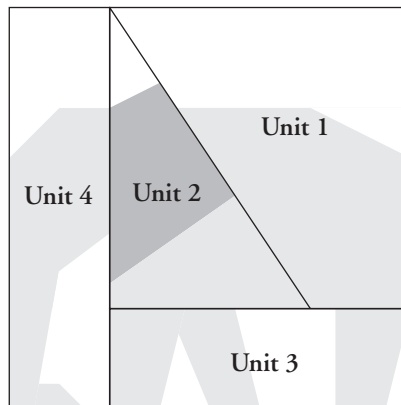


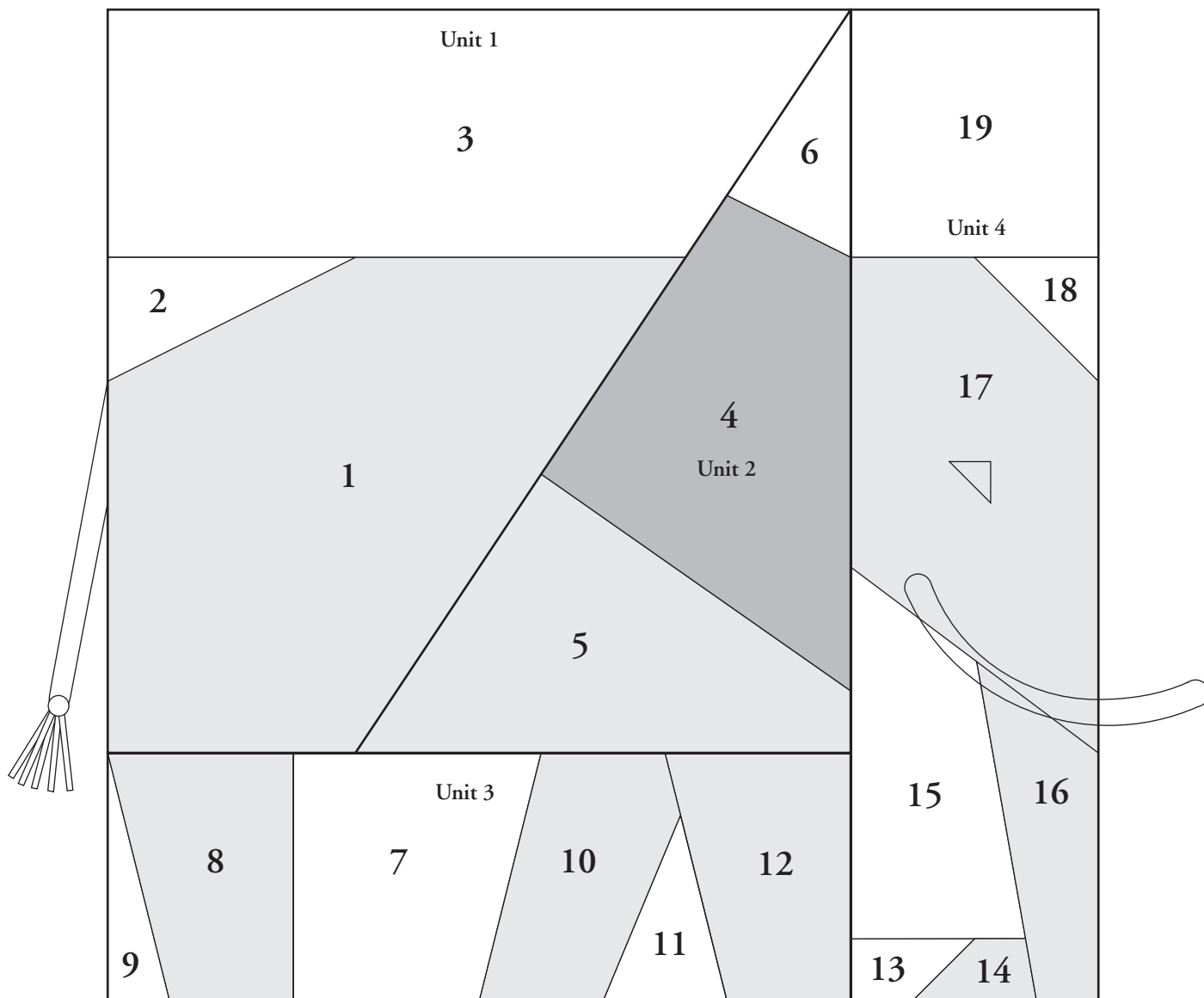
Elephant Block

This block, from Margaret Rolfe's *Animal Kingdom* CD-ROM (Martingale & Company, 2001), is what Seth Wright, 9, used to create his quilt *Elephants on Parade* shown in the December 2006 *QNM*. The 6" block foundation is given here. Seth made 2 blocks this size and printed another foundation at a reduced size for the baby elephant (4" block).

Assembly instructions and pattern for a 4" block are given on the next page.



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Assembly

Photocopy or trace the foundation pattern. Thick lines divide the block into 4 units, labeled 1 through 4. Cut the units apart.

Choose light gray fabric for the body and head patches, dark gray or a contrasting color for the ear, and a background fabric of your choice. A dark color would allow light gray elephants to show up nicely.

Piece each section, making sure to leave at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " all around for seam allowances, but do not trim the extra fabric around the edges at this time.

Before joining units 1 and 2, trim only the edges that will be joined so that these edges have $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Join units 1 and 2.

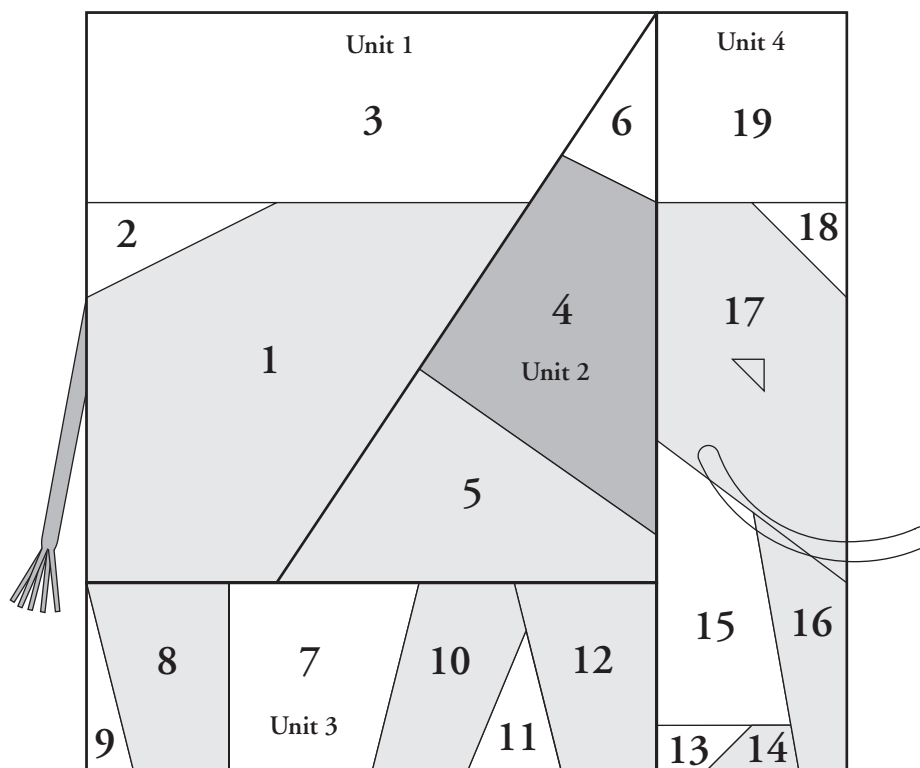
Trim the edges of the 1-2 unit and the 3 unit where they will be joined, and then sew them together.

Trim the edges of the 1-2-3 unit and the 4 unit

where they will be joined. Matching seams where the ear and the head meet, sew together. Now trim the outer edges so that there is a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance all around the block. Remove the paper; if you will be adding patches or borders to this block, however, leave the paper in place until after those additions, to reduce the risk of bias distortion at the edges.

Embroider the eye with 2 strands of black embroidery floss. Chain stitch the tusk with 2 strands of white floss.

For the tail on a 6" block, applique a narrow strip of matching fabric to finish $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide. Outline stitch the tassel at the end of the tail in a matching color. For a 4" elephant block, braid a freestanding tail with 12 strands of floss and attach it to the back of the elephant or sew it into the seam between the block and other patches or a border. ♦



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