
Straight Arrow

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You don't need years of archery lessons to make these arrows fly straight. Hit your target every time with paper-piecing techniques that ensure foolproof points and perfectly aligned seams.





Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Finished Sizes:

Quilt: 36½" × 46½"

Block: 9" × 8"

Materials

Yardage is based on 42"-wide fabric.

- 2 yards of blue batik for arrow strips and Pyramid blocks
- ½ yard of red batik for arrow strips
- ⅜ yard of orange batik for Pyramid blocks
- ¼ yard of yellow batik for Pyramid blocks
- ⅛ yard of navy batik for Pyramid blocks
- 1 yard of lime batik for sashing and binding
- 2⅝ yards of fabric for backing
- 43" × 53" piece of batting
- Foundation paper

Cutting Instructions

Blue Batik:

- (4) 6" × width of fabric (WOF) strips; subcut into:
 - ◊ (16) 6" × 9" rectangles (E1 and F1)
- (2) 3½" × WOF strips; subcut into:
 - ◊ (6) 3½" × 8" rectangles (A6 and A7)
- (3) 3" × WOF strips; subcut into:
 - ◊ (6) 3" × 6" rectangles (A1 and A3)
 - ◊ (6) 3" × 5" rectangles (C7 and D7)
 - ◊ (6) 3" × 3" squares (C1 and D1)
- (4) 2⅝" × WOF strips
- (8) 1½" × WOF strips; subcut into:
 - ◊ (16) 1½" × 9½" rectangles (E3 and F3)
 - ◊ (28) 1½" × 5½" rectangles (C3, C5, D3, D5, E5, and F5)
 - ◊ (3) 1½" × 1½" squares (B1)

Red Batik:

- (1) 3" × WOF strip; subcut into:
 - ◊ (3) 3" × 8" rectangles (A5)
- (2) 1½" × WOF strips; subcut into:
 - ◊ (3) 1½" × 9" rectangles (B2)
 - ◊ (3) 1½" × 6½" rectangles (A2)
- (2) 1¼" × WOF strips
- (3) 2¼" × 5" rectangles (A4)

Orange Batik:

- (7) 1½" × WOF strips; subcut into:
 - ◊ (16) 1½" × 10½" rectangles (E2 and F2)
 - ◊ (18) 1½" × 5" rectangles (C2, C4, C6, D2, D4, and D6)

Yellow Batik:

- (4) 1¾" × WOF strips; subcut into:
 - ◊ (16) 1¾" × 7½" rectangles (E4 and F4)

Navy Batik:

- (2) 1¾" × WOF strips; subcut into:
 - ◊ (16) 1¾" × 3½" rectangles (E6 and F6)

Lime Batik:

- (7) 2½" × WOF strips; subcut 2 strips into:
 - ◊ (2) 2½" × 36½" strips
- (2) 3½" × 36½" strips
- (2) 3" × 36½" strips

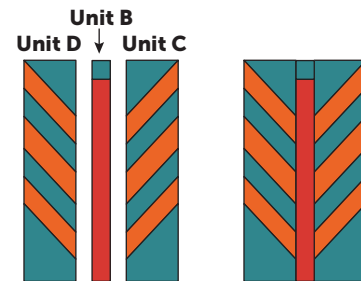
Paper Piece the Units

1. Trace or photocopy the patterns for Units A–F on pages V–VIII onto foundation paper the number of times indicated for each unit.
2. Paper piece each unit using the precut pieces for each area as indicated in the cutting instructions.

Make the Arrow Rows

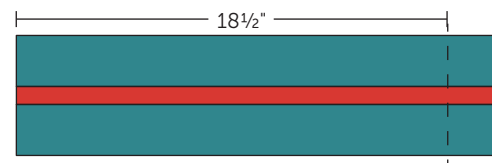
Use a ¼" seam allowance and sew with right sides together. Press the seams open.

3. Join a C unit and a D unit to opposite sides of a B unit as shown; press. Repeat to make a total of three arrow fletching units.



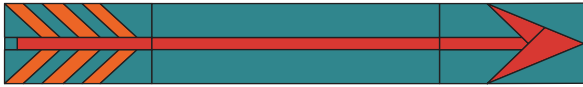
Make 3.

4. Sew a blue 2⅝" × WOF strip to both long edges of a red 1¼" × WOF strip to make a strip set; press. Repeat to make a total of two strip sets. Subcut the strip sets into three segments, 18½" long, for the arrow shafts.



Make 2 strip sets.
Cut 3 segments.

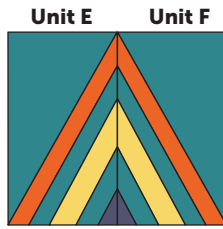
- Join an arrow fletching unit and an A unit to the ends of an arrow shaft segment; press. Repeat to make a total of three arrow rows.



Make 3.

Make the Pyramid Rows

- Join one E unit and one F unit as shown to make a Pyramid block, being careful to match the seams; press. Repeat to make a total of eight blocks.



Make 8.

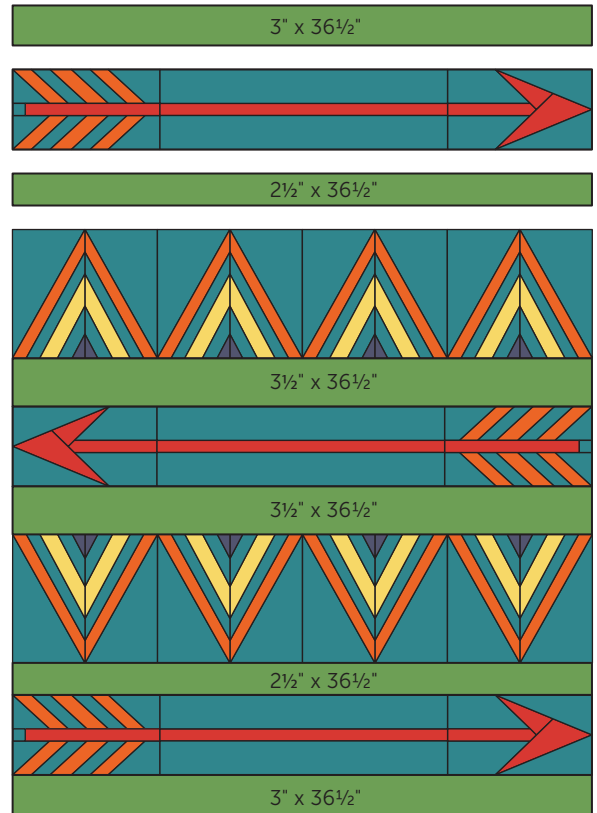
- Sew four Pyramid blocks together side by side to make a row; press. Repeat to make a total of two rows.



Make 2.

Assemble the Quilt Top

- Refer to the quilt assembly diagram below to arrange the arrow rows, pyramid rows, and lime $36\frac{1}{2}$ "-long strips as shown. Sew the rows and strips together along the long edges. Press the seams open.

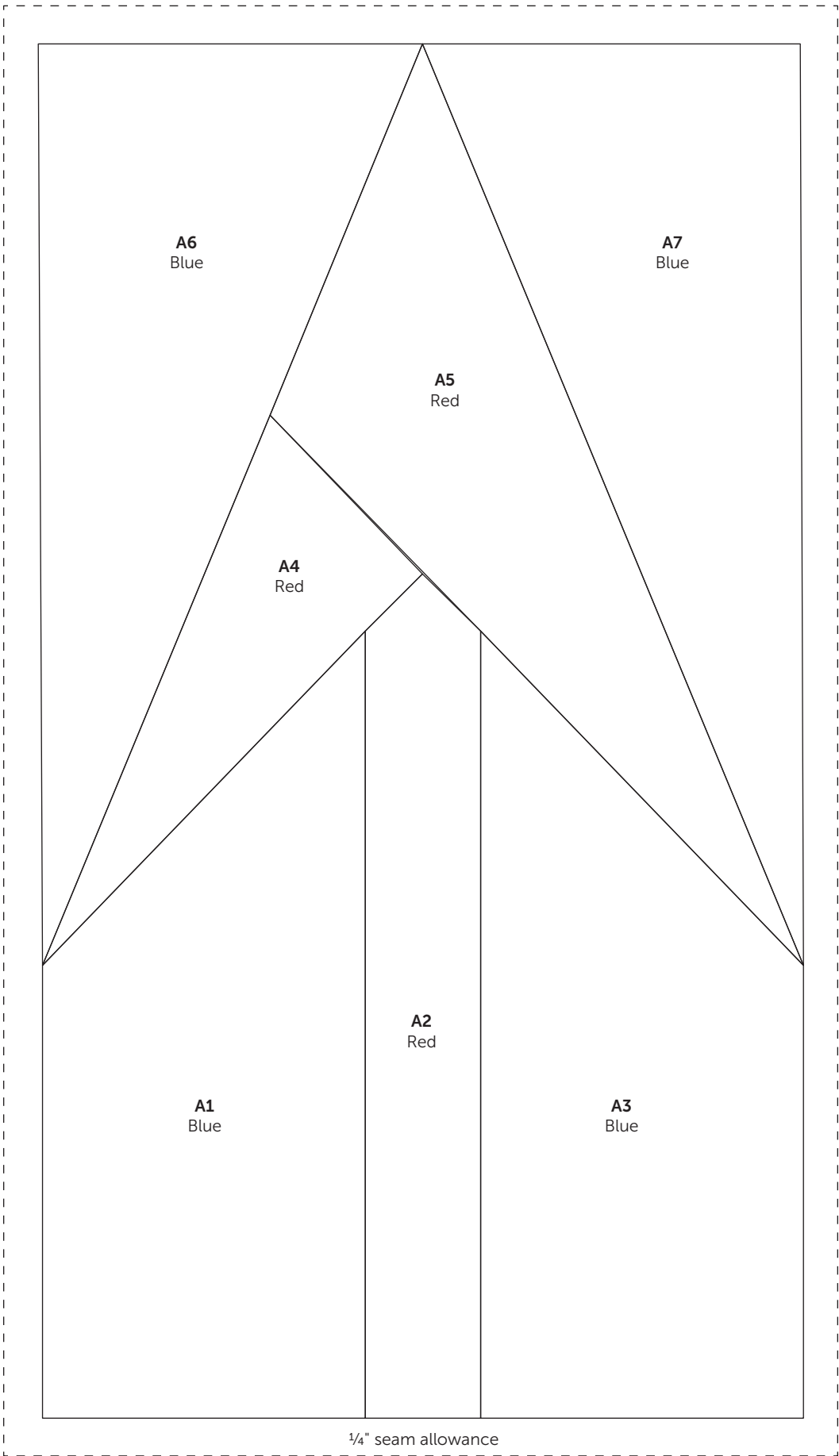


Quilt Assembly

- Carefully remove the foundation paper from the quilt top wrong side.

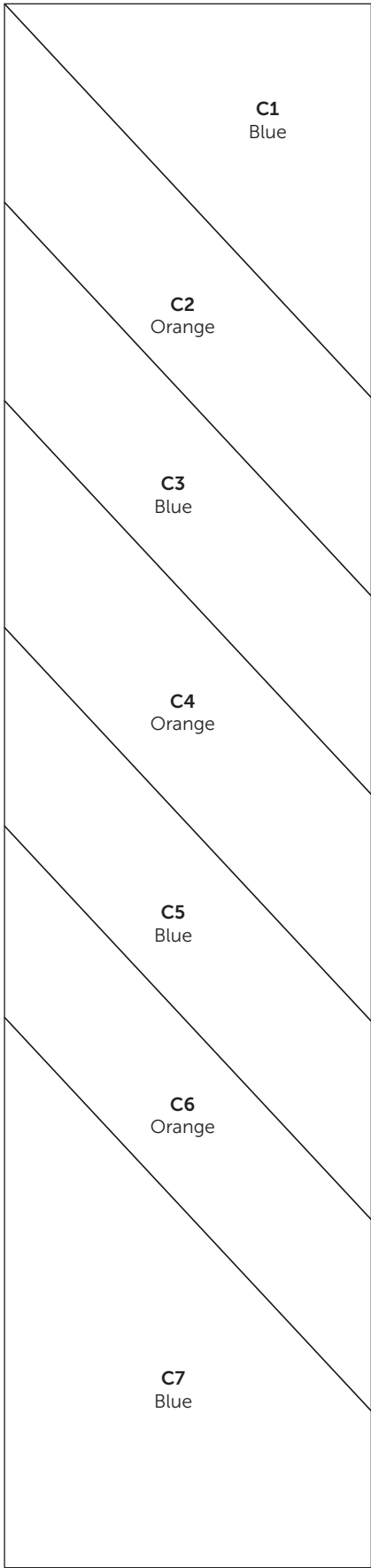
Finish the Quilt

- Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top. Baste the layers together.
- Quilt as desired.
- Bind the quilt edges using the remaining five lime $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide strips.



1/4" seam allowance

Unit A
Make 3.



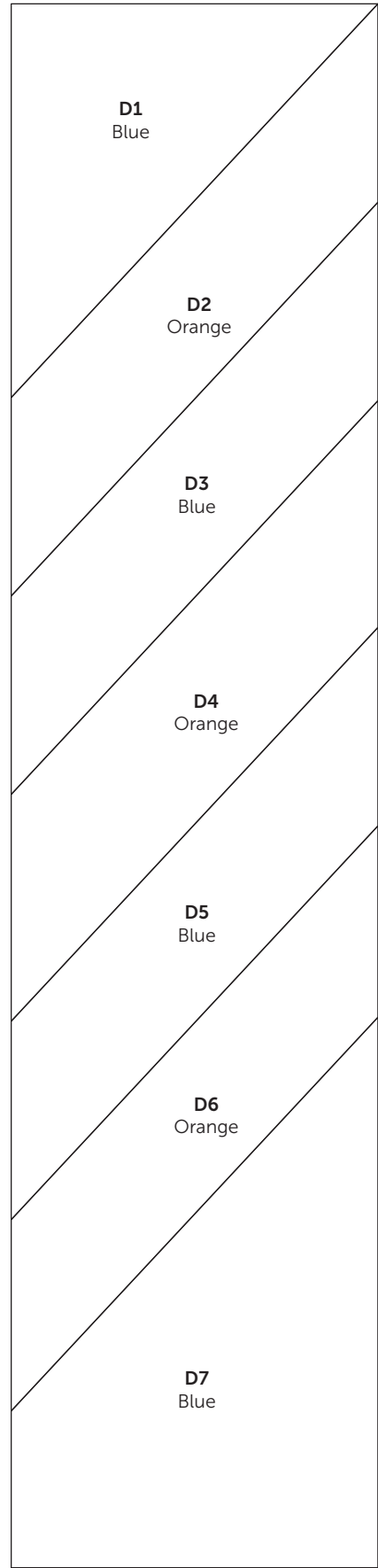
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Unit C
Make 3.



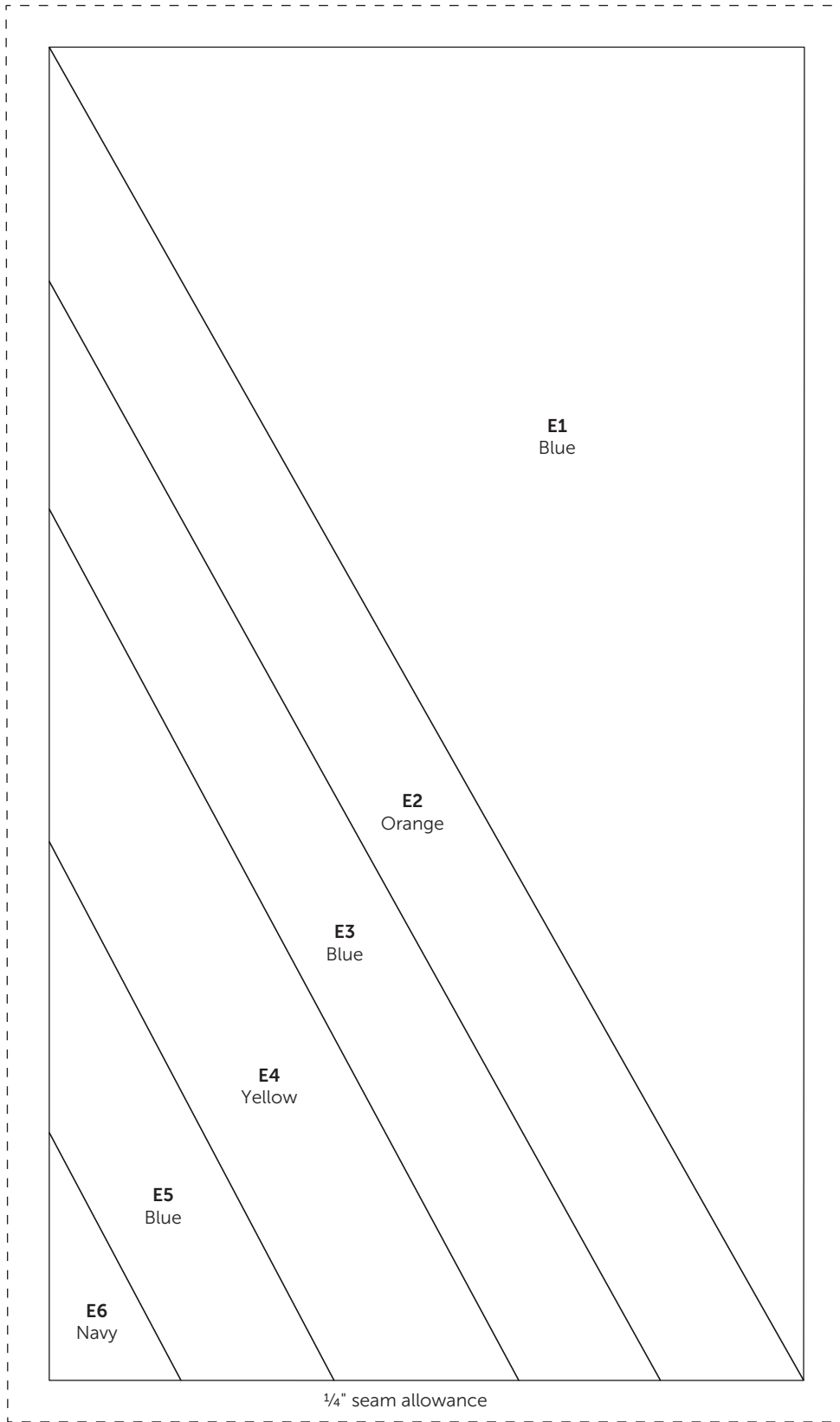
1/4" seam allowance

Unit B
Make 3.

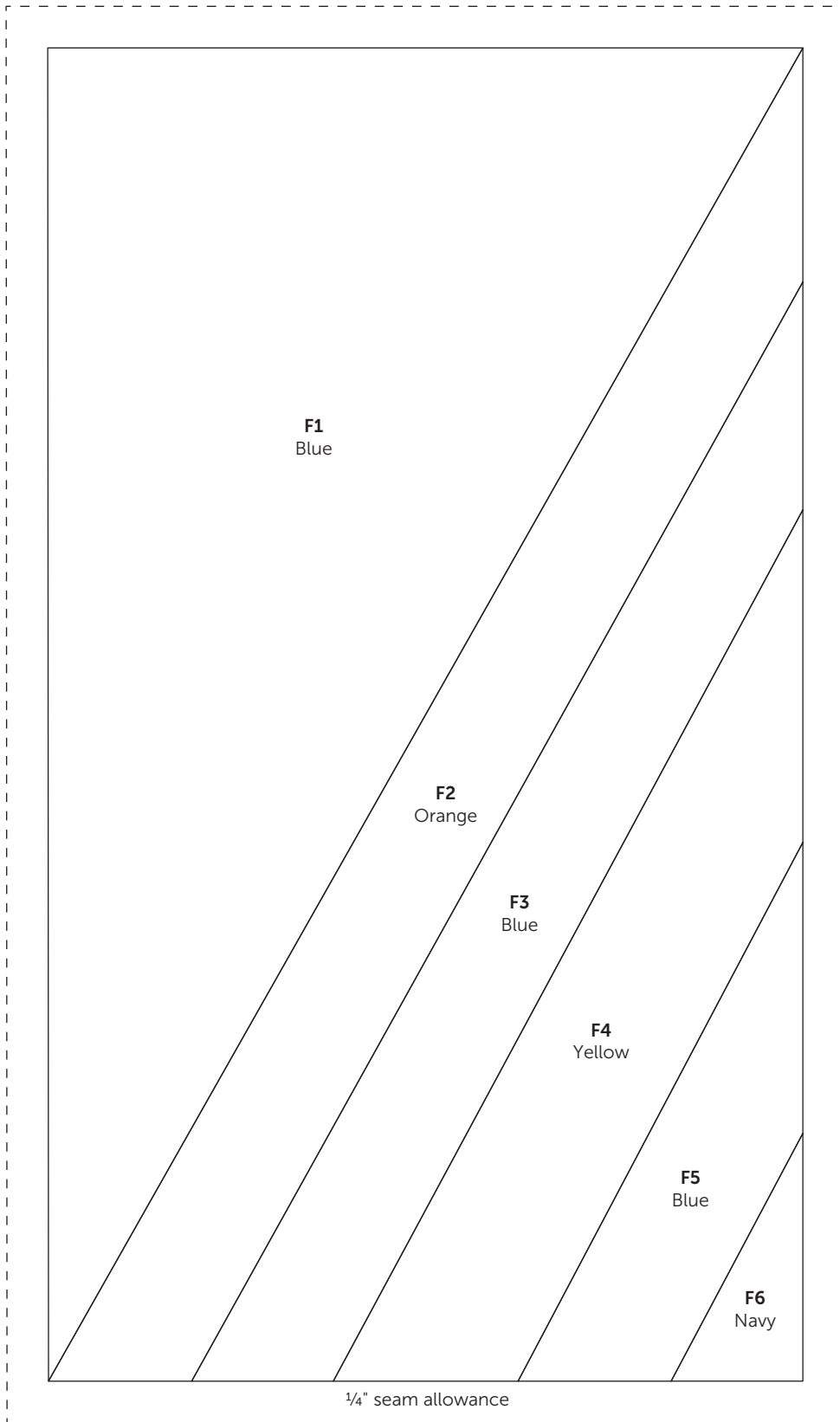


1/4" seam allowance

Unit D
Make 3.



Unit E
Make 8.



Unit F
Make 8.