

Surfside Quilters Guild

A Block A Month

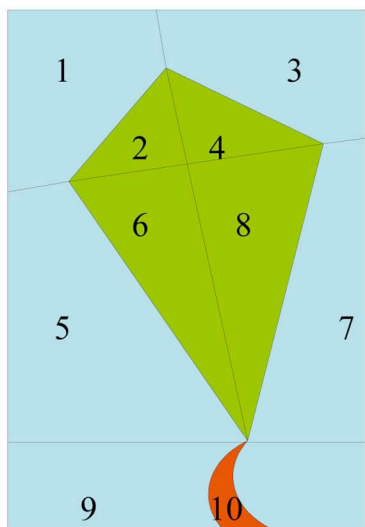
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Go Fly a Kite

9 1/2" x 18 1/2" unfinished block using the technique of paper piecing

Surfside Quilters Guild is up! Each month make blocks for your own Surf's Up sampler quilt. This month make one Kite block. Following the picture tutorial will simplify the construction of this block.

<http://sites.google.com/site/surfsidequiltersguild/home/block-a-month>



Cut the following fabric pieces:

Background (sky): two 6" x 8", two 8" x 12", one 3 1/2" x 9 1/2"

Kite: two 5" squares, two 8" x 12"

Tail: one 1" x 40" use pinking shears if desired

Ties: one 1" x 32" torn then cut into 8" segments

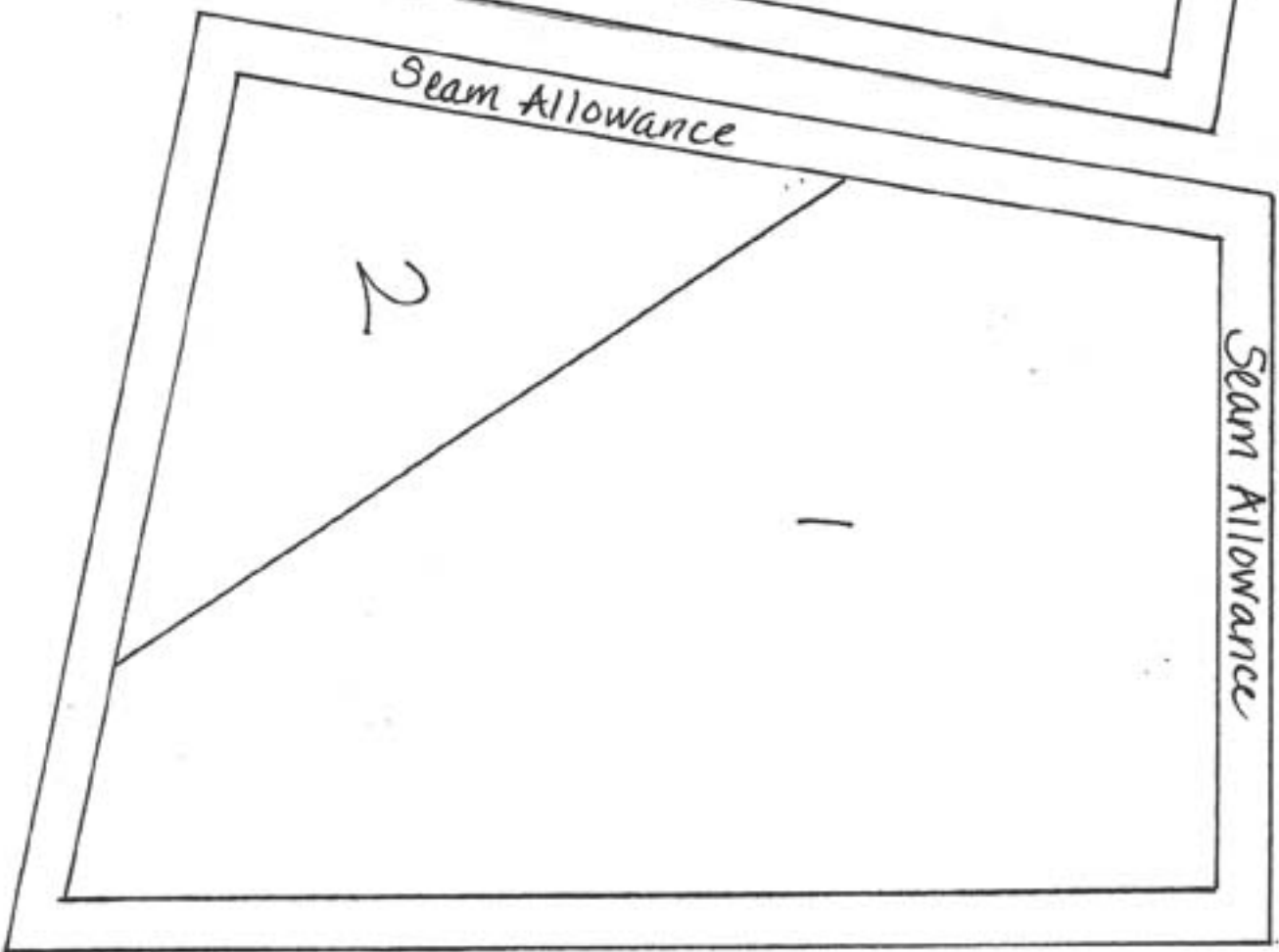
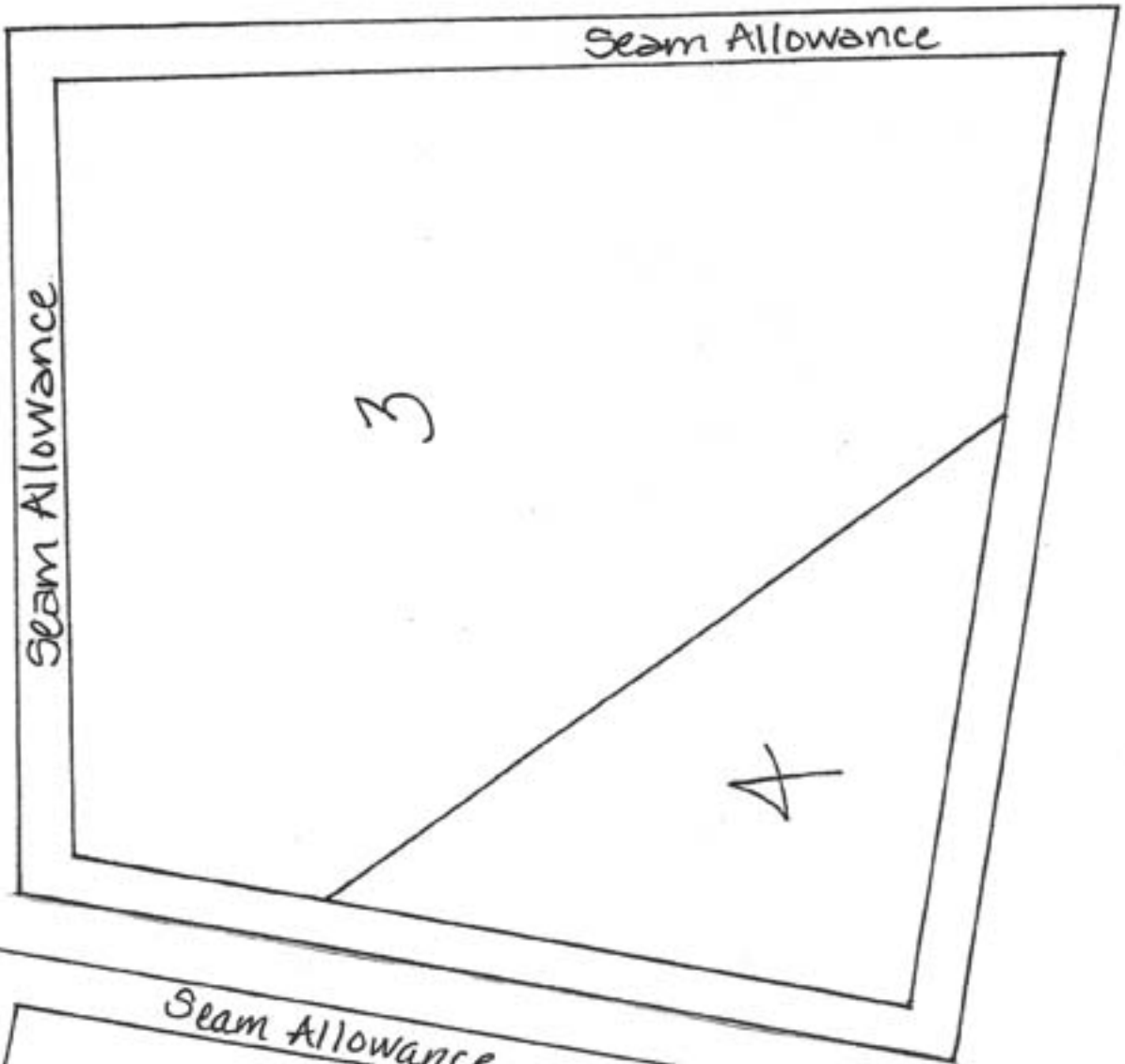
Pattern: Trim the four pattern pieces leaving about 1" around edges. Note that seam allowance on pattern 7-8 goes off of the paper so "imagine" it is there.

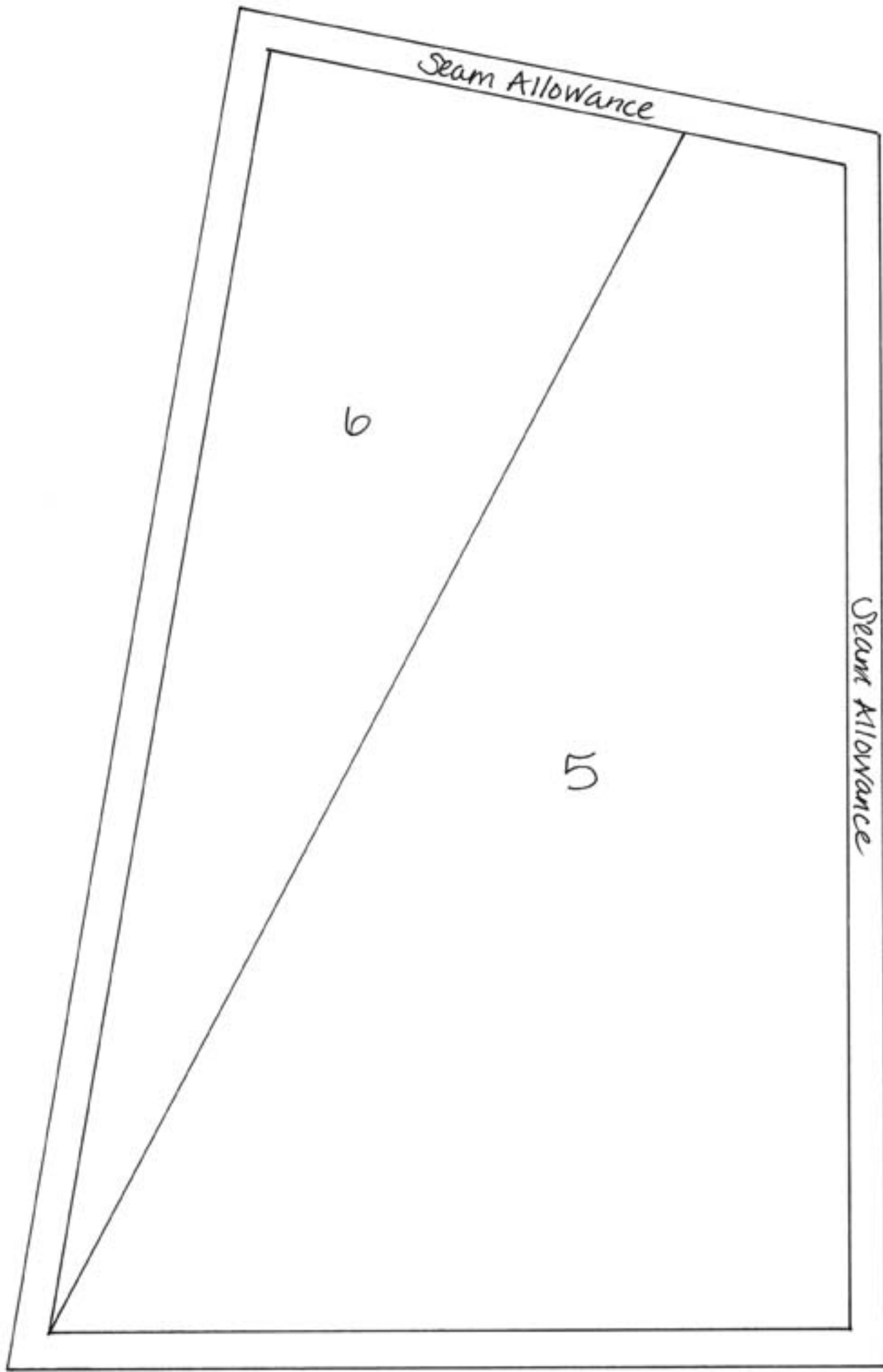
Paper piecing directions: Use shortened stitch (1.5) on all stitching

1. Place one 5" square of kite fabric on bottom right hand corner of one 6" x 8" background piece with right sides together. Slide pattern 1-2 under fabric with printed side of pattern down. Turn fabric and pattern over so printed side faces up. Stitch on the diagonal line starting and ending 2-3 stitches beyond line.

2. Without disturbing the fabric layers, pull back pattern piece 2 along the line just stitched and trim seam to 1/4".
3. Fold pattern out flat and turn kite fabric over to right side and press with dry iron.
4. Staystitch a scant distance from seam line on two parallel sides.
5. Trim. Repeat last steps using patterns 3-4 and 5-6.
6. For piece 7-8, place one background 8" x 12" on top of one kite 8" x 12" fabric right sides together. Place the pattern piece over to the right edge of background fabric so the fabric will cover the paper when flipped over.
7. Sew along diagonal line. Without disturbing the fabric layers, fold back the pattern side 7 over the pattern side 8 and trim to 1/4". Turn kite fabric over to right side and press.
8. Staystitch a scant distance from seam line down both long sides.
9. Put ruler on outside cutting line so that it extends beyond pattern at the top. Because the full pattern didn't fit on the paper, visually complete the seam line. Trim.
10. Sew pattern 7-8 to pattern 5-6 right sides together along seam line. Press to one side.
11. With right sides together, sew pattern piece 1-2 to pattern piece 3-4. Press seam to opposite side of 5-6-7-8 seam.
12. Sew 1-2-3-4 unit to 5-6-7-8 unit along seam line. Press seam upwards.
13. Create a pleat in kite tail fabric and sew wrong side of tail to seam allowance at bottom of kite.
14. Sew 3 1/2" x 9 1/2" background fabric to bottom of kite, right sides together. Press towards bottom.
15. Square up block if necessary to 9 1/2" x 18 1/2".
16. Tie kite ties randomly spaced about every 10" along kite tail. Your kite is ready to fly!

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