

Summertime

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As you piece the wedges of this mandala quilt from the center out, you can take your foundation-piecing skills to a new level. If you'd like to draw your own wedges, see "Spiral Mandala Quilts" in the June/July 2011 issue of *Quilters Newsletter*.



MATERIALS AND CUTTING

Requirements are based on 40" fabric width.

QUILT SIZE: 30" x 30"

MATERIALS	YDS.	CUTTING
Orange	1/2	foundation patches, 15" x 15" square for 1 1/2" x 66" bias strip
Yellow	1/2	foundation patches
Black	1/4	foundation patches
Pink Floral	1/2	foundation patches
White	1 1/4	27" x 27" background square, foundation patches
Green	3/8	foundation patches
Olive	1/2	2 borders 2" x 27", 2 borders 2" x 30", 4 binding strips 2 1/4" x 40"
Backing	7/8	34" x 34"
Batting		34" x 34"

ALSO NEEDED: template plastic, foundation paper

TECHNIQUES USED: foundation piecing, machine quilting

ASSEMBLY

1 Wash and press fabrics. Cut the patches, borders, bias strips, and binding strips listed in the materials and cutting box.


2 Make 4 copies of the wedge foundation and 4 copies of the reverse wedge foundation on the foundation paper.

3 Set your machine for a short stitch length—15 to 18 stitches per inch. Foundation piece 4 wedges and 4 reverse wedges. Trim the wedges leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " all around. Join a wedge to a reverse wedge as shown in the block piecing diagram. In the same manner, join the remaining wedges and reverse wedges to create the center mandala. Referring to the photo of the quilt, applique a $3\frac{3}{8}$ " circle to the center of the mandala if desired.

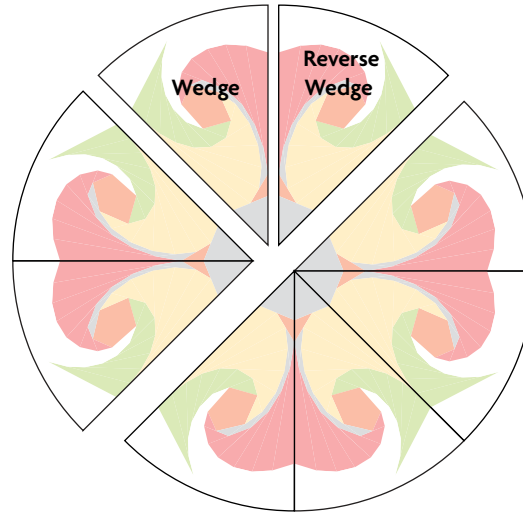
4 Join the orange bias strips to make one 66" strip. Press the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Pin the raw edges of the bias strip around the mandala, then stitch. Press the bias strip away from the mandala.

5 Fold the white background square in half horizontally and vertically. Press the folds lightly to create the fabric. Referring to the quilt assembly diagram, center the mandala on the background and baste. Sew the mandala to the background by stitching in the ditch inside the bias strip. Stitch the outside edge of the bias strip to the background square.

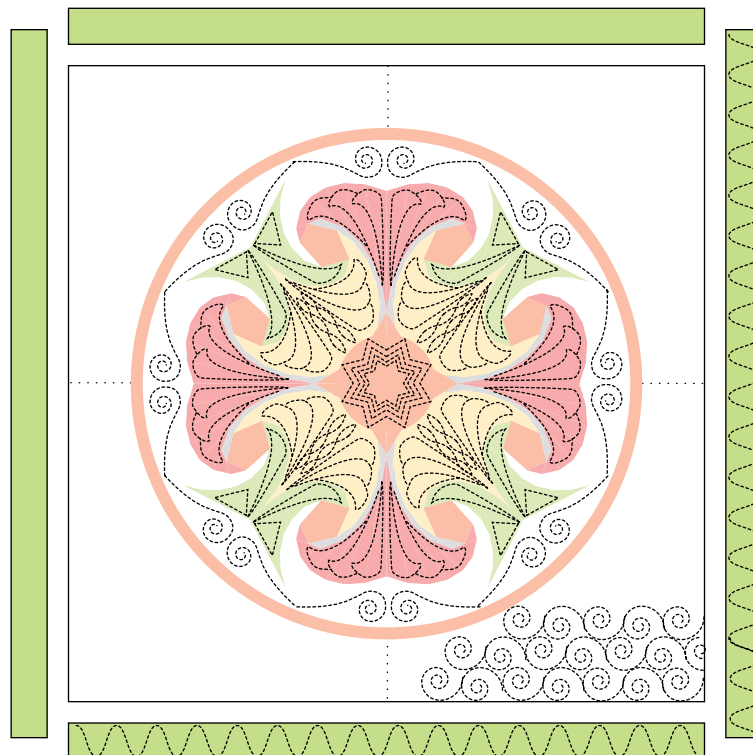
6 Join the shorter border strips to the top and bottom of the quilt. In the same manner, join the remaining borders to the sides of the quilt.

7 Referring to the partial quilting placement diagram, mark the quilting motifs as shown or as desired. Layer the top, batting, and backing. Baste. Quilt. Bind the quilt to finish. 

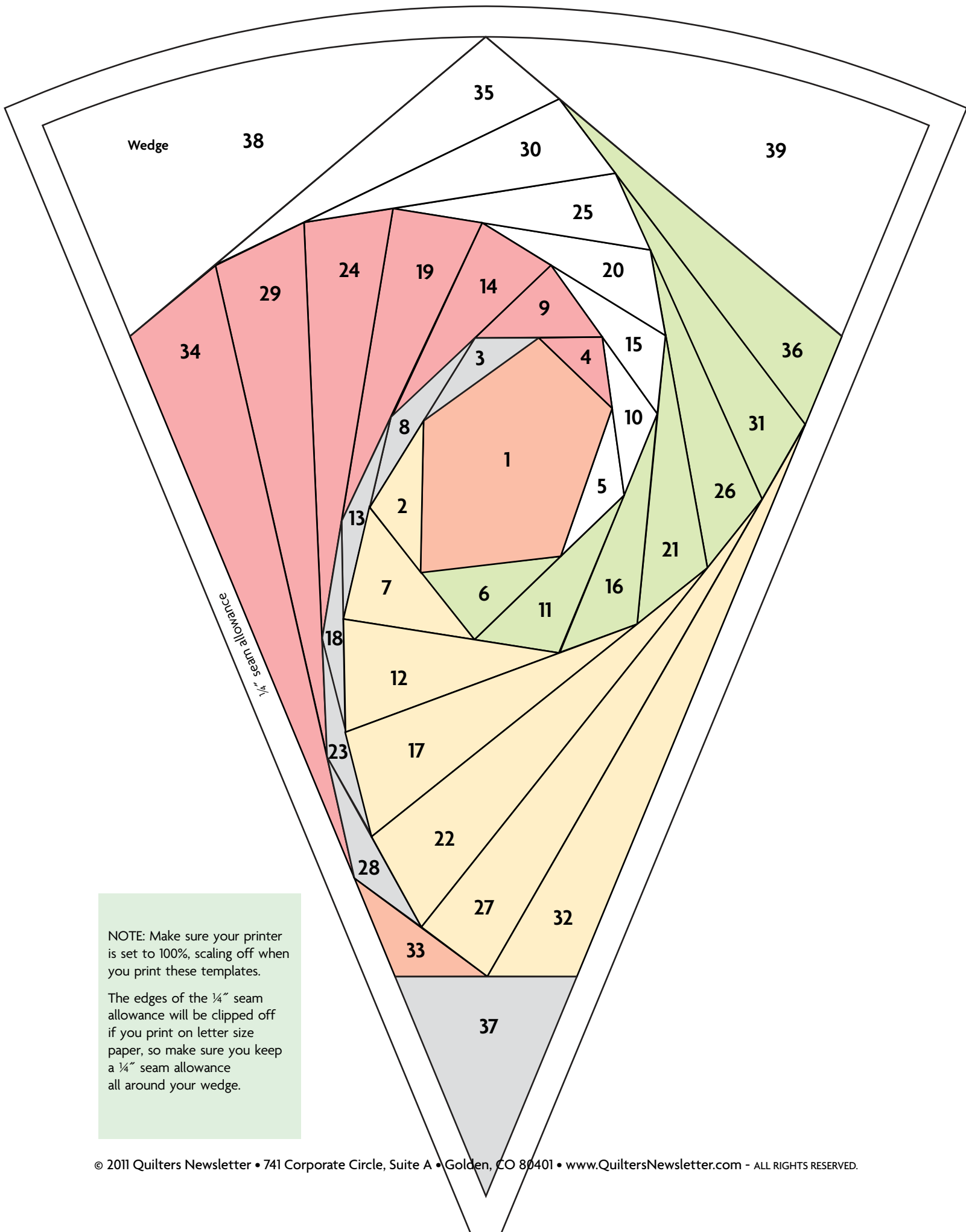
Full-size wedge and reverse wedge foundation on the following pages.



BLOCK PIECING

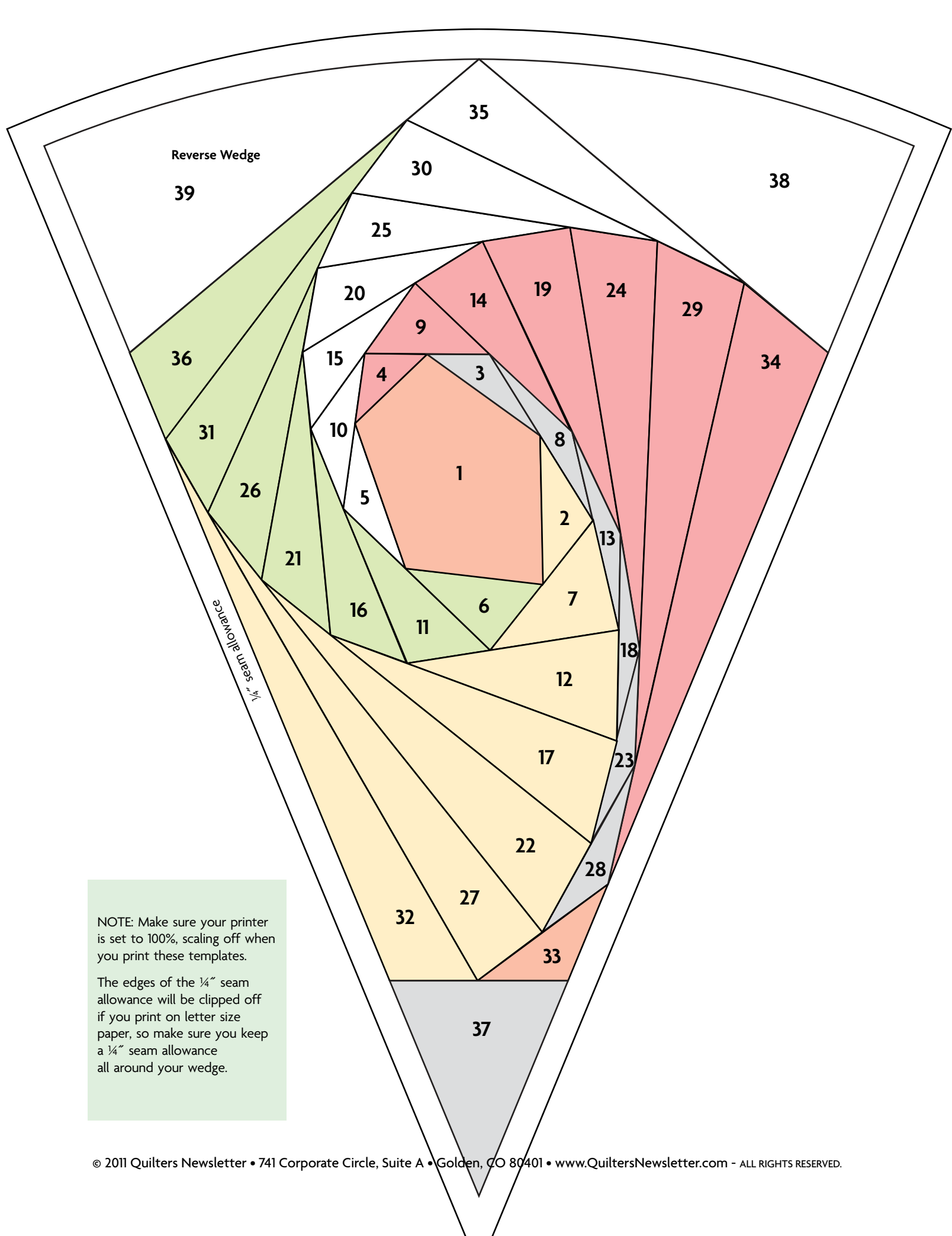


QUILT ASSEMBLY AND PARTIAL QUILTING PLACEMENT



NOTE: Make sure your printer is set to 100%, scaling off when you print these templates.

The edges of the 1/4" seam allowance will be clipped off if you print on letter size paper, so make sure you keep a 1/4" seam allowance all around your wedge.



Reverse Wedge

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1/4" seam allowance

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