

**San Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild**  
**February 2022**  
**Block of the Month - Love Letters**

**Fabric Requirements:**

Scraps of 3 different fabrics - white for the envelope, a print with pinks for the interior of the envelope, and a pink blender-type background fabric. ***Please don't use red fabric unless it has been pre-washed because of the risk of the dye releasing on to the white envelopes.***



**Instructions:**

This is a paper-pieced block. Copy/print the pattern on to foundation paper if you have it, but regular copier paper will work (it is just more difficult to tear away). Check to make sure the 1" block on your copy measures an actual 1".

Place the print fabric for section 1 so the wrong side is touching the wrong side of the printed pattern (the back of the paper). Using a light box or window, orient the image so it looks like the contents of the envelope is peeking out. You can fussy cut a printed fabric, add an applique, or embroider a design inside the envelope if you wish. For all piecing, cut the fabric pieces large enough to extend well beyond the edges of each shape.



Place the piece of fabric for section 2 on top of the piece of fabric covering section 1 (right sides together). The edge should extend at least  $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the line you will sew on.

Use a short stitch length and sew along the line separating sections 1 and 2. Sew 3-4 stitches beyond each end of the line. The shorter stitch length makes it easier to pull the paper away from the finished block.

Trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Fold the fabric for section 2 open and iron. Check that it completely covers section 2 and extends beyond the line around the entire rectangular shape by at least  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Continue to add fabric pieces in numerical order until all 8 pieces are attached.

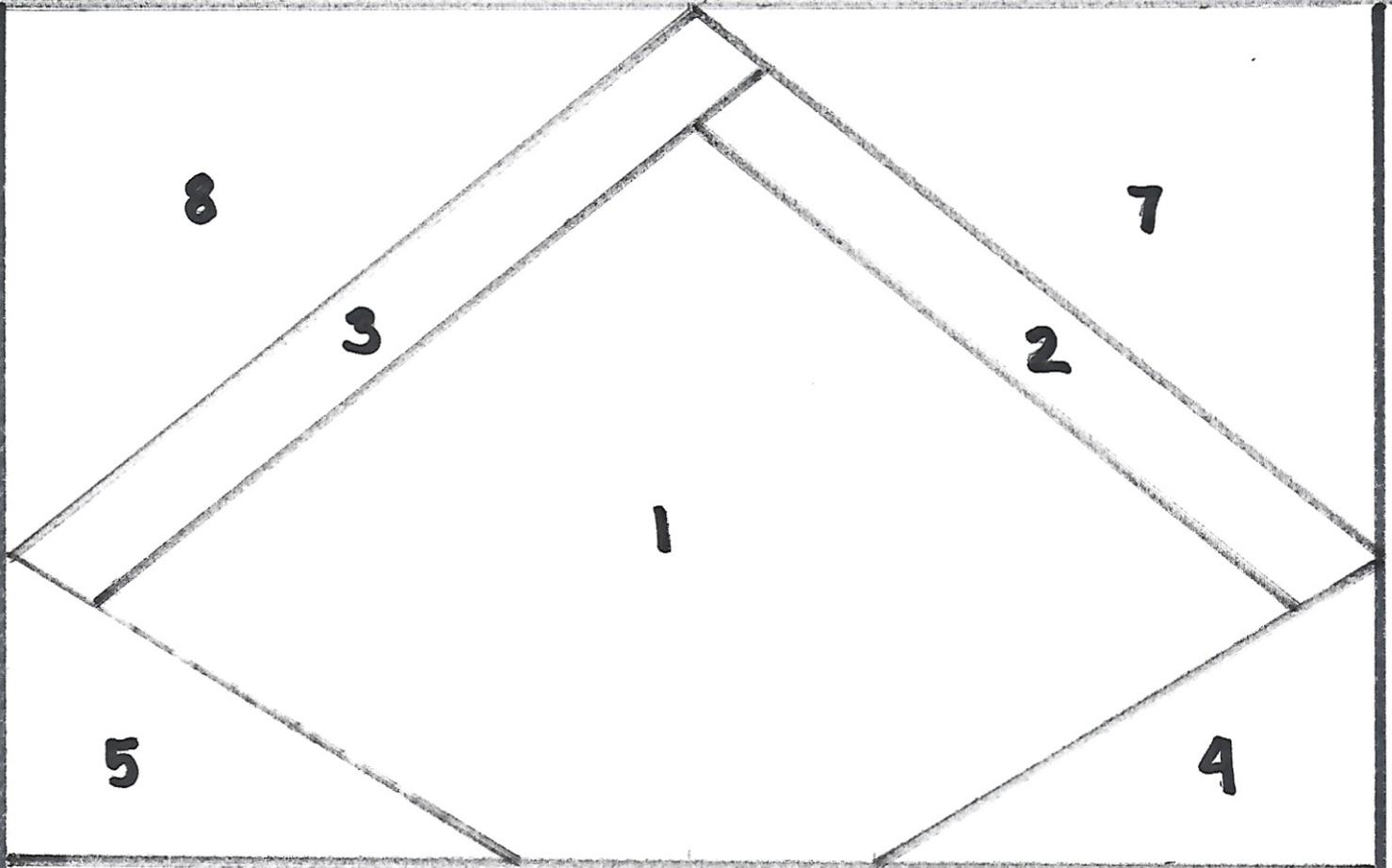


There are borders around this block to set off the white envelope. In order to print the pattern on one page, I left only a narrow border ( $\frac{1}{2}$ "). Please attach a section of fabric wide enough to make a 1" border all around the block as shown in the photograph. **The finished block size is 9.5" square (or larger and we will trim).**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

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1" Square



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