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## FIVE STEPS FOR SUCCESSFUL FOUNDATION PIECING

Repeat the the steps listed below until all areas of the foundation have been covered with fabric:

**GETTING STARTED** - Cut a piece of fabric for area #1. Center this fabric piece behind area #1 on the foundation. Place the wrong side of the fabric against the unprinted/wrong side of the foundation. In this case, “two wrongs mean you’ve done it right”. Look through the foundation and position the fabric so there is approximately 1/4" of seam allowance extending beyond the line that separates area #1 from area #2. For unusual shapes, trim as shown in the diagrams.

**CUT** - Cut a piece of fabric for each area, allowing for a **GENEROUS** 1/4" seam allowance on all sides. Cutting pieces larger than needed will make positioning easier. Pre-cutting sizes are listed in the pattern instructions.

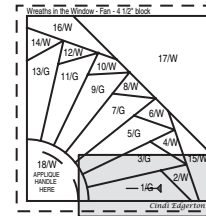
**PLACE** - As you add fabrics for each step, place them in the correct position on the **UNPRINTED SIDE** of the foundation. Position them “where they are going to live” after they have been sewn. Keeping the cut edges together along the seam line, flip the piece you’re adding so that it is right sides together with the fabrics that are already there.

**SEW** - Sew all seams by stitching directly on the line on the **PRINTED SIDE** of the foundation. Stay on the lines, and you will have perfectly accurate points and corners. When sewing by machine, use a “normal” machine piecing stitch length, sewing 1/4" before and beyond the ends of the line. You won’t need to shorten your stitch length when stitching on our tissue.

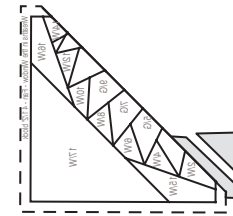
**PRESS** - Press each seam after it has been sewn. Use a **DRY, WARM** iron, making sure that each seam is pressed completely to the side. Any tucks or pleats you may create will affect the accuracy of the points and corners within your block. Press again on the back of the block to help keep the tissue foundation smooth and wrinkle free.

**TRIM** - Fold the foundation toward you, creasing it along the next seamline that will be sewn. If necessary, tear tissue away from extended seam lines to allow folding on the line. Trim off excess fabric, leaving approximately a 1/4" seam allowance.

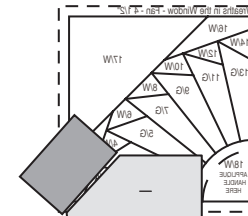
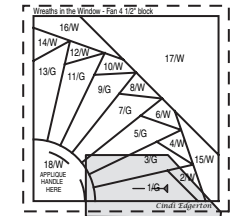
## HOW TO FOUNDATION PIECE



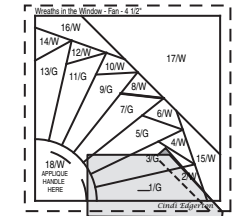
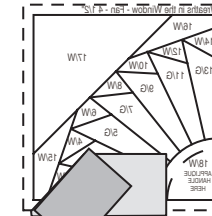
Place wrong sides of fabric and tissue together.



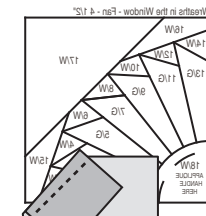
Fold on the line between #1 & #2. Trim along the fold, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.



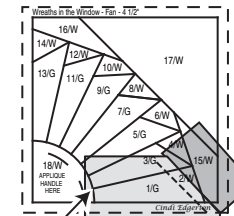
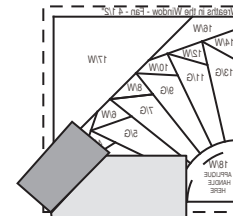
Position fabric #2 on the wrong side of the tissue. Flip fabric #2, placing it right side together with fabric #1.



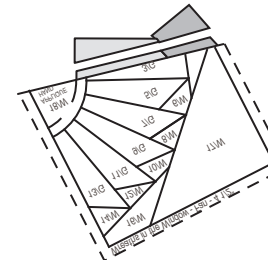
Turn the tissue to the right side. Stitch on the line between areas 1 & 2.



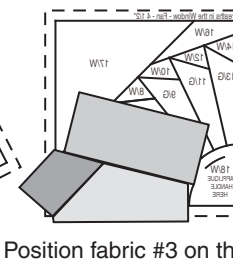
Press fabric #2 to the side.



Fold along this line.



Trim along the fold, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.



Position fabric #3 on the wrong side of the tissue. Flip fabric #3, placing it right side together with fabrics 1 & 2. Flip tissue over and stitch on the line. Continue adding fabric using these 5 steps.

