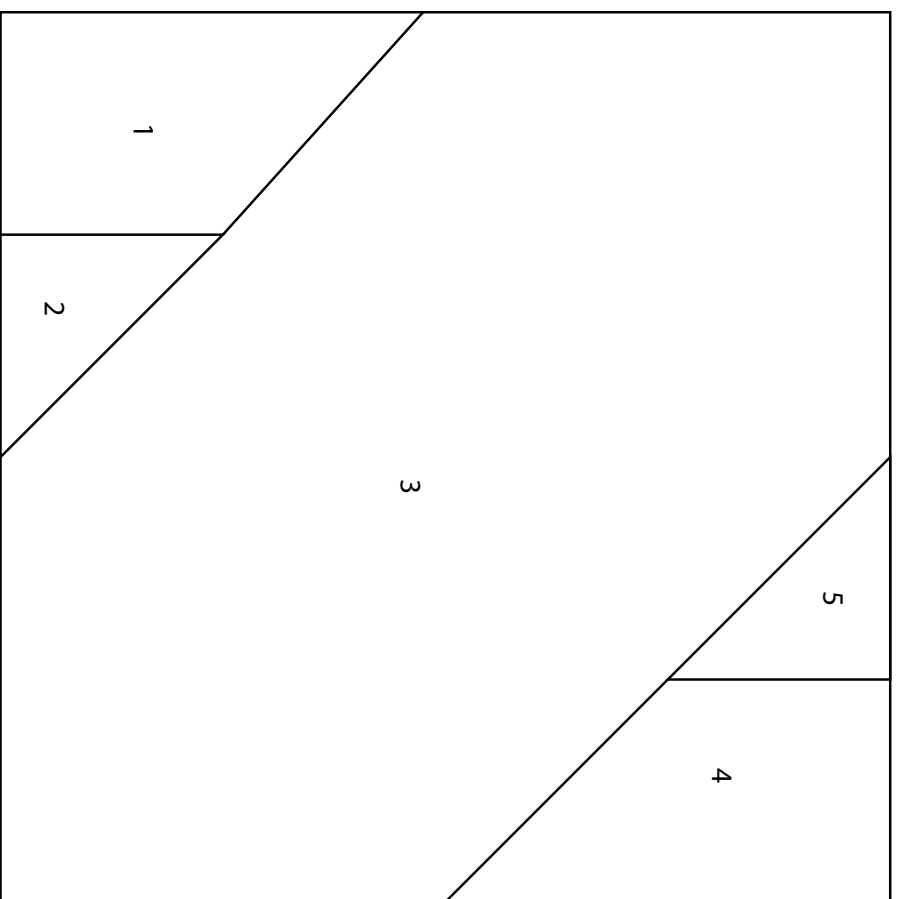


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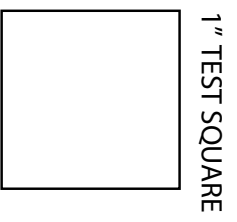


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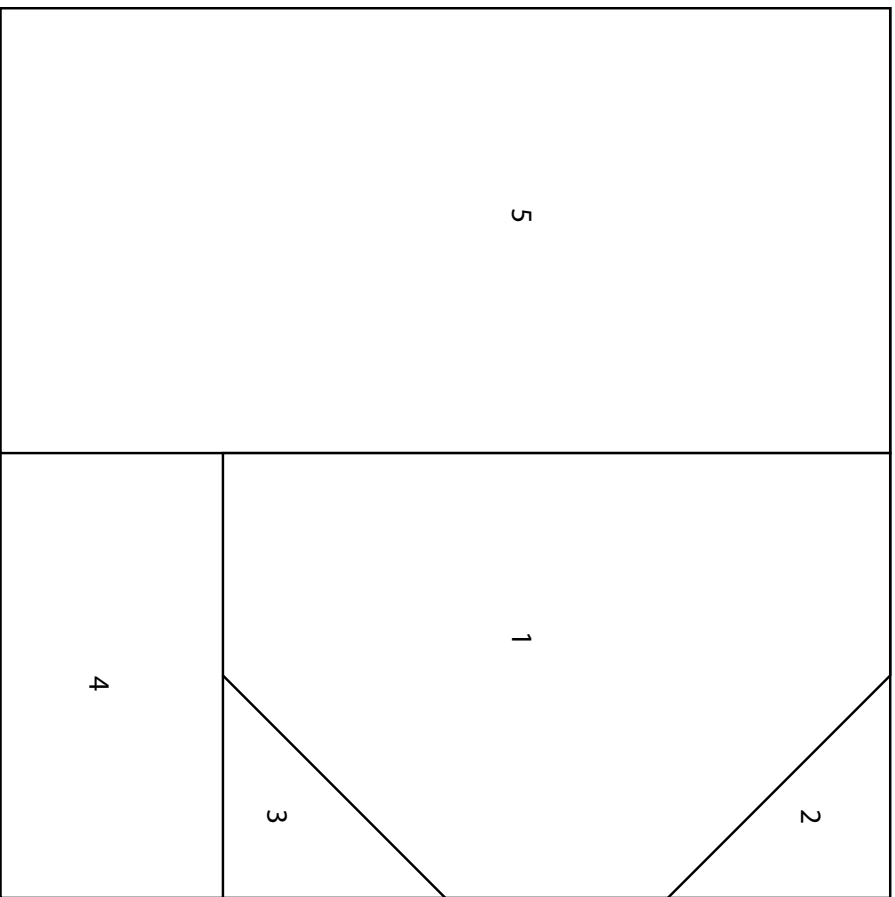
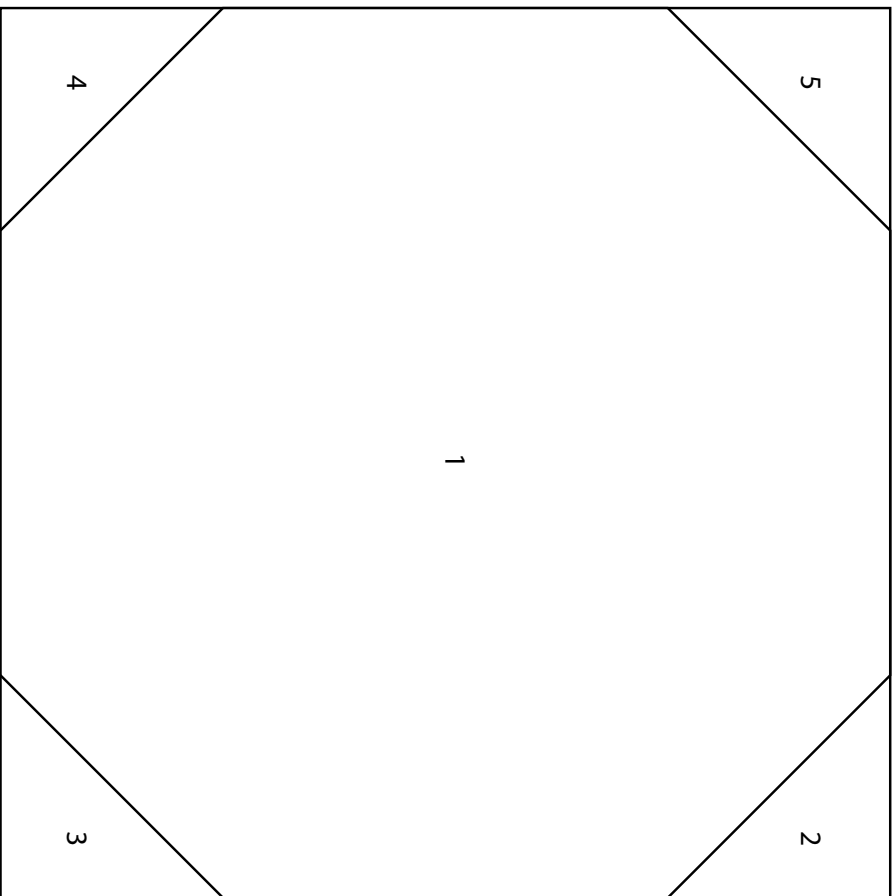
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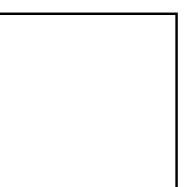


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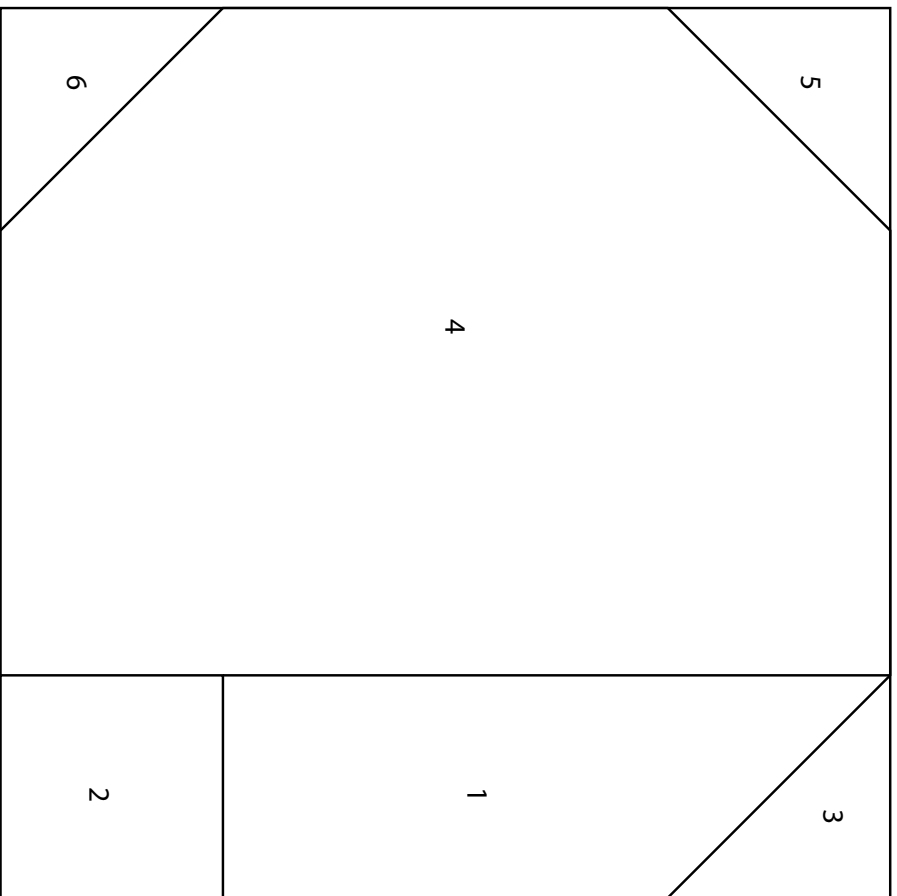
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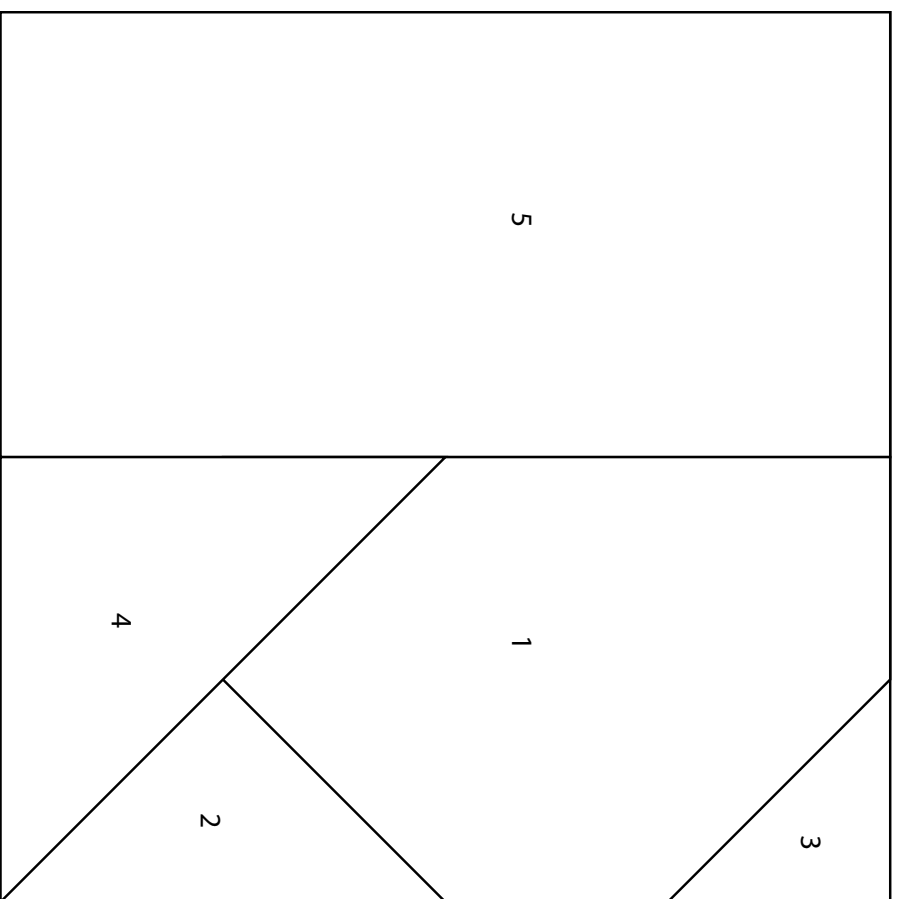
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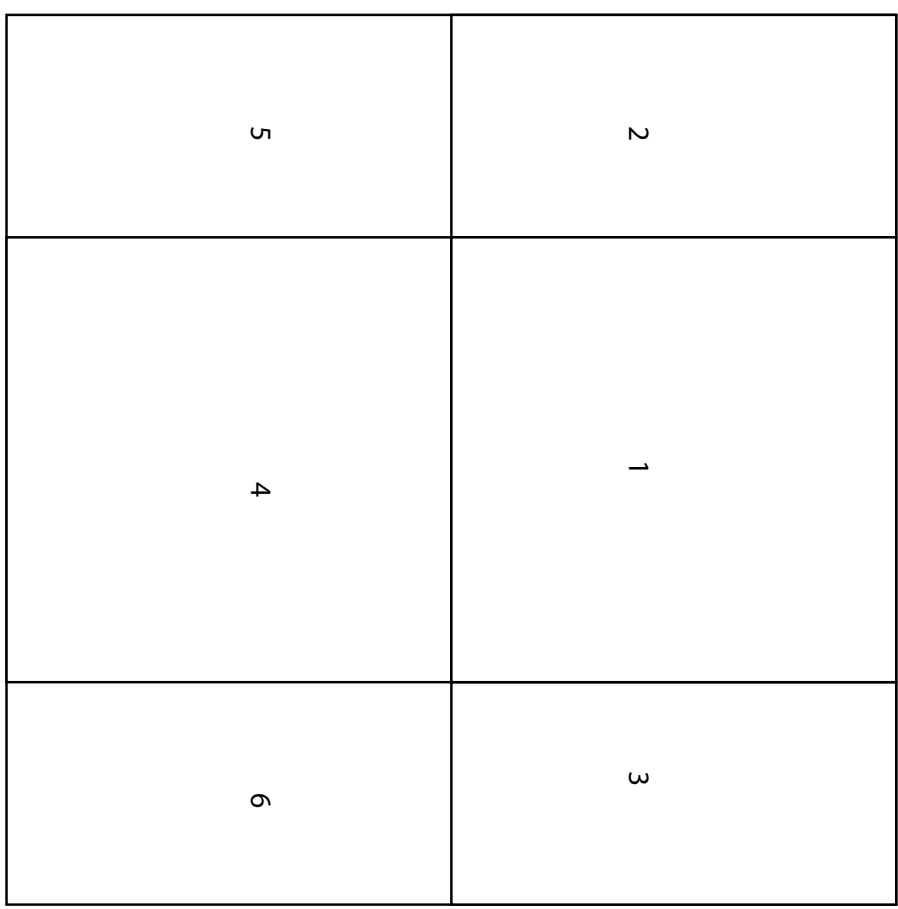
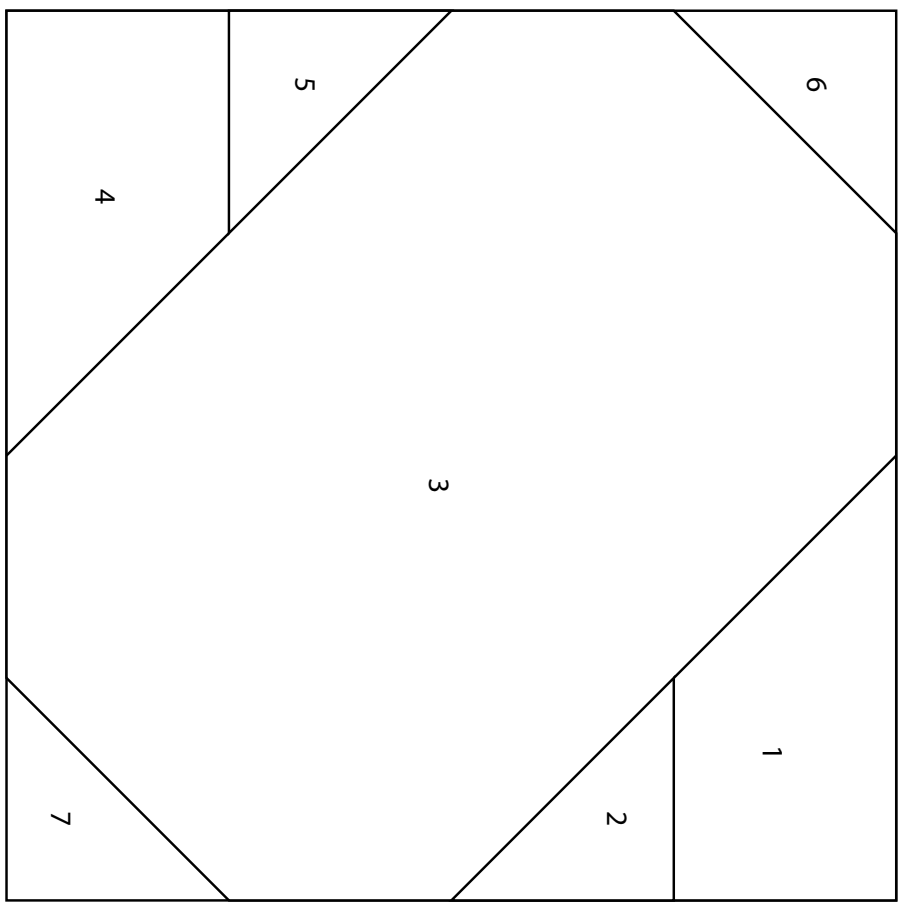
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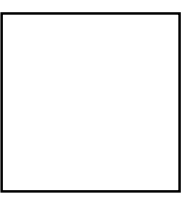
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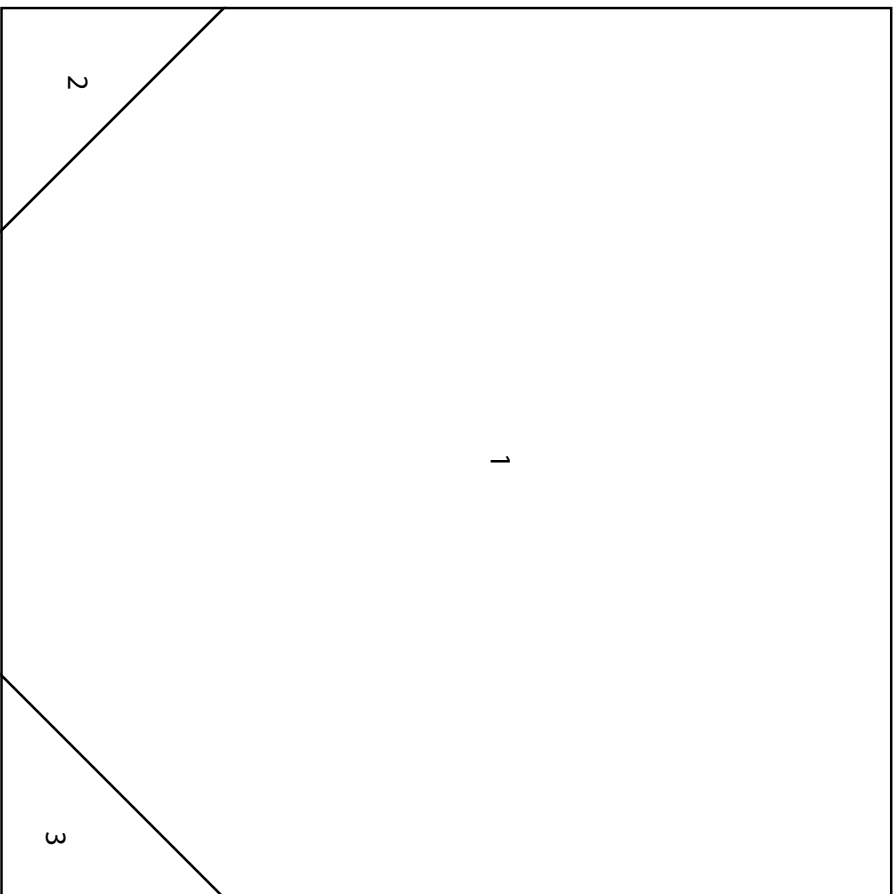
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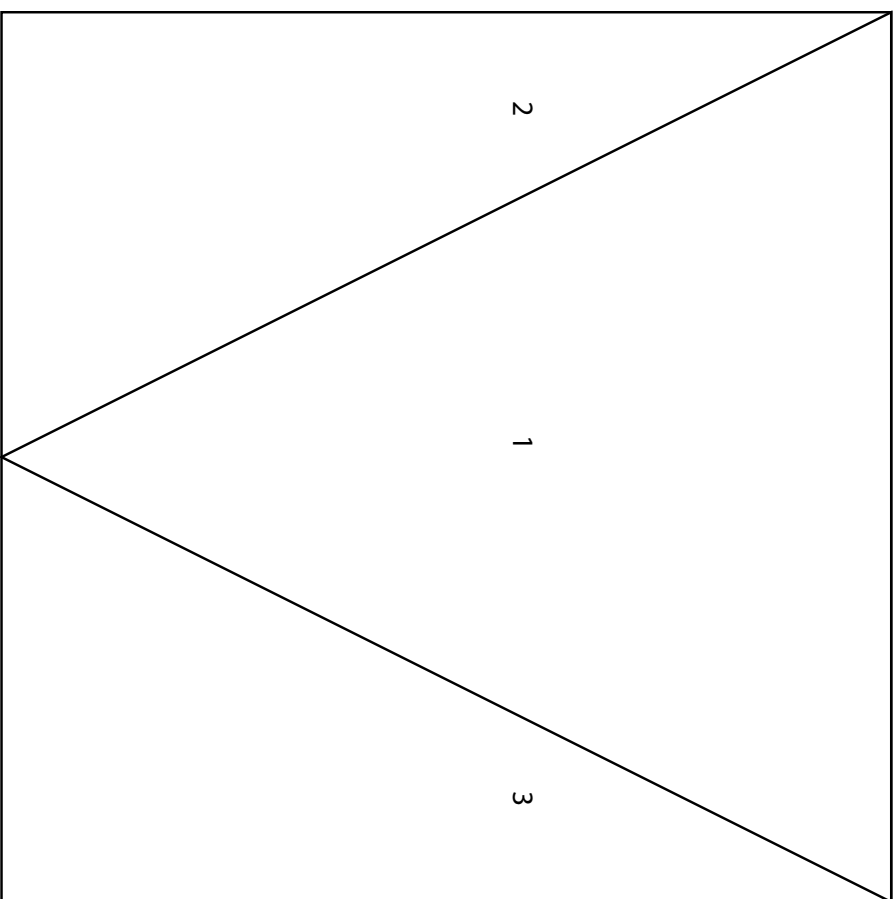
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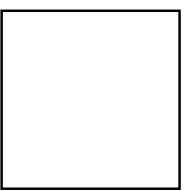
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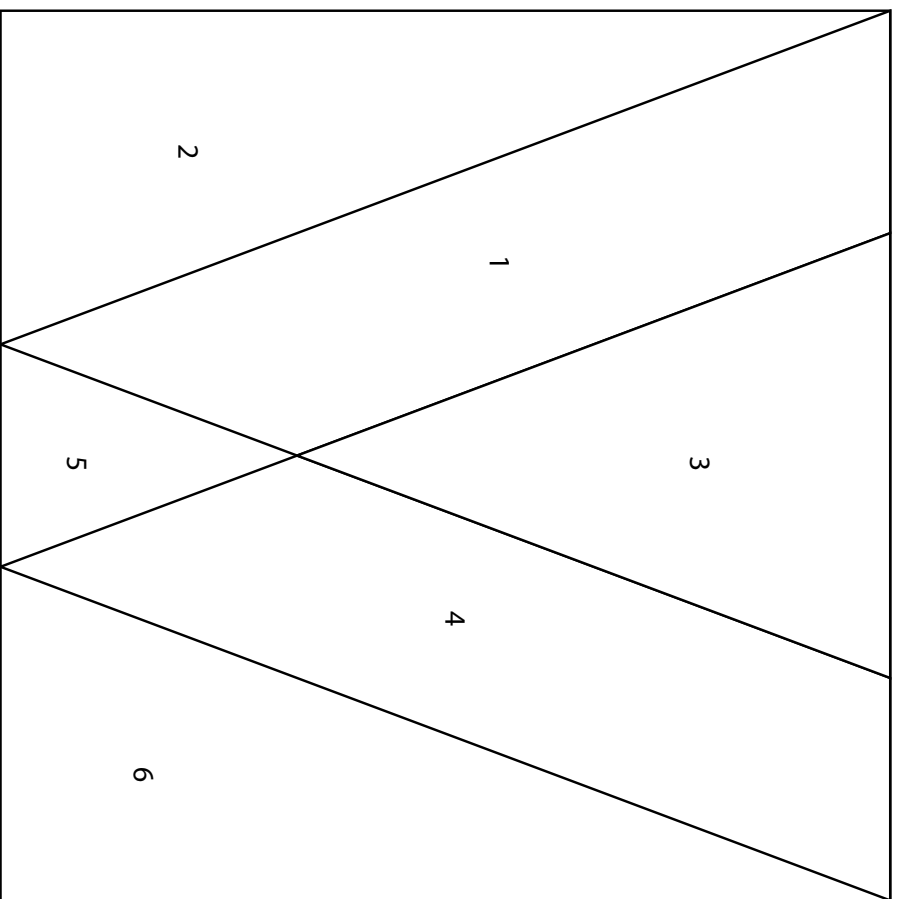
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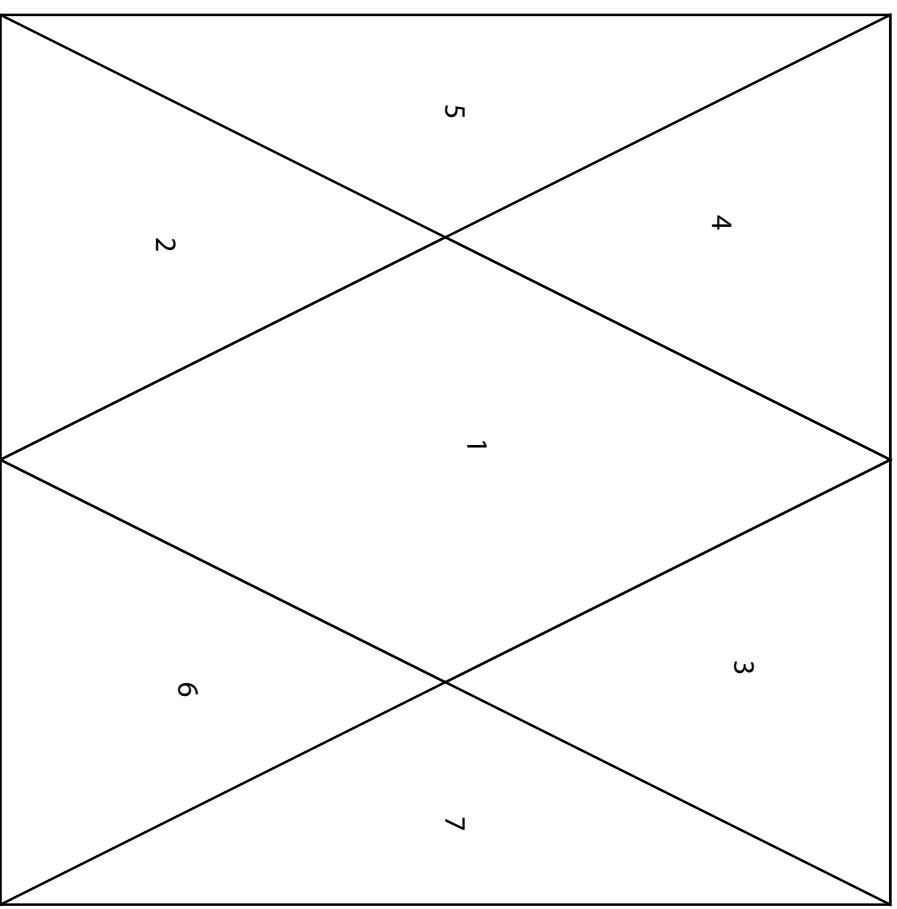
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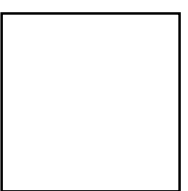
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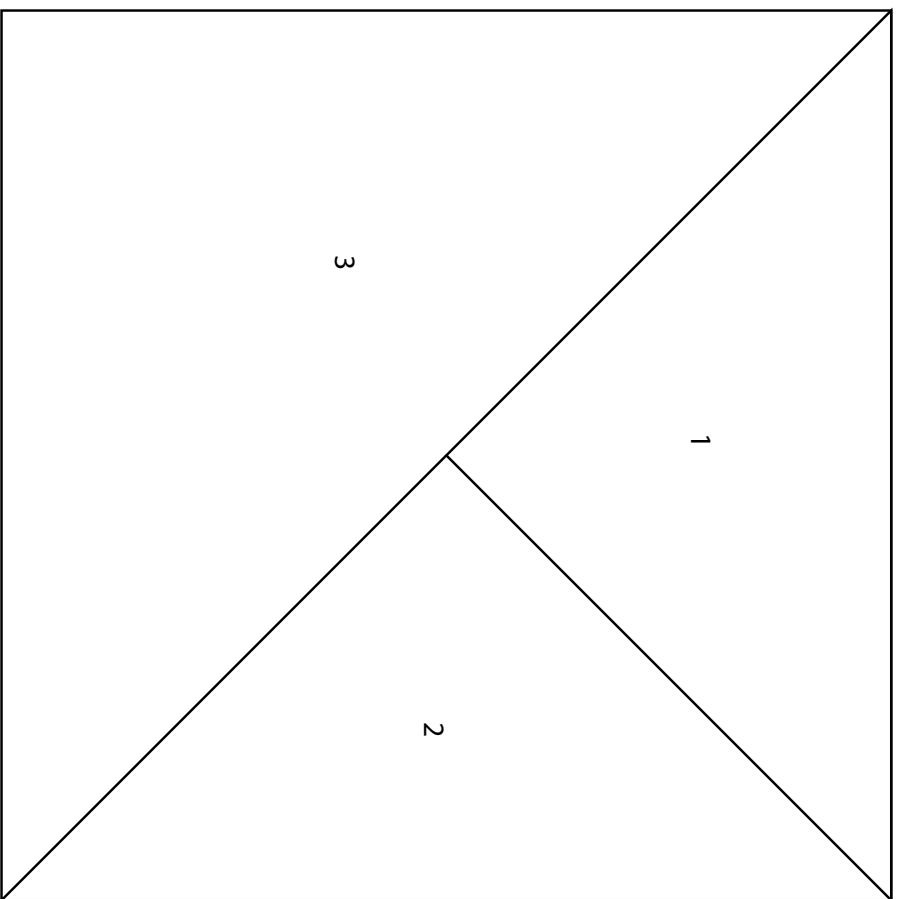
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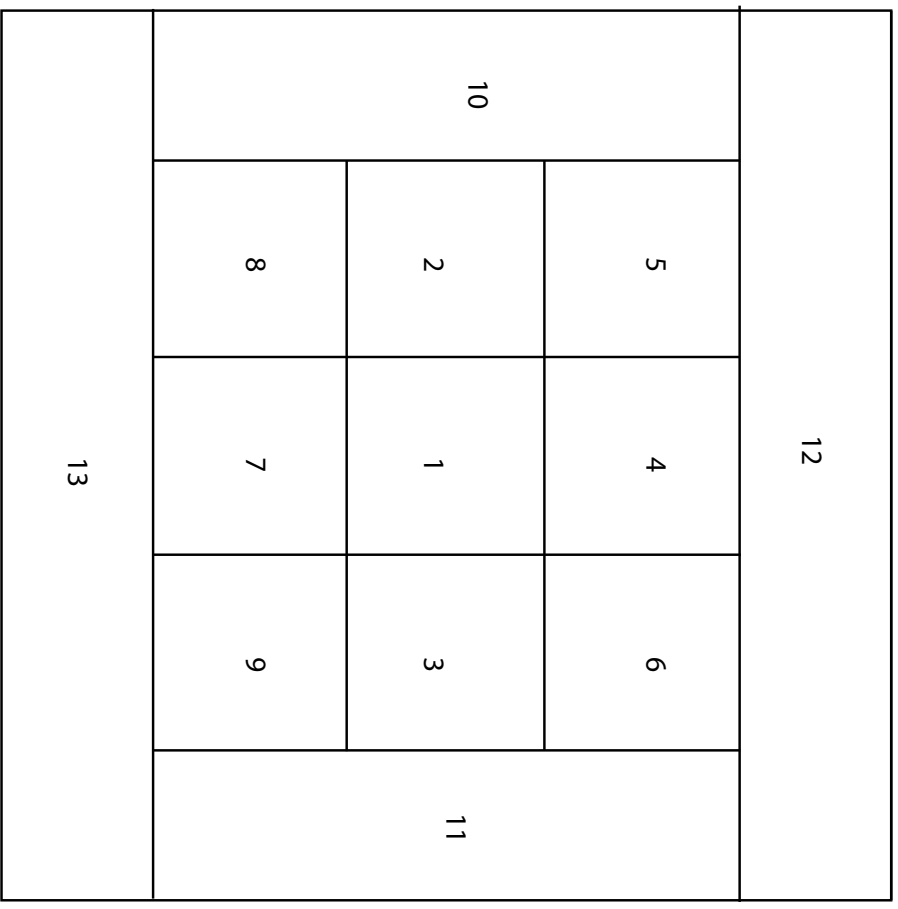
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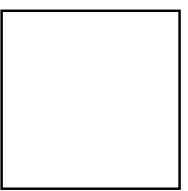
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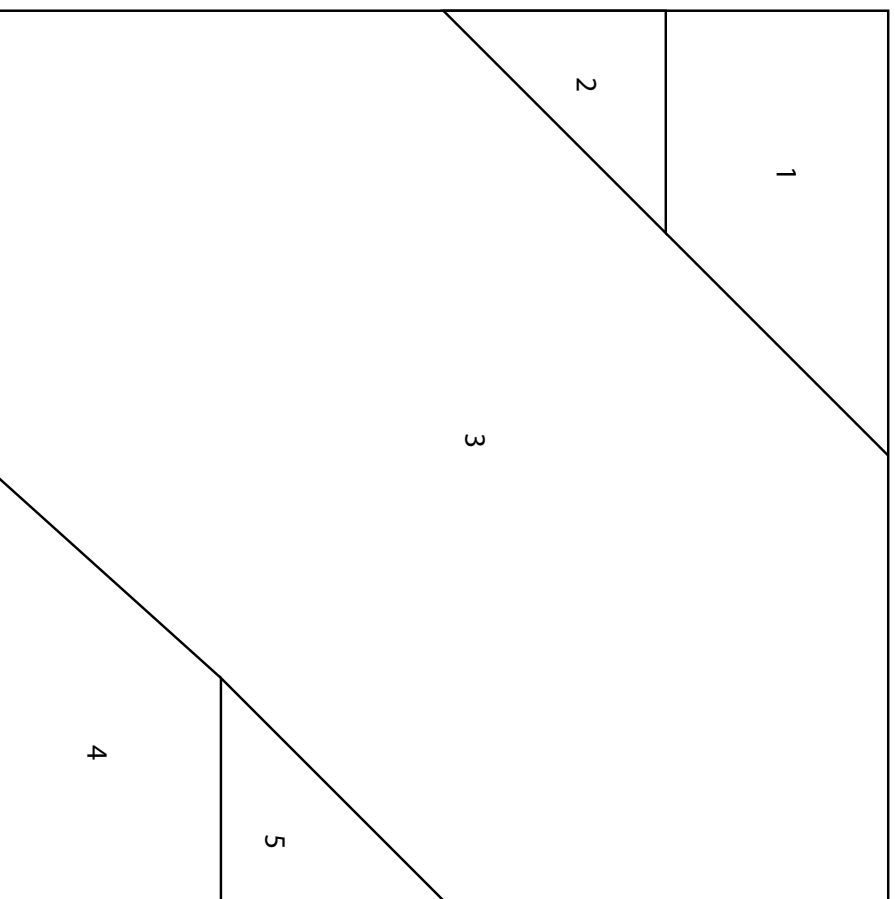
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