

2026-2027 Block of the Month

August



For August, we will be Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP), an origami paper crane. My son graduated from 8th grade this year and for his final project he chose to make an art piece with 26 origami paper cranes. The 26 was to represent the year he graduated. The origami cranes represent the end of middle school and his transition to high school. That is why I chose to make the origami paper crane for August block of the month. “In Japanese folklore, cranes are believed to bring good fortune and happiness. They are also seen as symbols of hope and renewal.”, (<https://explorejapanguide.com/what-does-the-crane-mean-in-origami/>)

I hope our block this month brings you a sense of hope and renewal. The block is approximately 8” X 11” (unfinished).

How to Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) Library:

- Angela Walters Craftsy video (less than 5-minute video):

<https://youtu.be/t7Kx4Q7JSwQ?si=Cv-erUtf4weTL80l>

- The Gathered written information and video (less than 20-minute video):

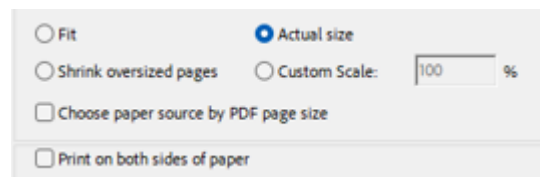
<https://www.gathered.how/sewing-and-quilting/quilting/how-to-foundation-paper-piece-patchwork>

- Tips for Tiny Paper piecing (7-minute video)

<https://youtu.be/zva-xpmFYFc?si=3eNmwnNnVXnxYb3TA>

BOM Instructions

Printing: Print the Pattern PDF “**Actual size.**” Print dialog box example.



PDF should be displayed at 100%. Hover your mouse on the 1:1 on the PDF. It should say, “Display page at 100% magnification”.

Fabric and Supplies:

Fabrics:

These are yardage estimates. They are generous! I used scraps for my block. You will need contrasting fabrics for parts of the crane.

Background: 1 Fat quarter or scraps. I used a feature fabric for the border. If you want to use this throughout the quilt, I recommend setting aside a yard or two so that it can be repeated through the quilt.

Crane head and body (lighter value): Less than 1/8 of a yard

Wings and base shadows (darker value): Less than 1/8 of a yard

Supplies:

- Add a Quarter ruler is convenient but not necessary.
- Seam roller or Iron
- Elmers Glue stick for glue basting. I like to use a glue stick instead of pinning my fabrics.
- Zigzag, walking, or open toe sewing foot for piecing.
- General paper piecing and general sewing supplies.

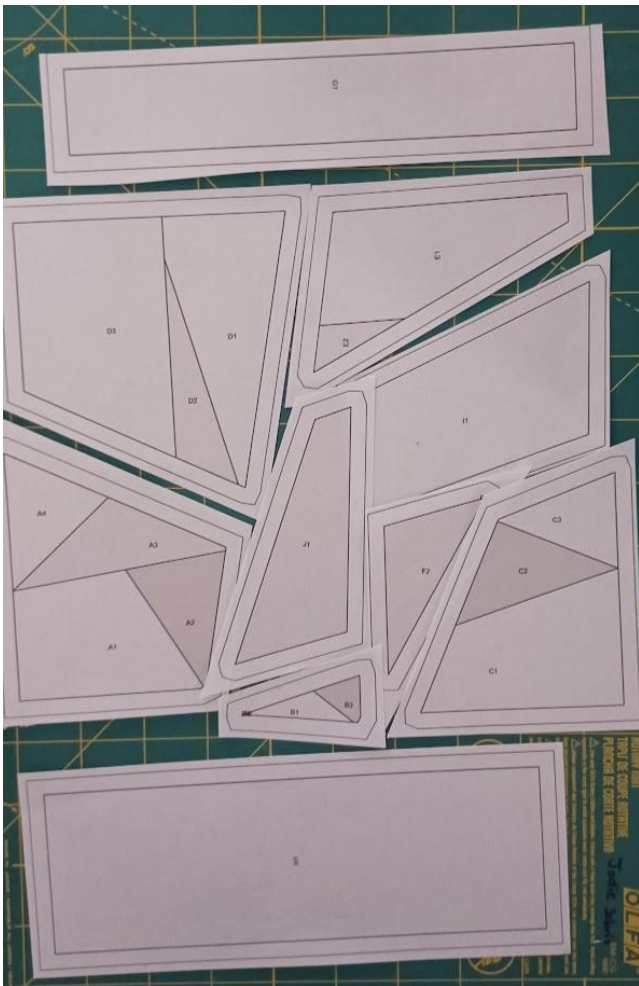
Cutting:

Cut out printed paper piecing units. After cutting the units fold on each line. Use the folds as guides for fabric placements.

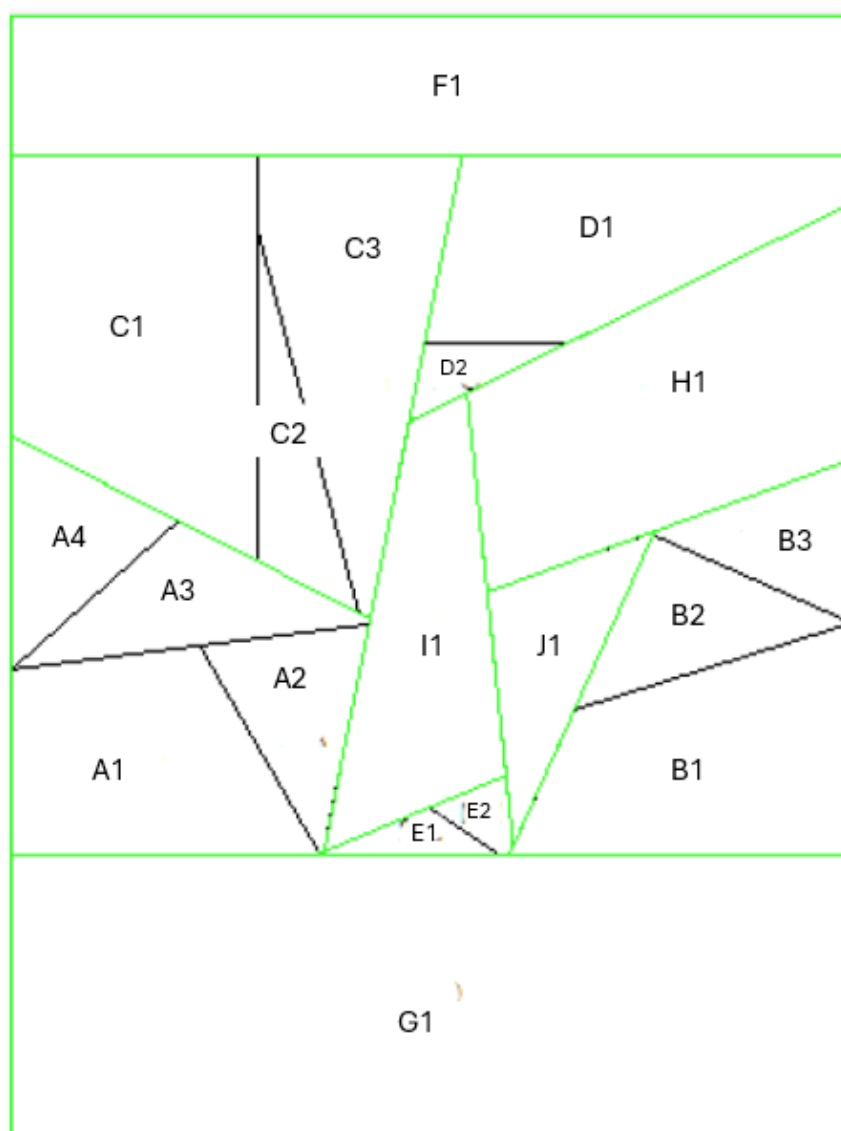


I like to place all my paper pieces together before sewing and I use a color pencil to note what color fabric I will be stitching

1 cut paper pieces and note fabric color



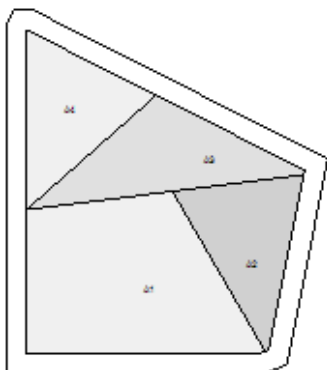
Foundation paper piecing units



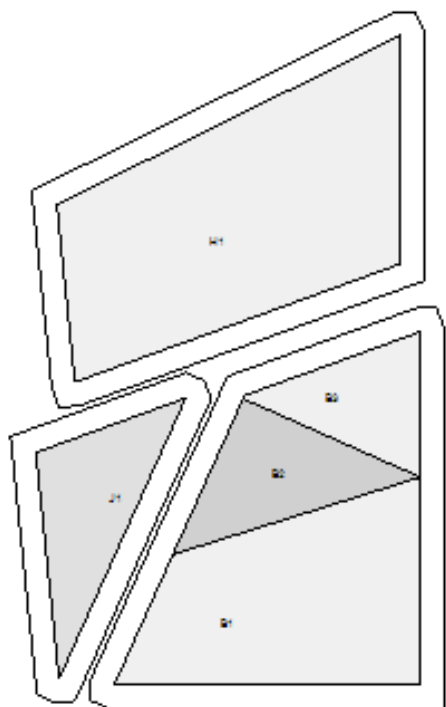
2 Foundation Paper Piecing Map

Stitching:

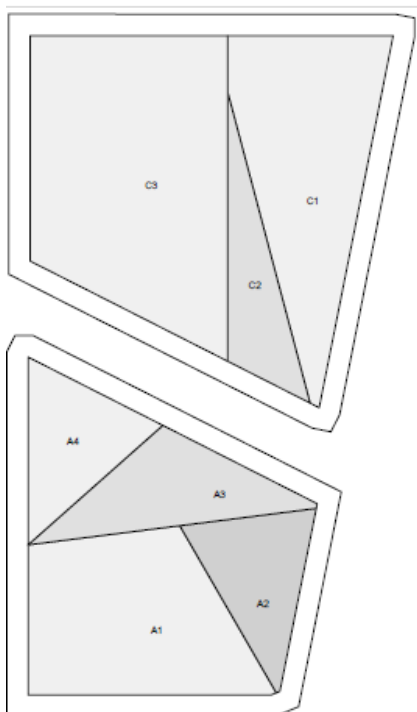
Stitch: A1 through A4.



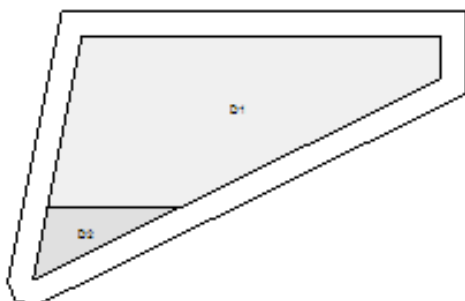
Stitch: B1 through B3 then add section J1 then add section H1



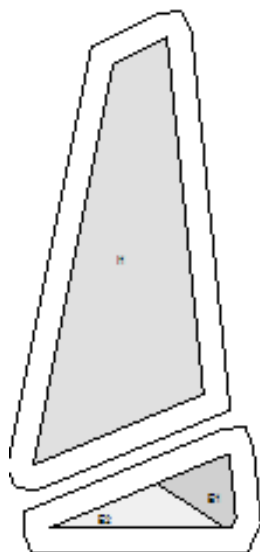
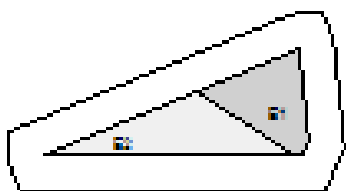
Stitch: C1 through C3 Then add section A



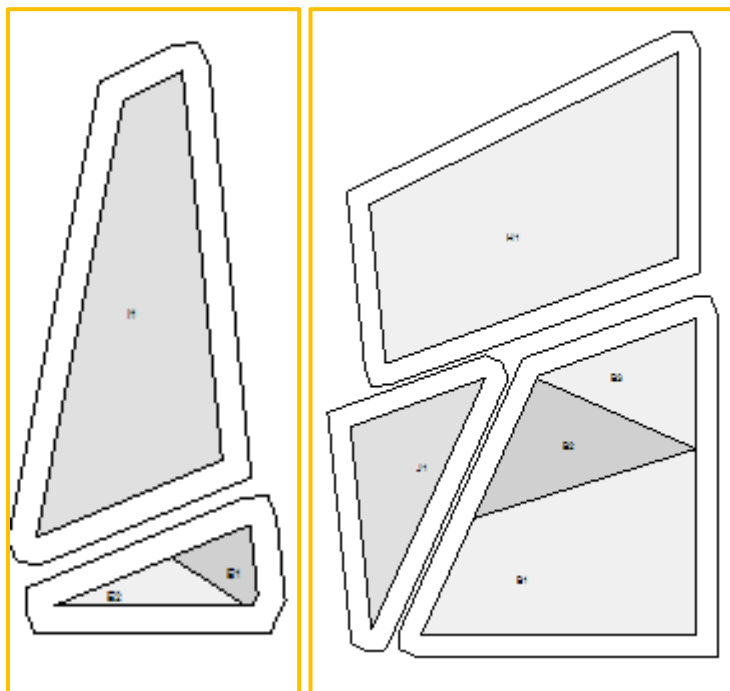
Stitch: D1 to D2



Stitch: E1 to E2 then add section I1



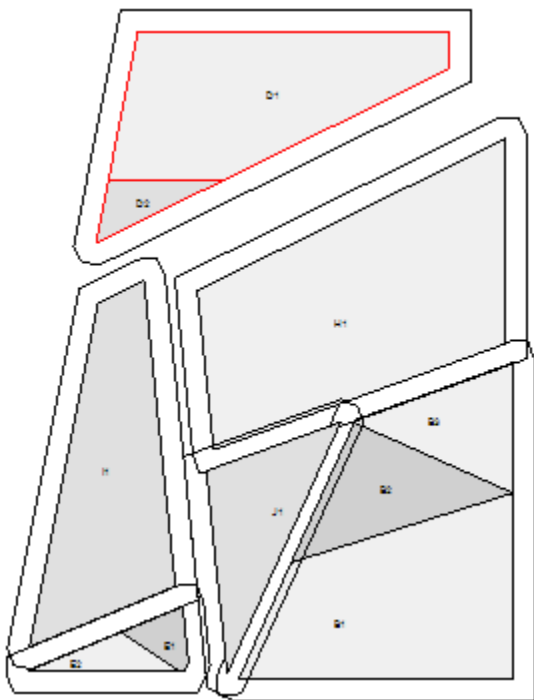
Next, Stitch section I, E1-E2 to unit B, J, and H.



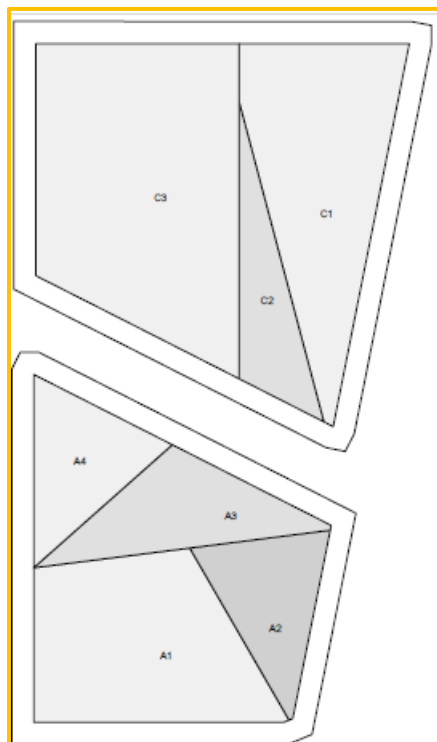
I, E1-E2

B, J, and H

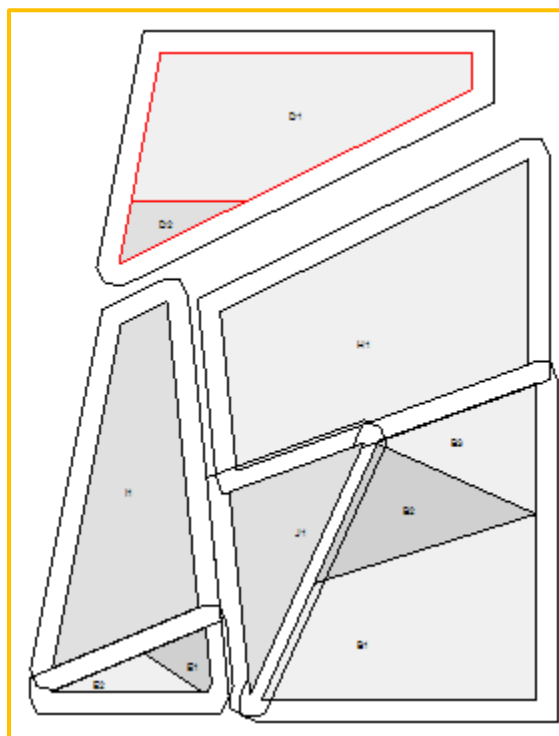
Stitch: D1/D2 to last section B-J.



Stitch: A-C to B-H or last section.



A-C



B-H

Stitch: Sections F1 and G1 to your crane. We can add outer borders later once we have a final quilt layout.

Congratulations! You have completed your August block of the month.

I hope you enjoyed making your Paper Crane!



August BOM Entry Ticket:

 Please be sure to photograph your block and email it to Joey Straight and she will post it on the CQA website JoeyStrait50@gmail.com or you can bring your block to me at our next meeting, and I will photograph it and email it to Joey for you.

 Visit me at the BOM information table at our regular guild meetings and I will track completed BOM's.

 Any questions? Please, feel free to contact me via email at jlsolorio2003@gmail.com or call and leave a message at (805)512-3566 (I don't answer unfamiliar phone numbers).

I do prefer text messages. You can just let me know who you are and you have question about BOM. I'll call you. No need to text your question.