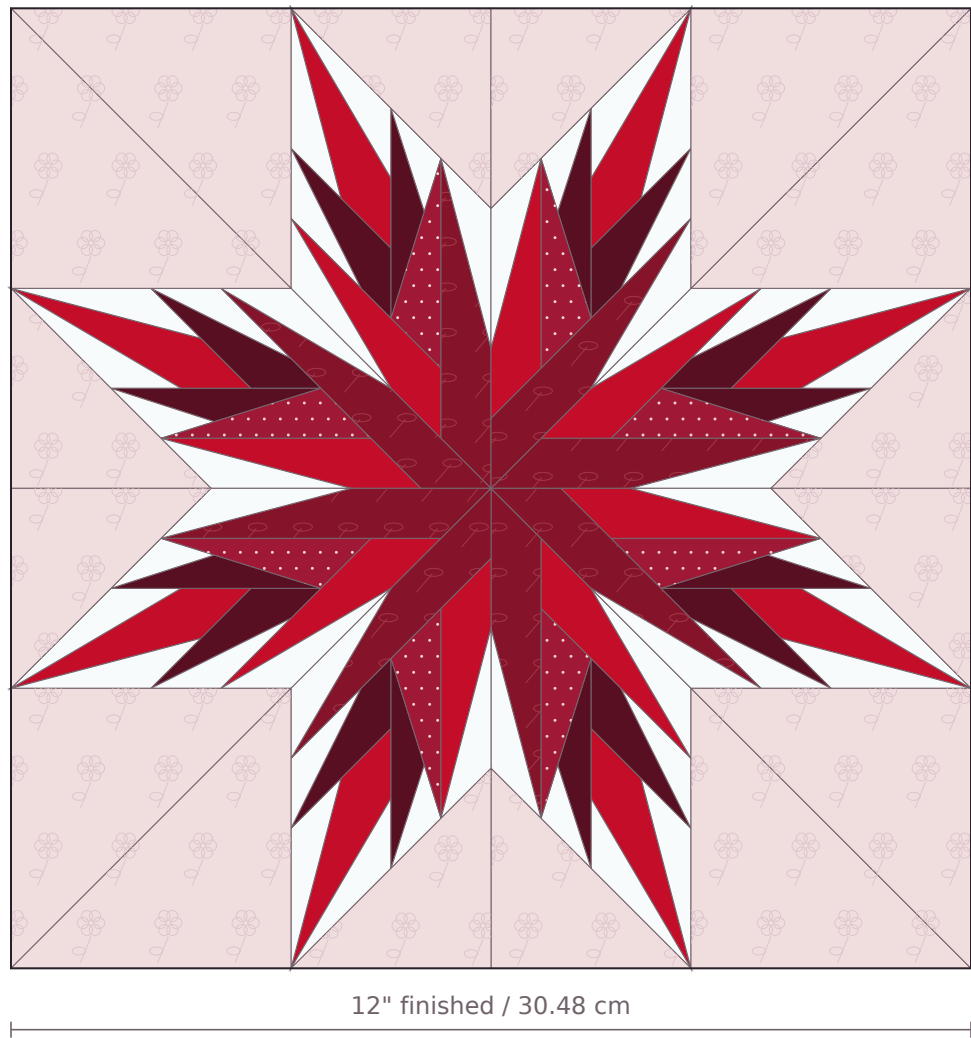


Holiday Star

2014 design - complete foundation paper-piecing guide



FINISHED BLOCK	UNFINISHED BLOCK	CONSTRUCTION
12" x 12"	12 1/2" x 12 1/2"	4 A + 4 B = 112 pieces



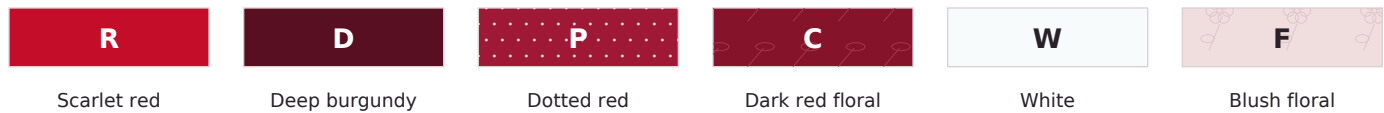
Supplied reference

Original block design: Carol Doak, 2014. This companion reconstructs the numbered foundations from your supplied image and follows the sample's red, white and blush color placement.

Level: confident paper piecer. All sewing measurements are in inches; use a 1/4" seam allowance. Geometry and scale were checked digitally; this reconstruction has not been test sewn.

Fabric plan & cutting chart

For one 12" finished block. Use non-directional quilting cotton; rotate the precut rectangles as needed for A and B.



Fabric allowance: 1/2 yard each of W and F (at least 42" usable width); one fat quarter each of R, D, P and C (about 18" x 21" usable), or equivalent scraps. These amounts allow for generous cuts and practice; leftovers are expected.

Tools: eight foundation-paper sheets, rotary cutter and mat, inch ruler, 1/4" trimming ruler, a stiff card, pins, neutral thread and an iron. Start with a 90/14 needle and a short stitch around 1.5 mm; test on your paper and fabric.

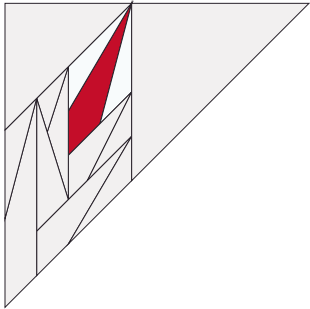
No.	Fabric	A: cut 4 per row	B: cut 4 per row
1	R - Scarlet red	2 3/4" x 4 1/2"	4 1/2" x 2 3/4"
2	W - White	2 3/4" x 3 3/4"	4" x 2 1/4"
3	W - White	2 1/4" x 4"	3 3/4" x 2 3/4"
4	D - Deep burgundy	2 3/4" x 3 3/4"	3 3/4" x 2 3/4"
5	D - Deep burgundy	2" x 4 1/4"	4 1/4" x 2"
6	W - White	2 1/4" x 3"	3" x 2 1/4"
7	W - White	2 1/2" x 3 1/4"	3 1/4" x 2 1/2"
8	P - Dotted red	2 1/4" x 4 1/4"	4 1/4" x 2 1/4"
9	R - Scarlet red	3 1/2" x 4 1/4"	4 3/4" x 2 1/4"
10	C - Dark red floral	2 1/4" x 5 3/4"	5" x 4"
11	W - White	2 3/4" x 3 3/4"	4" x 2 1/4"
12	W - White	2 1/4" x 4"	3 3/4" x 2 3/4"
13	F - Blush floral	4" x 4"	4" x 4"
14	F - Blush floral	5" x 5"	5" x 5"

Total: 112 fabric pieces. All table sizes are in inches. Keep the four A cuts and four B cuts separate: several shapes differ. Rectangles are deliberately oversized, not final patch shapes. The exact sewing lines and outer 1/4" allowance are on pages 6-7.

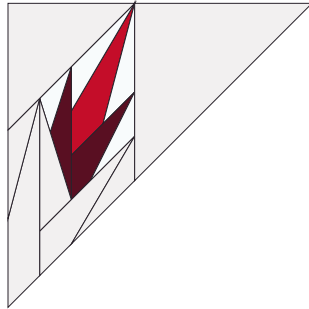
Do not add another seam allowance to the printed foundations. Before sewing each rectangle, fold it into its final position and check coverage beyond every edge. Piece one A/B pair before cutting any additional blocks.

Piece the eight sections

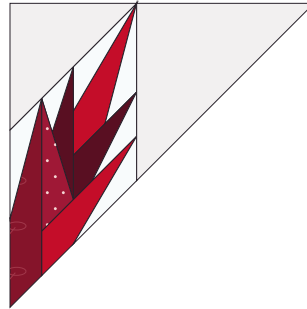
Work in printed number order, 1 through 14. The pictures below show the PAPER SIDE of Section A; they are reduced diagrams.



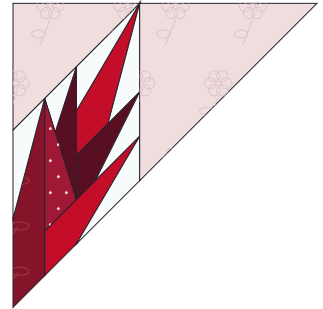
A1-A3



A1-A7



A1-A12



A1-A14

1 Print and check

Print one copy of page 6 and measure its 1" test square in both directions. Once correct, print four copies of page 6 (A) and four of page 7 (B). Select Actual Size / 100%, one page per sheet, single-sided. Turn off Fit, Shrink and mirroring.

2 Place fabric 1

Rough-cut the paper outside the dashed line. Place patch 1 right side up against the blank back of the paper: the fabric's wrong side touches the paper. Cover region 1 plus at least 1/4" beyond all its edges. Pin or lightly glue in place.

3 Add fabric 2

From the printed side, fold the paper on the line between 1 and 2. Trim the fabric 1/4" beyond the fold. Put patch 2 right sides together with patch 1, aligning its joining edge. Test-flip it to confirm it will cover region 2 and its allowance.

4 Sew, open and press

Unfold the paper. With the printed side up, sew exactly on that line, extending into the seam allowance at each end. Flip patch 2 open on the fabric side; check its coverage and press with a dry iron. Keep the paper flat and avoid stretching.

5 Continue through 14

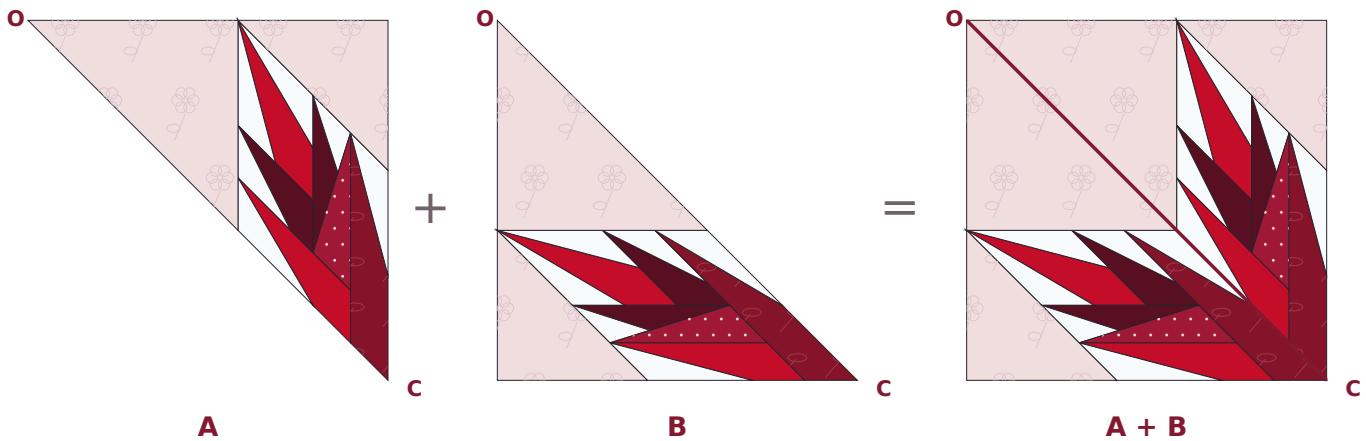
Add 3, then 4, and continue to 14. Each time, fold on the boundary between the new number and the already covered areas; trim, position, sew and press. A new patch may touch several earlier numbers. Keep all the narrow white wedges.

6 Trim and repeat

After patch 14, confirm the fabric covers the entire outer dashed outline. Trim paper and fabric together on that dashed line. Make four A sections and four B sections. Leave the foundation paper attached until after the sections are joined.

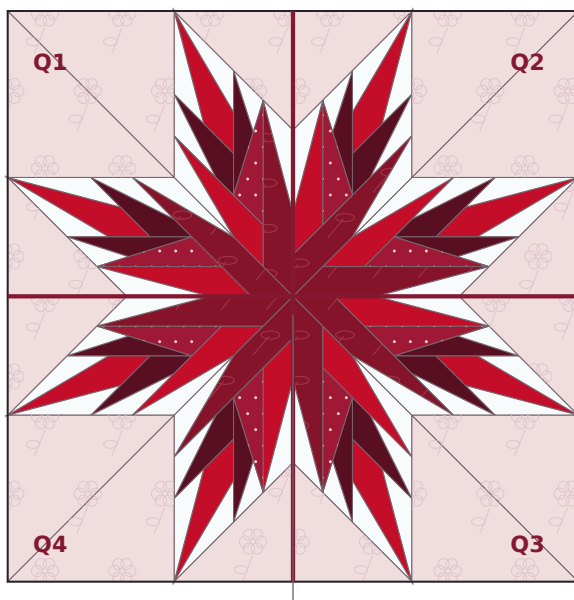
Join the star

All drawings on this page show the RIGHT SIDE OF THE FABRIC. C marks the star-center end; O marks the outside corner.



1. Make four quadrants. Place A and B right sides together along their long diagonals, O to O and C to C. Match the A14/A11 junction to B14/B12, and A11/A9 to B12/B10. The A9/A10 seam meets the inside of B10; there is no B seam at that point. Pin the shared intersections and sew on the solid line, 1/4" inside the dashed edge.

Check the points, remove paper from this joined allowance and press it open. Trim dog ears and square the quadrant to **6 1/2" x 6 1/2"**, keeping 1/4" beyond the solid outside boundary. Repeat for four pairs. A and B have different internal divisions; follow each printed foundation.



C corners meet here

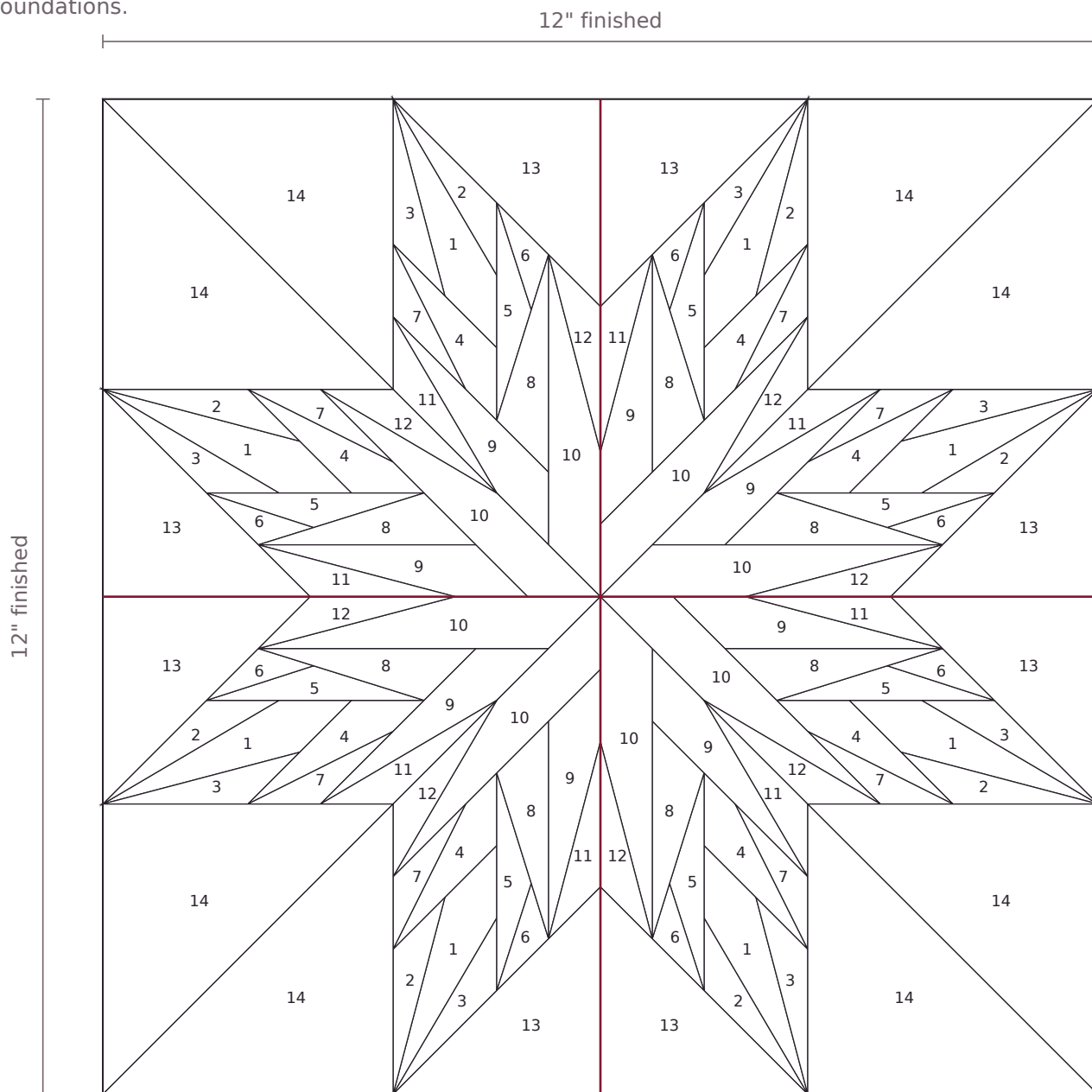
2. Rotate, then join. Use the quadrant above as Q1 (upper left). Rotate Q2 a quarter turn clockwise, Q3 a half turn, and Q4 three quarter turns. Keep the fabric right side up. All four C corners meet at the center; all O corners face outward.

Sew Q1 to Q2 for the top row, then Q4 to Q3 for the bottom row. Each row measures **12 1/2" x 6 1/2"**. Press the joining allowances open, align the central seam, then sew the rows together.

3. Finish the block. Remove the remaining paper gently, supporting the stitches. Press and check for a **12 1/2" square**, including the outer seam allowance. Do not trim the points down to the 12" finished boundary.

Complete block diagram

Fabric-side placement and coloring plan. This drawing is reduced to 50%; use ONLY pages 6-7 as full-size foundations.



R: 1, 9 D: 4, 5 P: 8 C: 10 W: 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 12 F: 13, 14

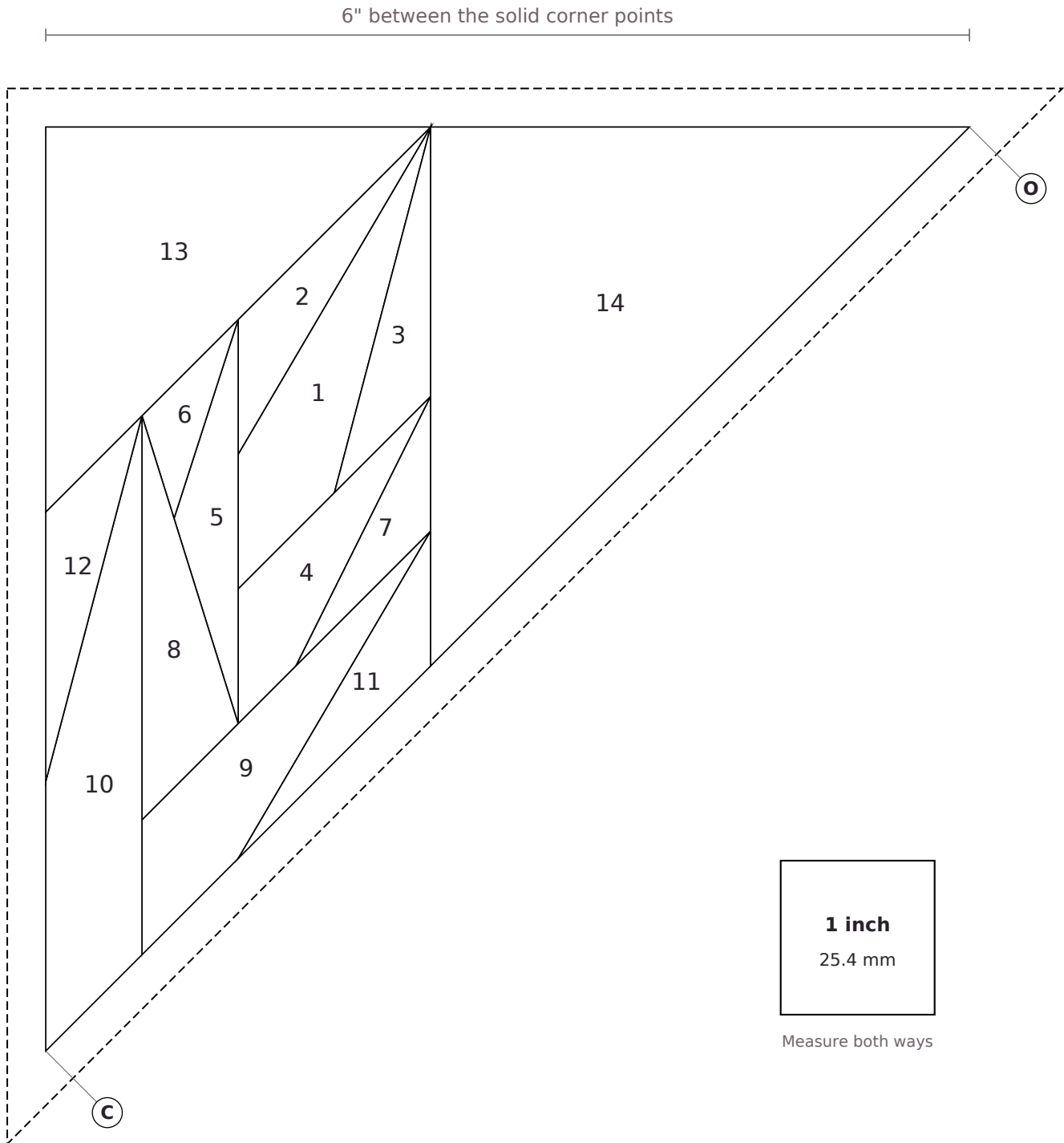
Size checks: A + B = one 6 1/2" unfinished quadrant (6" finished). Two joined quadrants = one 12 1/2" x 6 1/2" row. Two joined rows = one 12 1/2" unfinished block (12" finished / 30.48 cm). The unfinished block is 31.75 cm square.

About this edition: the original block name, numbering and credit come from the supplied Holiday Star 2014 image. The foundations were reconstructed as vector drawings; they are not the original designer's PDF. Fabric prints are represented schematically.

Technique reference: [Carol Doak - Paper Piecing the Carol Doak Way](#).

Foundation A - make 4

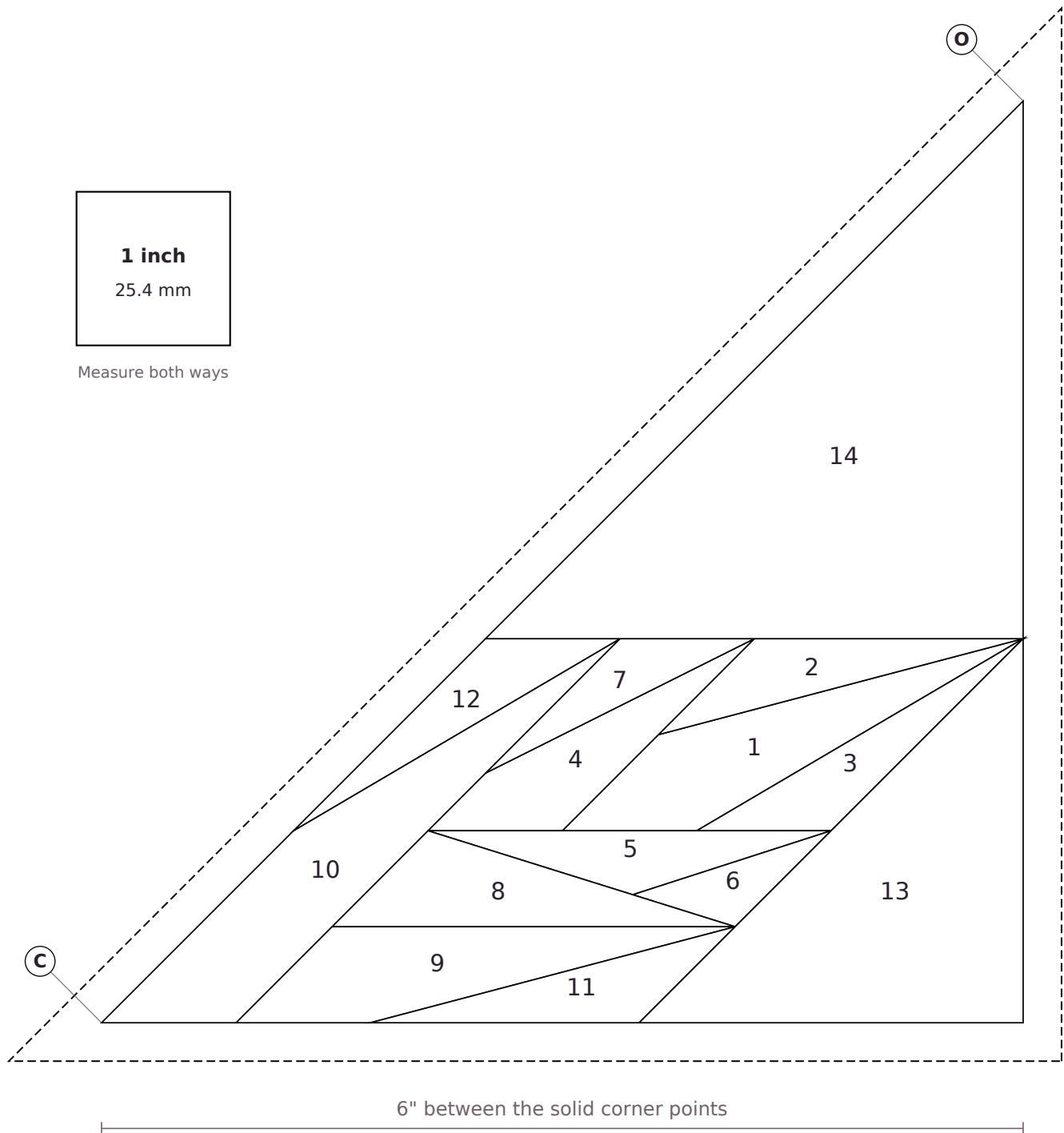
PAPER SIDE / sewing view. Sew 1-14 in order. The finished fabric view is reversed; do not mirror this page.



Solid: stitch / finished boundary. **Dashed:** cut; includes a true 1/4" allowance. Both perpendicular solid sides measure 6". The extra projections are dog ears; trim them after joining A and B.

Foundation B - make 4

PAPER SIDE / sewing view. Sew 1-14 in order. The finished fabric view is reversed; do not mirror this page.



Solid: stitch / finished boundary. **Dashed:** cut at 1/4" outside the solid boundary. Join O to O and C to C. Use Actual Size / 100%, single-sided, one page per sheet.