Use Your Illusion

A Meadow Mist Designs Quilt Pattern by Cheryl Brickey





Use Your Illusion is a paper pieced quilt pattern built from $7 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $7 \frac{1}{2}$ " (7" x 7" finished) paper pieced blocks. The pattern contains instructions for two sizes of quilts, a wall (or baby) sized quilt and a lap quilt.

Use Your Illusion is an advanced beginner to intermediate level pattern and assumes basic paper piecing skills. Detailed instructions for paper piecing may be found on many blogs and YouTube.

The front cover quilt was made using Kona Cotton Solids by Robert Kaufman in white and pepper and was quilted by Abby Latimer of Latimer Lane Quilting. In this pattern, the width of fabrics (WOF) is assumed to be at least 41", and a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " (a thread width smaller than $\frac{1}{4}$ ") seam is to be used throughout the construction of the quilt top.

I am happy for home-based businesses to sell items made using my pattern on a small scale. Please credit Cheryl Brickey of Meadow Mist Designs as the pattern designer.

Material Requirements

	Wall Sized Quilt	Lap Sized Quilt
Finished quilt size	35" × 35"	56" × 56"
Block Layout	5×5	8 x 8
Number of Blocks	25	64
White fabric	2 ½ yds	4 ¾ yds
Black fabric	1 ¾ yds	3 ½ yds
Binding fabric	⅓ yd	5% yd
Backing fabric (with 4" overhang)	2 ½ yds*	3 % yds
Batting	43" × 43"	64" × 64"
Paper Piecing Paper	25 sheets	64 sheets

^{*} If having a 2" backing overhang is enough for your quilting plans, you can use a single cut of 11/8 yards for the backing.

Step 1 - Block Template Preparation

You may use special paper piecing paper available through quilting and sewing shops or regular 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" copy paper. Please print out templates at 100% or no scaling. You can check to ensure your pieces are the correct size by measuring the size of the templates. The blocks should measure 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with the seam allowances and 7" x 7" without the seam allowances.

1. There are 14 different block templates. Print out the number of each block paper pieced block template as shown in the table below.

Block	# of blocks for wall quilt	# of blocks for lap quilt
1W	3	9
2B	4	6
3W	2	3
4W	1	5
5B	3	5
6W	1	3
7B	3	7
8B		3
9W	3	5
10B	1	3
11W		3
12W	2	4
13B	1	4
14B	1	4

Step 2 - Paper Piecing the Blocks

There are a total of 25 paper pieced blocks for the wall quilt and 64 paper pieced blocks for the lap sized quilt, each block measuring $7 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $7 \frac{1}{2}$ " (7" x 7" finished in the quilt).

Each block template name contains a letter W or B following the number. The letters W and B stand for which fabric to use (W = white and B = black) to start piecing the block with so that the seams between adjacent blocks will nest together when pieced into the quilt top. For example, Blocks 1W and 2B are identical in appearance, but when sewn, the seams lie in opposite directs and will nest with adjacent blocks.

Each block has a chart below showing the number and size of pieces of fabric to cut for a single block, a wall sized quilt, and a lap sized quilt. The pieces are listed in size order, not piecing order.

Note: Each quilter has a different preference on the size of the fabric piece relative to the size of the paper pieced block section. It is highly recommended that you first make one block before cutting large numbers of fabric pieces to see if the fabric sizes listed fit into your comfort zone. The fabric amounts needed for the quilt will vary slightly if you decide to cut larger or smaller pieces.

Block 1W	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Diaces Deditired her Rincl		r Block or Quilt
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 6" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 8"	Single Block	Wall quilt (3 of Block 1W)	Lap quilt (9 of Block 1W)
		1 ³ / ₄ " × 9 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 11"	1 of each		g of each
	Black	1 34" × 3" 1 34" × 4 ½" 1 34" × 6" 1 34" × 8" 1 34" × 9 ½" 1 34" × 11"	fabric piece size	3 of each fabric piece size	fabric piece size

Block 2B	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Pieces Required per Block or Qu		r Block or Quilt
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 6" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 8"	Single Block	Wall quilt (4 of Block 2B)	Lap quilt (6 of Block 2B)
		1 ³ / ₄ " × 9 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 11"			6 of each
	Black	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 6"	1 of each fabric piece size	4 of each fabric piece size	fabric piece size
		1 ³ / ₄ " × 8" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 9 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 11"			

Block 3W	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Pieces Required per Block or Qu		r Block or Quilt
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 6" 5" × 11"	Single Block	Wall quilt (2 of Block 3W)	Lap quilt (3 of Block 3W)
	Black	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 6" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 8"	1 of each fabric piece size	2 of each fabric piece size	3 of each fabric piece size

Block 4W	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Pie	eces Required pe	r Block or Quilt
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 6" 3 ¹ / ₂ " × 8" 3 ¹ / ₂ " × 11"	Single Block	Wall quilt (1 of Block 4W)	Lap quilt (5 of Block 4W)
	Black	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 8" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 9 ¹ / ₂ "	1 of each fabric piece size	1 of each fabric piece size	5 of each fabric piece size

Block 5B	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Pieces Pedilired her Rinck or ()i		r Block or Quilt
	White	1 34" × 3" 1 34" × 4 ½" 1 34" × 6" 1 34" × 9 ½" 3 ½" × 11"	Single Block	Wall quilt (3 of Block 5B)	Lap quilt (5 of Block 5B)
	Black	1 34" × 3" 1 34" × 4 ½" 1 34" × 6" 1 34" × 8" 1 34" × 11"	1 of each fabric piece size	3 of each fabric piece size	5 of each fabric piece size

Block 6W	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Pie	eces Required pe	Block or Quilt
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 6 ³ / ₄ " × 11"	Single Block	Wall quilt (1 of Block 6W)	Lap quilt (3 of Block 6W)
	Black	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 6"	1 of each fabric piece size	1 of each fabric piece size	3 of each fabric piece size

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	Black	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 6" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 8" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 9 ¹ / ₂ "	1 of each fabric piece size	3 of each fabric piece size	7 of each fabric piece size

Block 8B	Fabric Piece Color and Size		R # of Eabric Diacas Dadilirad har Ri		r Block or Quilt
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	Black	1 34" × 3" 1 34" × 4 ½" 1 34" × 6" 1 34" × 9 ½" 1 34" × 11"	1 of each fabric piece size	o of each fabric piece size	3 of each fabric piece size

Block 9W	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Pie	eces Required pe	r Block or Quilt
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 3 ¹ / ₂ " × 9 ¹ / ₂ " 5" × 11"	Single Block	Wall quilt (3 of Block 9W)	Lap quilt (5 of Block 9W)
	Black	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 11"	1 of each fabric piece size	3 of each fabric piece size	5 of each fabric piece size

Block 10B	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Diaces Dedilited her Riack of Oil		r Block or Quilt
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 3 ¹ / ₂ " × 6" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 8" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 9 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 11"	Single Block	Wall quilt (1 of Block 10B)	Lap quilt (3 of Block 10B)
	Black	1 34" × 3" 1 34" × 6" 1 34" × 8" 1 34" × 9 ½" 1 34" × 11"	1 of each fabric piece size	1 of each fabric piece size	3 of each fabric piece size

Block 11W	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Pieces Required per Block or Quilt			
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 3 ¹ / ₂ " × 8"	Single Block	Wall quilt (o of Block	Lap quilt (3 of Block	
		5" x 9 ½"	•	11W)	11W)	
	Black	1 3/4" × 3"	1 of each	o of each	3 of each	
		1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ "	fabric piece	fabric piece	fabric piece	
		1 ³ / ₄ " x 9 ¹ / ₂ "	size	size	size	

Block 12W	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Pieces Required per Block or Quilt			
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 3 ¹ / ₂ " × 9 ¹ / ₂ " 3 ¹ / ₂ " × 11"	Single Block	Wall quilt (2 of Block 12W)	Lap quilt (4 of Block 12W)	
	Black	1 ³ ⁄ ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ ⁄ ₄ " × 4 ¹ ⁄ ₂ " 1 ³ ⁄ ₄ " × 6" 1 ³ ⁄ ₄ " × 11"	1 of each fabric piece size	2 of each fabric piece size	4 of each fabric piece size	

Block 13B		ric Piece r and Size	# of Fabric Pieces Required per Block or Quilt			
	White	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 6" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 9 ¹ / ₂ " 5" × 11"	Single Block	Wall quilt (1 of Block 13B)	Lap quilt (4 of Block 13B)	
	Black	1 ³ / ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 4 ¹ / ₂ " 1 ³ / ₄ " × 8" 1 ³ / ₄ " × 11"	1 of each fabric piece size	1 of each fabric piece size	4 of each fabric piece size	

Block 14B	Fabric Piece Color and Size		# of Fabric Pieces Required per Block or Quilt			
	White	1 ³ ⁄ ₄ " × 4 ¹ ⁄ ₂ " 5" × 9 ¹ ⁄ ₂ " 3 ¹ ⁄ ₂ " × 11"	Single Block	Wall quilt (1 of Block 14B)	Lap quilt (4 of Block 14B)	
	Black	1 ³ ⁄ ₄ " × 3" 1 ³ ⁄ ₄ " × 6" 1 ³ ⁄ ₄ " × 11"	1 of each fabric piece size	1 of each fabric piece size	4 of each fabric piece size	

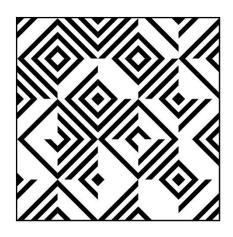
Step 3 – Assembling the Quilt Top

Deciding when to take the paper backing off of the paper pieced blocks is a personal preference. Leaving the paper on the quilt blocks when sewing the blocks together into a quilt top will help reduce shifting and stretching of the blocks, but makes it more time consuming to remove the paper. My preference is to leave the papers on when sewing the blocks into rows, removing the paper only from the sewn seam allowances, sewing the rows together, then removing the remainder of the paper.

- 1. Layout the blocks in a 5×5 block arrangement for a wall quilt and a 8×8 block arrangement for a lap quilt according to the following diagrams, rotating each block to match the quilt top illustration.
- 2. Sew blocks into rows, pressing seams open.
- 3. Sew rows together, pressing seams open. The finished quilt top should measure approximately 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the wall quilt and 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for the lap quilt.

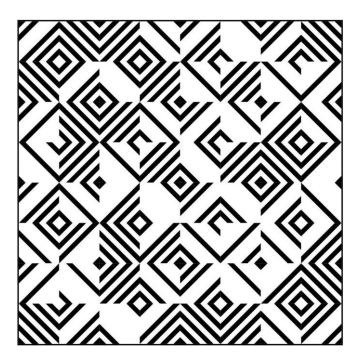
Wall Quilt

	Α	В	С	D	E
1	5B	1W	2B	4W	5B
2	1W	7B	3W	2B	9W
3	14B	1W	2B	12W	7B
4	9W	2B	9W	10B	3W
5	5B	12W	13B	6W	7B



Lap Quilt

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
1	5B	1W	2B	4W	5B	6W	7B	1W
2	1W	7B	3W	2B	9W	10B	9W	14B
3	14B	1W	2B	12W	7B	11W	5B	12W
4	9W	2B	9W	10B	3W	10B	1W	13B
5	5B	12W	13B	6W	7B	3W	7B	9W
6	4W	13B	1W	8B	12W	14B	4W	8B
7	14B	11W	2B	4W	7B	11W	13B	1W
8	1W	7B	6W	8B	1W	2B	4W	5B



Step 4 - Finishing the Quilt

1. Prepare the quilt backing:

Wall size -

Cut the backing fabric into 2 pieces (44" x WOF) and sew the pieces together along their selvage edges. Trim to approximately 44" x 44".

Note: if having a 2" overhang is enough for your quilting plans, you can use a single cut of 1 1/8 yards of a fabric for the backing.

Lap size -

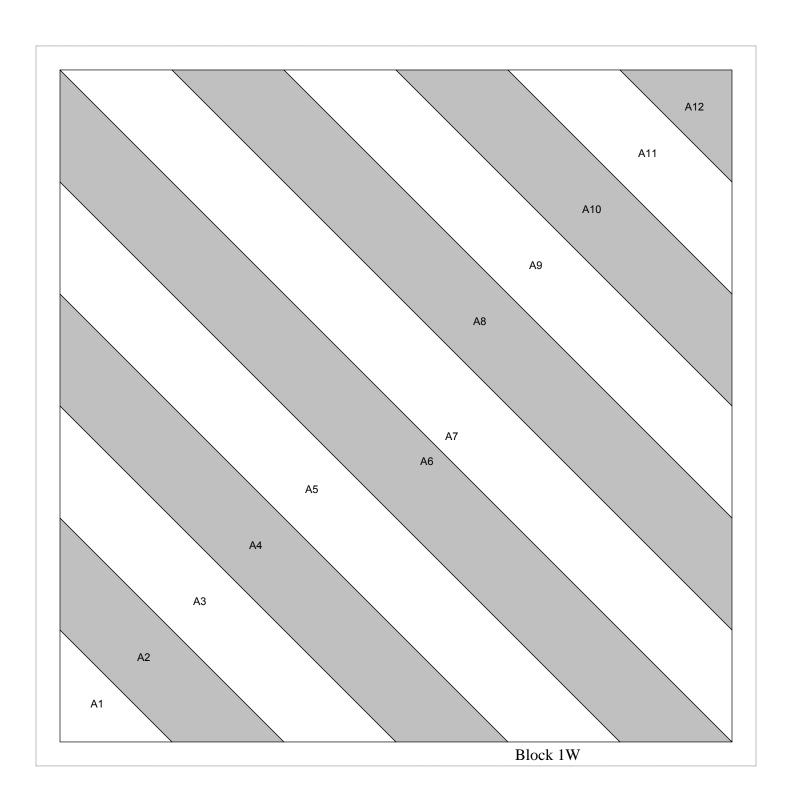
Cut the backing fabric into 2 pieces (64" x WOF) and sew the pieces together along their selvage edges. Trim to approximately 64" x 64".

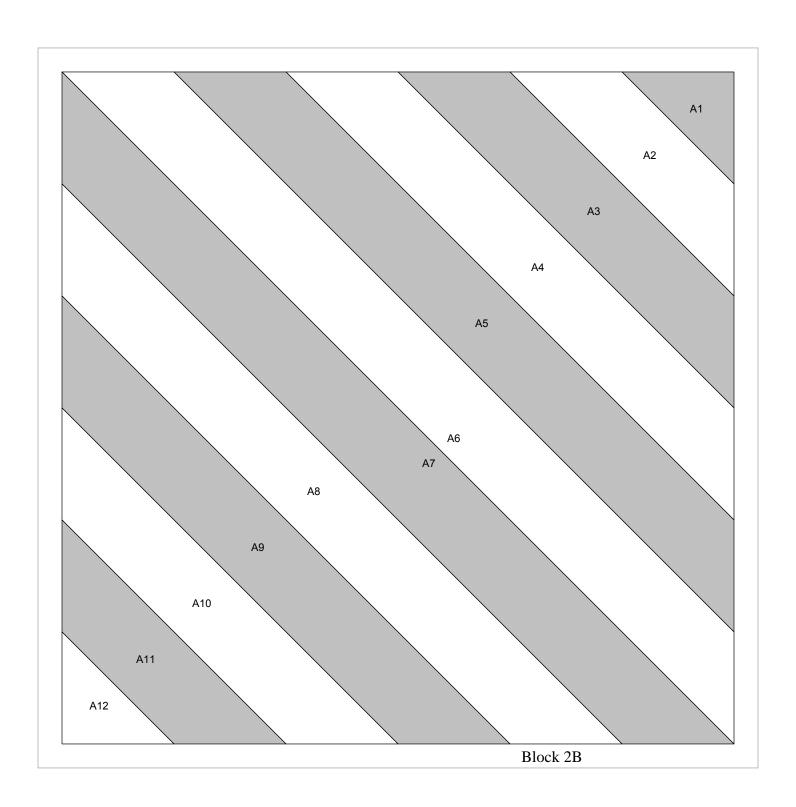
- 2. Layer the guilt top, batting, and backing.
- 3. Baste and quilt as desired. The front cover lap sized quilt was quilted in a loop pattern by Abby Latimer of Latimer Lane Quilts.
- 4. Prepare the binding:

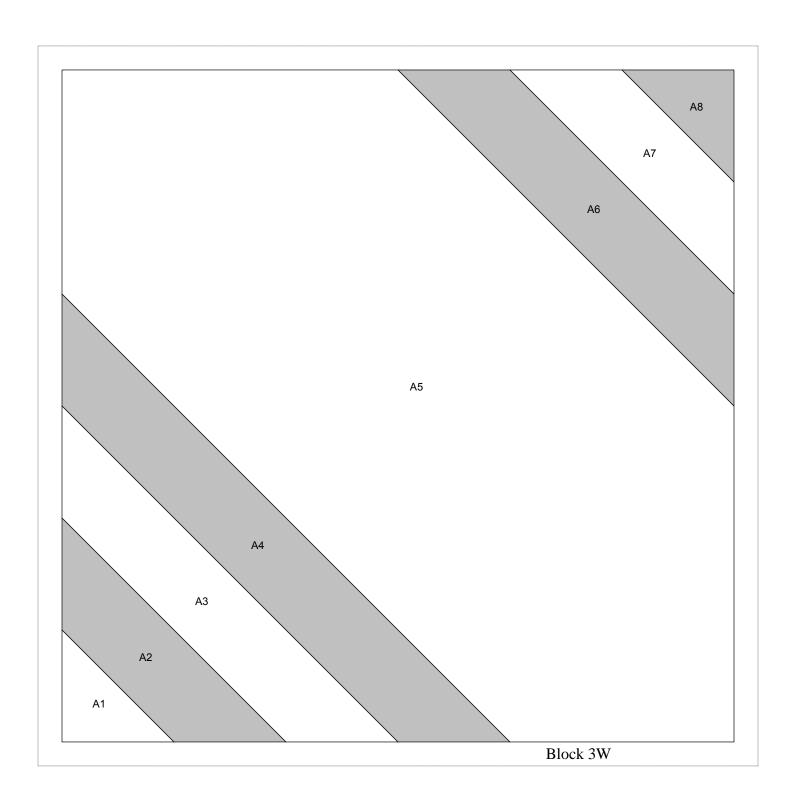
Wall size - cut 4 strips 2 ½" x WOF of the binding fabric and sew strips end to end. **Lap Size -** cut 7 strips 2 ½" x WOF of the binding fabric and sew strips end to end.

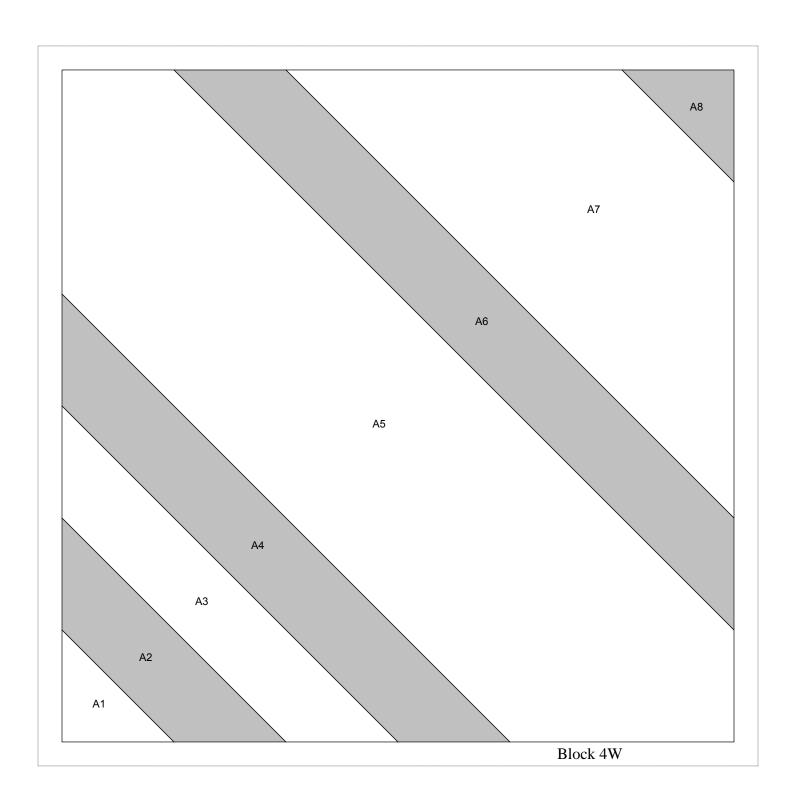
5. Bind and enjoy your quilt.

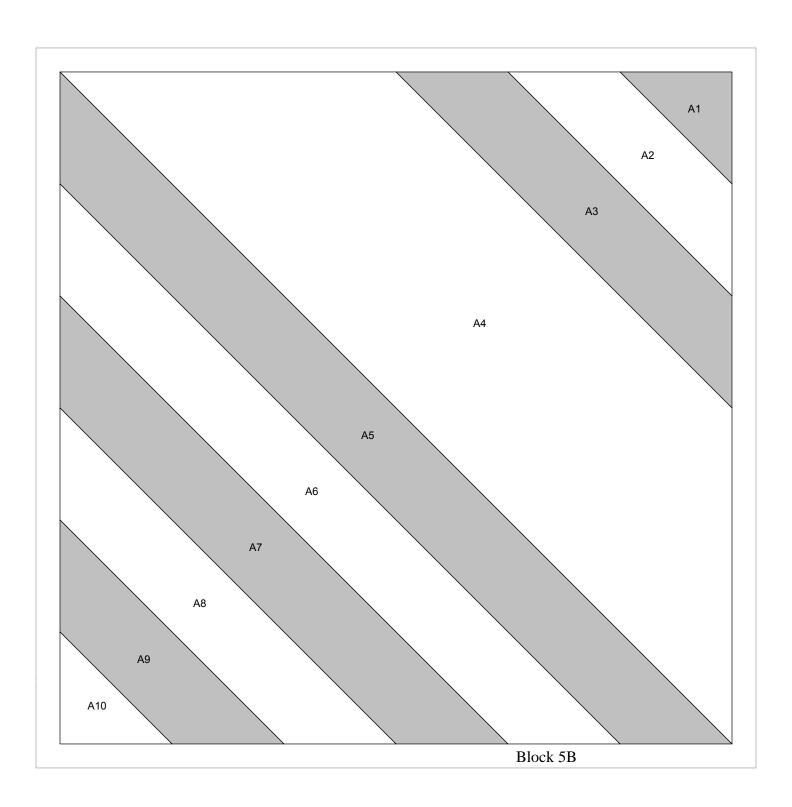
I would love to see what you make with the pattern. You can share your quilt on the Meadow Mist Designs Flickr group http://www.flickr.com/groups/meadowmistdesigns, or on Instagram using #MeadowMistDesigns. If you have any questions at all, please e-mail me at meadowmistdesigns@gmail.com.

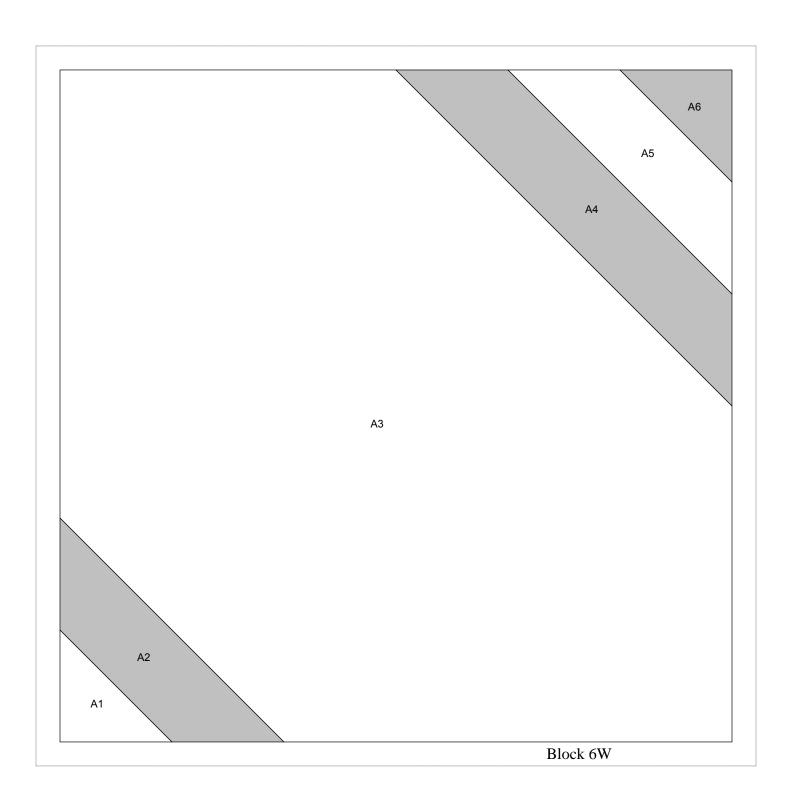


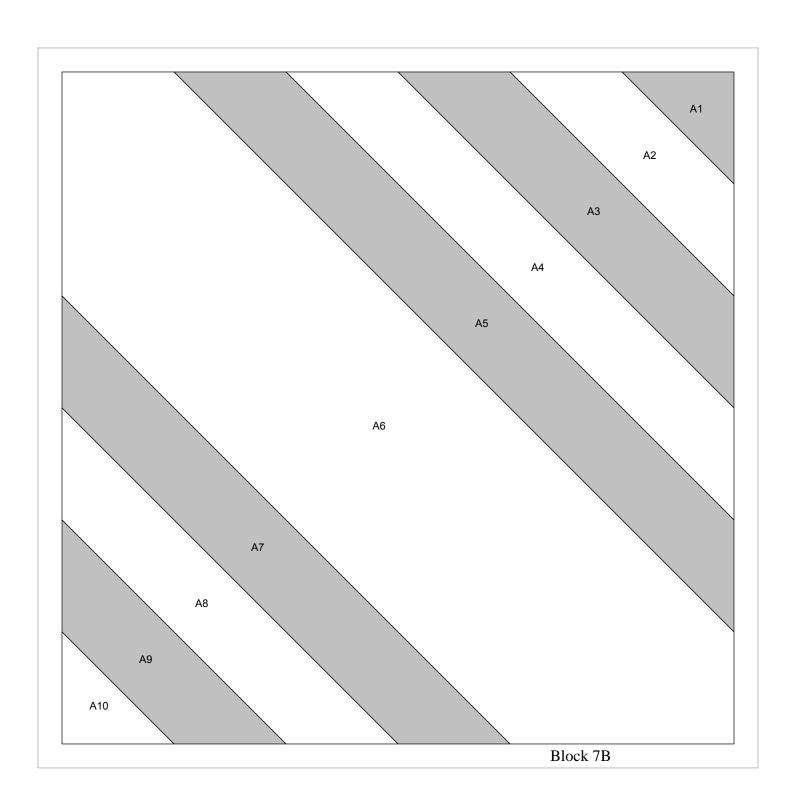


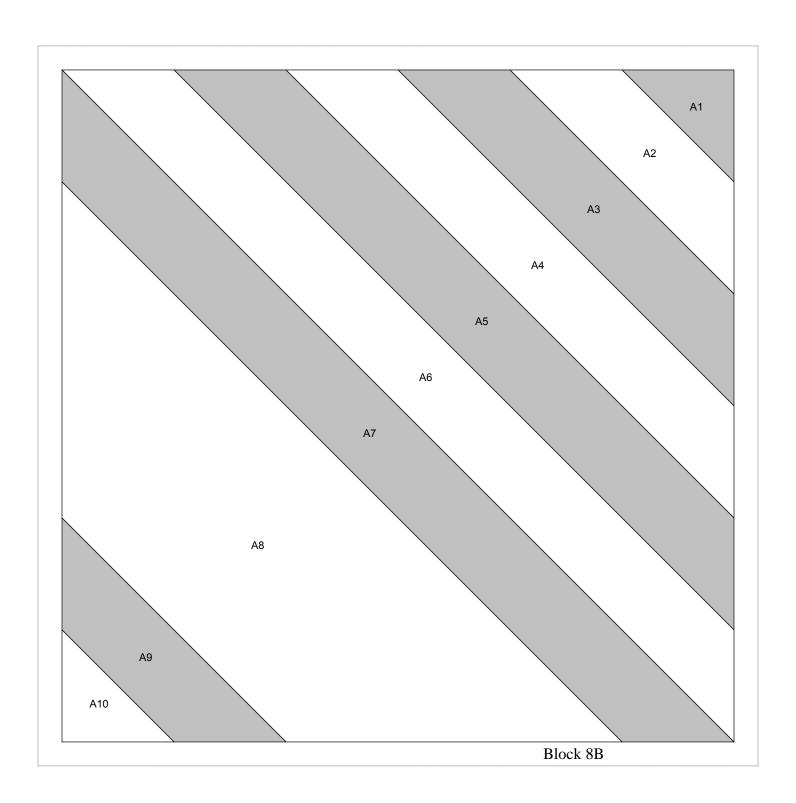


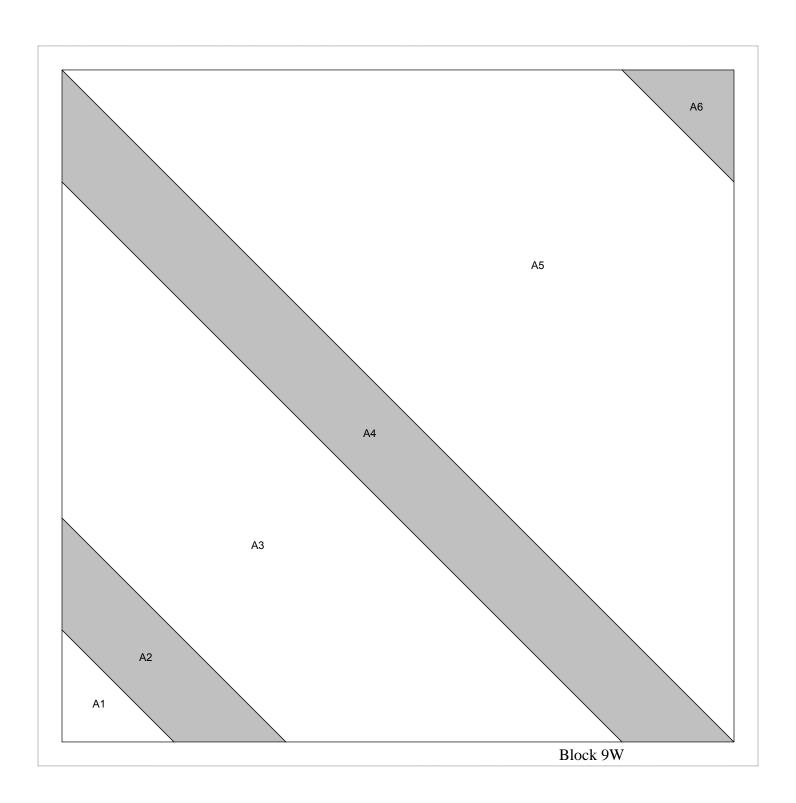












Block 10B

