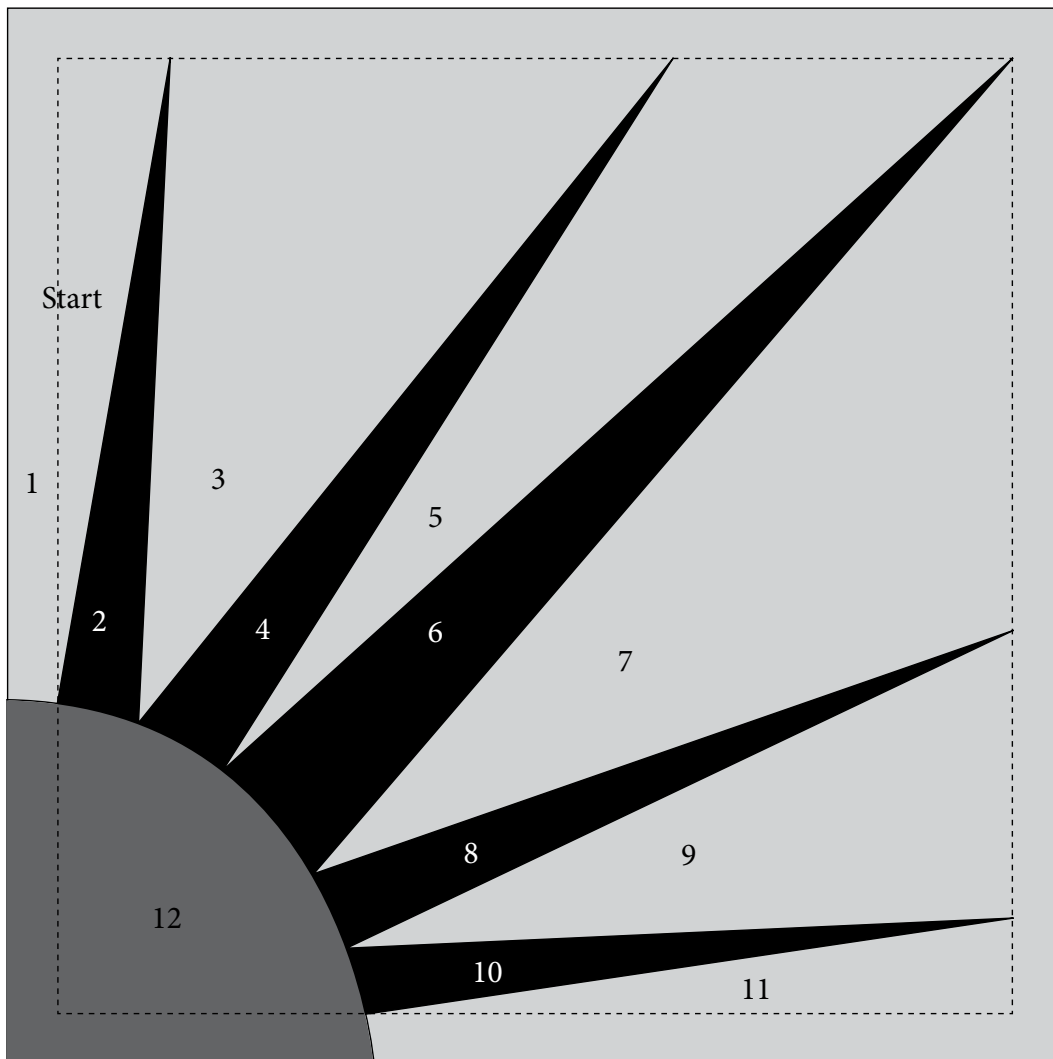
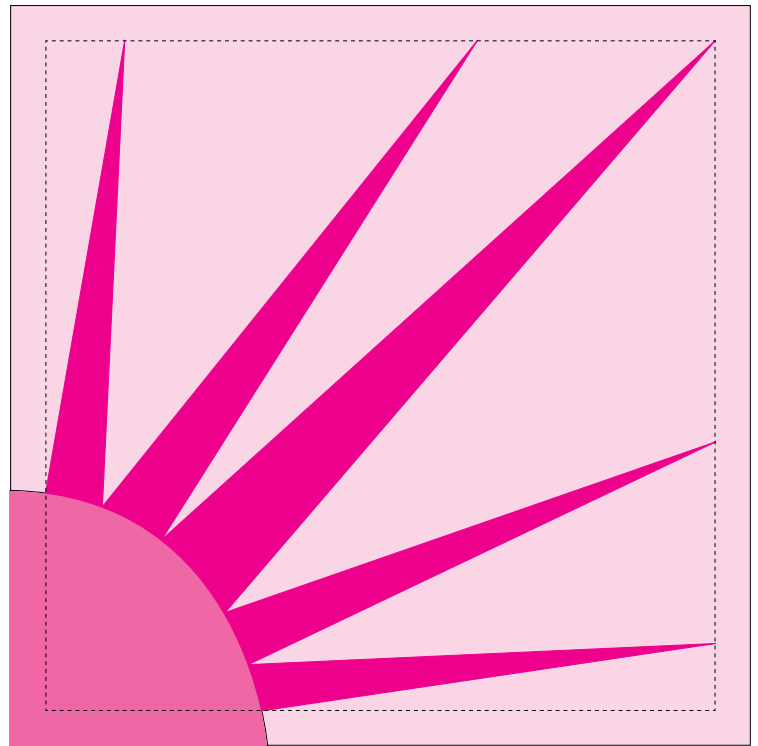


# Block of the Month

## January 2012



# Directions

Paper piecing allows quilters to create precision sewing and matching corners that would otherwise be challenging.

1. Arrange the quilt fabric pieces in the numerical sewing order according to the printed pattern. Make sure each fabric piece is larger than the corresponding numbered area and seam allowance on the paper pattern. Using the rotary cutter, self-healing mat and quilting ruler, you can cut all your fabric to size at once or you can cut as you go.

2. Lay the paper pattern on the work surface with the printed side down. Place the first piece of fabric right-side up on the unprinted side of the paper, covering area No. 1. Keeping the fabric and pattern together, hold them up to the light to make sure that the fabric is covering all of area No. 1 and extending at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch beyond area No. 1's border to account for the seam allowance. Pin the fabric in place to avoid shifting and turn the pattern over so the fabric is on the bottom and you are looking at the printed side of the pattern.

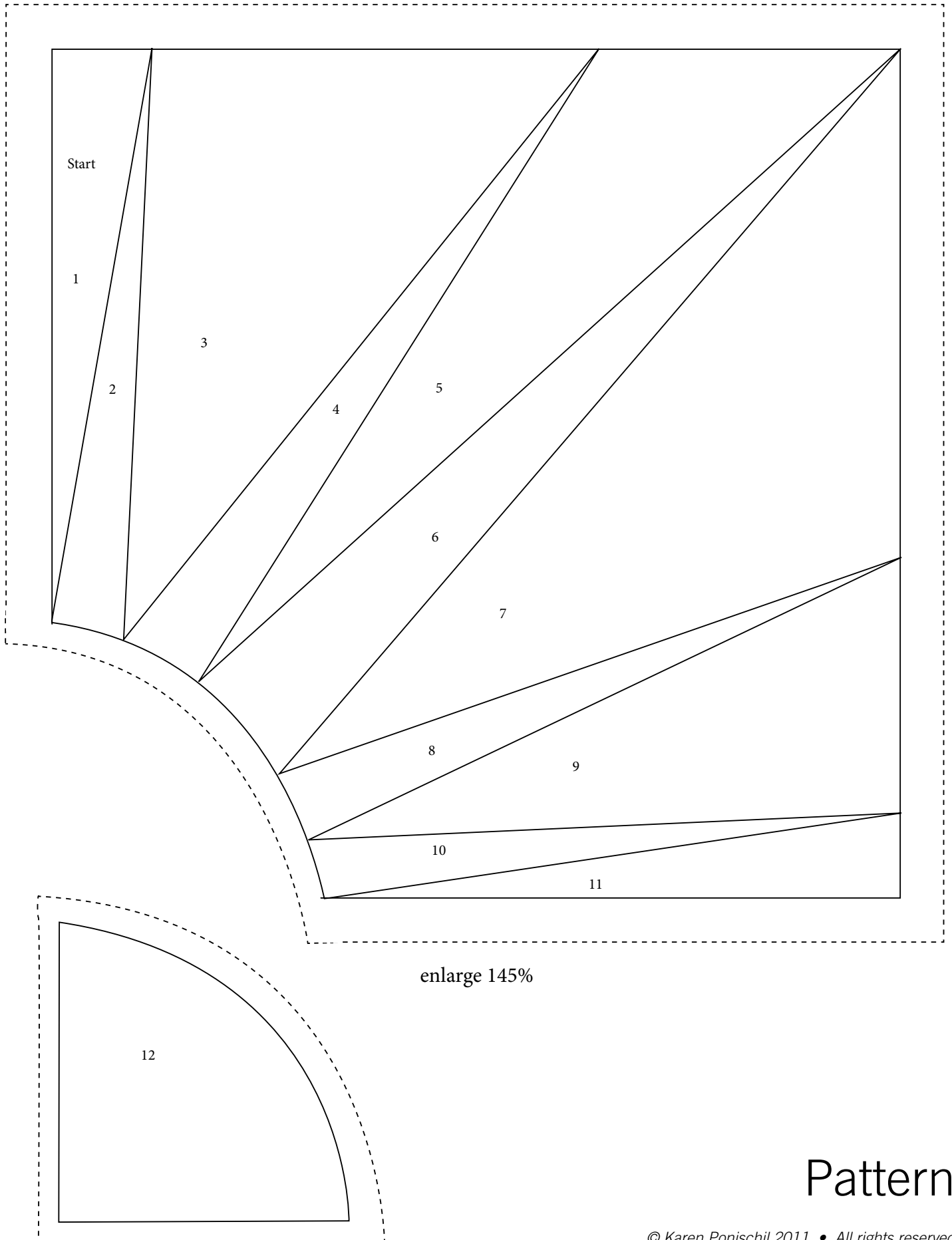
3. Sew the fabric to the pattern directly on the line between area No. 1 and area No. 2. Start and end exactly on the line; do not sew before the line starts or end after the line stops. Press the seam open using your fingers or an iron and ironing board.

4. Lay the pattern face down. Position the second piece of fabric face-up over area No. 2, holding the fabric and pattern up to the light to ensure the fabric completely covers area No. 2. Once it's in place, carefully turn fabric No. 2 face-down on top of fabric No. 1 and pin in place. (After you sew the line between area No. 2 and area No. 3, you will unpin fabric No. 2 and turn it right-side up; if it was aligned correctly it will completely cover area No. 2.) Turn the pattern over so you are looking at the printed side of the pattern.

5. Sew the fabric to the pattern directly on the line between area No. 2 and area No. 3. Start and end exactly on the line; do not sew before the line starts or end after the line stops. Trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, using the quilting ruler, rotary cutter and cutting mat.

6. Repeat with remaining pieces of fabric, sewing them to the pattern in numerical order according to the pattern until the quilt block is complete.

7. Sew the remaining quilt blocks using fabric, paper patterns and the paper piecing method until all quilt blocks are complete. Remove the paper only when you are ready to sew the blocks together.



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