

Step Seventeen: Layout & Borders

You'll Need the Following:

-  Light: 2 1/2" squares – 12
-  Dark: 2 1/2" squares – 4
-  Sashings 1-4
- Blocks 1-5

On the next page you will find the layout with all the blocks, sashings, and cornerstones. Before you sew any rows together, layout your blocks according to the diagram.

Pay attention to the orientation of not just the blocks but also the sashings. You will lose the emerging pattern if you flip something the wrong way.

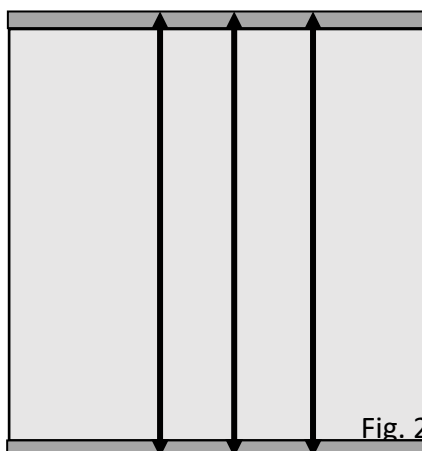
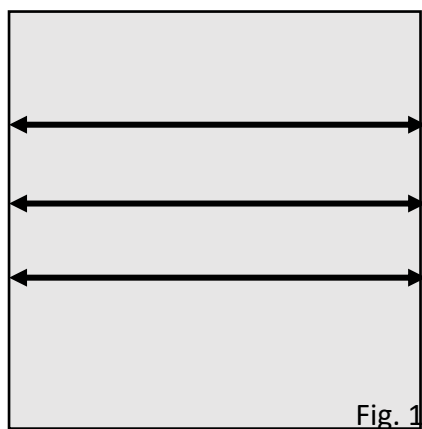
Each unit has been labeled. If you are unsure that you laid everything out in the correct orientation, step back and take a photo with your phone. Errors are often more easily seen from a picture.

Press your seam allowance to the side. I am not providing the direction for pressing at this point. You will want to use the direction in which everything lays the best.

Happy sewing!

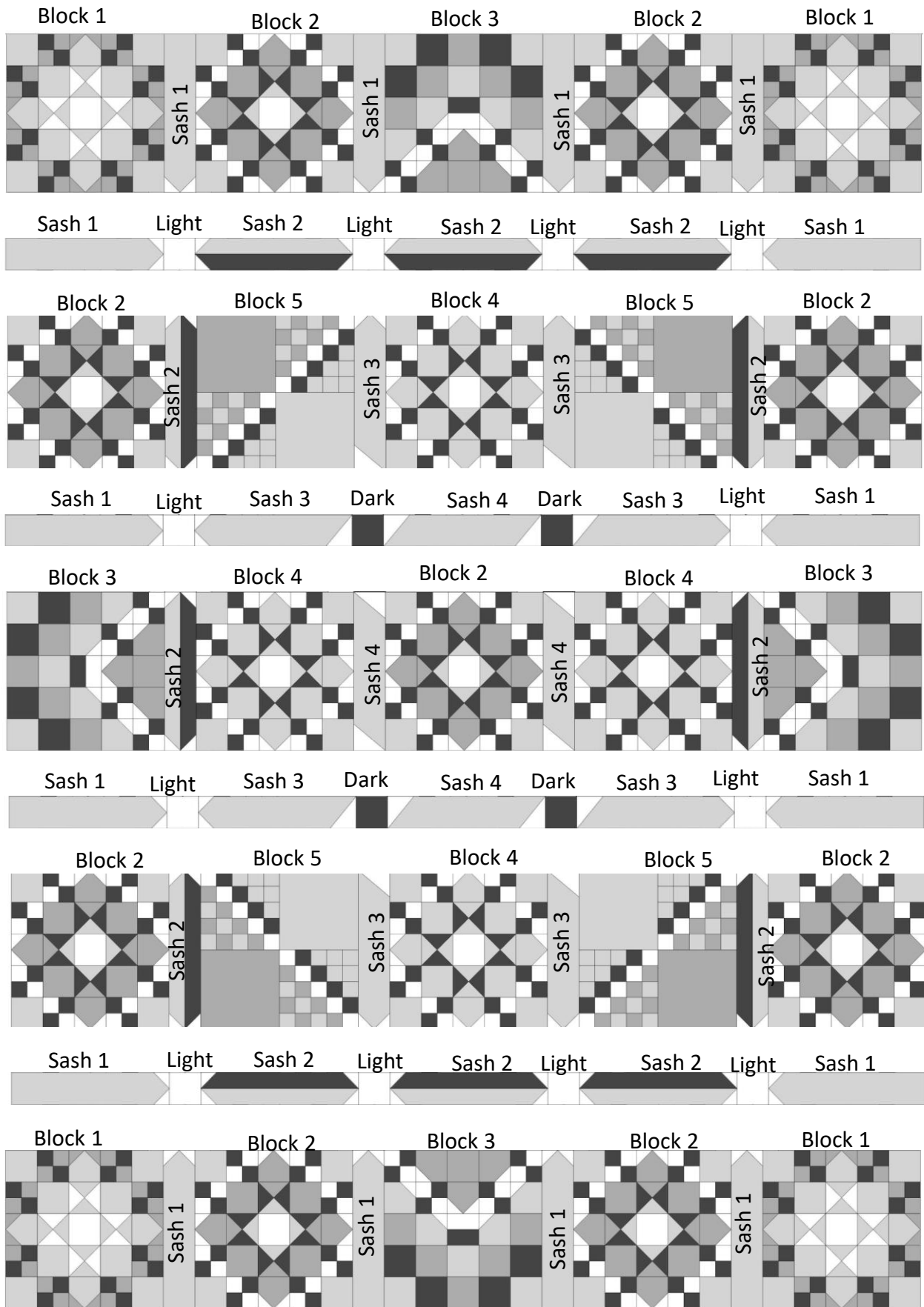
Adding Borders: General Directions

Measure your quilt top horizontally across the middle (not the top and bottom edges), in three different areas (fig.1), to determine the length you need for the top and bottom border. Use an average of the three measurements. Piece the border strips to make them long enough (if needed). Add the top and bottom border to the quilt. It may be helpful to pin the strip to the quilt and ease in as needed. Press the seam allowance to the side. Measure the quilt top vertically to include the top and bottom borders you just added (fig. 2). Once again measure it in a couple of areas and take the average of these measurements to determine the length needed for the side borders. Piece the border strips to make them long enough. Add them to the sides of the quilt. Press the seam allowances to the side. By using this process, you are keeping the quilt square. Repeat the process with each border.



Hint: When adding the border to the top, you may find that the quilt top is slightly longer. When sewing if you put the longer piece on the bottom, you will find that it will ease in better. The feed dogs tend to feed the bottom unit in a bit faster than the top unit.

Step Seventeen: Layout & Borders Part 1

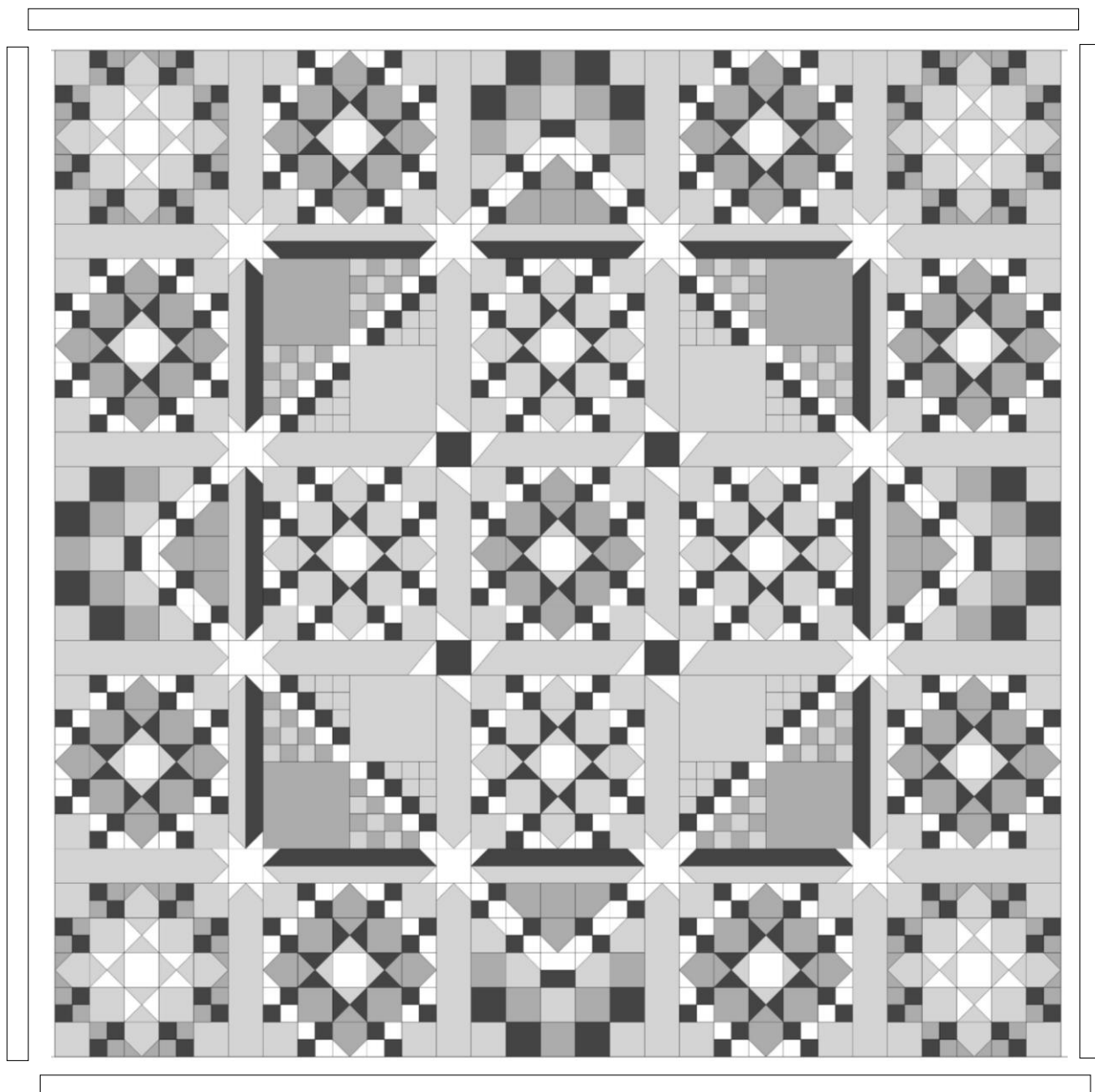


Step Seventeen: Layout & Borders Part 2

You'll Need the Following:



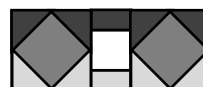
Light: 1 1/2" strips - 6



Step Eighteen: Pieced Border

You'll Need the Following:

Dark: 4 1/2" squares - 4

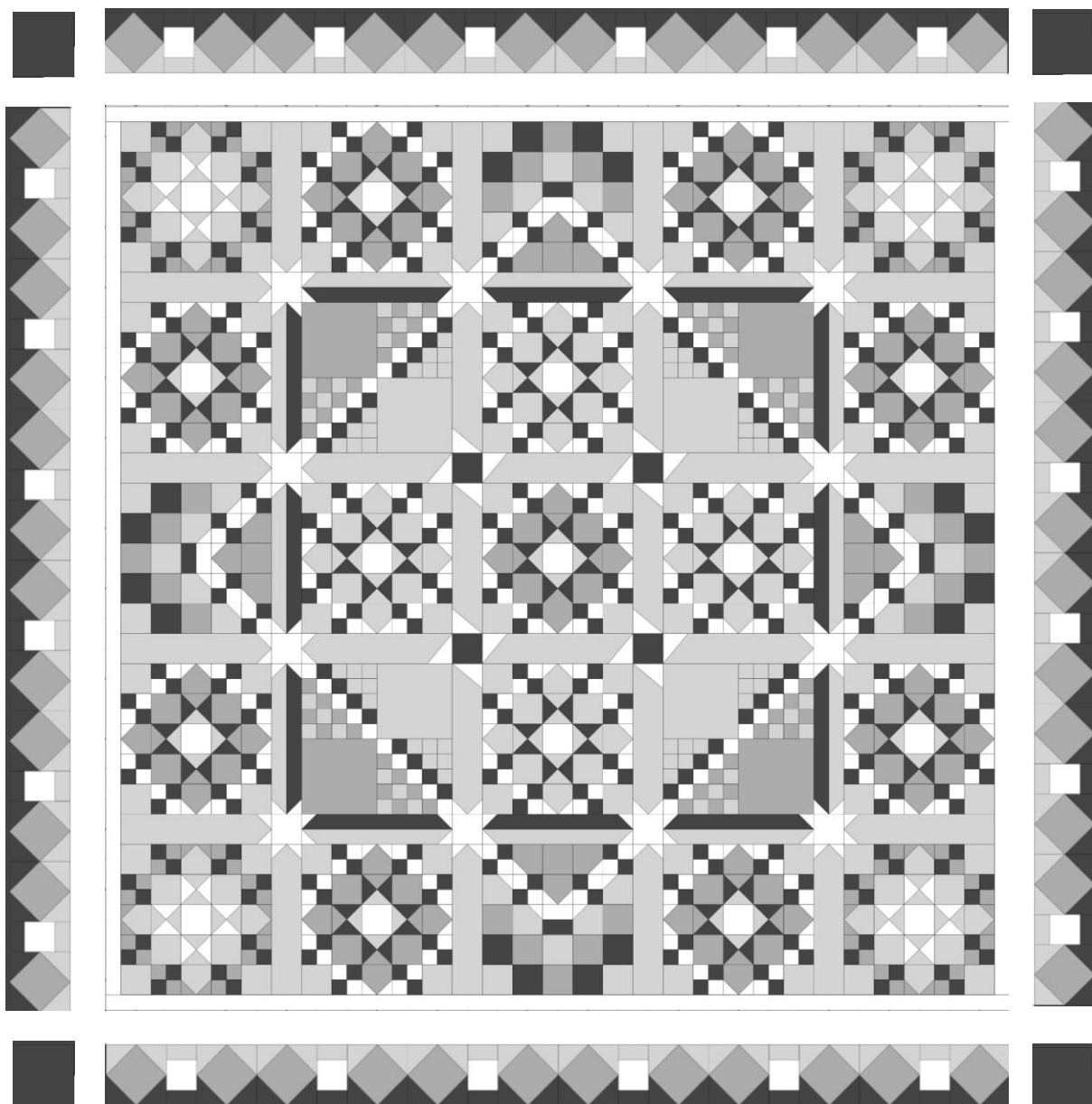


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Sew 6 Pieced border blocks together, paying close attention to the orientation of the block. Press the seam allowance to the side. The pieced border should measure 4 1/2" x 60 1/2".

Check to see how it fits on the quilt center. Add the top and bottom border. Add a Dark 4 1/2" to both ends of the remaining 2 strips. Attach them to the sides of the quilt center.

The quilt center should measure 68 1/2".



Step Nineteen: Final Border

You'll Need the Following:

Dark: 2 1/2" Strips

Following the direction given on Step Seventeen, add the final border to the quilt center. Press the seams toward the outside. The quilt should measure 72 1/2" square.

