



Birds of a Feather

Cardinal

Foundation Paper Piecing



12" x 12" FPP Pattern

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Pattern prints on Us letter

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About This Pattern:

This pattern finishes at 12" x 12" and can be printed on both US Letter and A4 paper. It includes small, pieces that add rich detail to the design. Due to its complexity, we highly recommend trying simpler foundation paper piecing (FPP) patterns first, as precision is key to success.

Equipment Required:

Printer or access to one
Printer paper or foundation paper piecing paper
Sewing machine
Paper and fabric scissors or rotary cutter and mat
Pins and/or sewing clips
Washi tape or your preferred method for securing pattern pieces

Fabric Suggestions:

Refer to the Fabric Usage page for guidance on color placement and fabric requirements. Fabric calculations are based on 42" width fabric. A fabric swatch page is included to help you plan your color choices with confidence.

Print the Pattern with Accuracy:

Select your preferred paper size in your printer settings and ensure the pattern prints at 100% scale to achieve the correct block size. The instructions PDF should be printed using the "Fit to Page" setting for optimal formatting.

Plan Your Colors with Confidence:

To help you visualize your quilt, the Fabric Usage page provides space to add your fabric swatches, allowing you to plan with ease. You'll also find a dedicated coloring page with numbered pieces, giving you a hands-on way to experiment with different color choices. For those who prefer a guided approach, a four-page color map offers a full-picture reference to keep you on track, including a zoomed-in section for intricate details like the eyes. Whether you follow the map or create your own palette, these tools are here to support your creative process.

Block Construction Made Simple:

This pattern includes detailed, step-by-step block construction instructions, paired with visual diagrams for each section. Every block is accompanied by an image and clear guidance to help you piece it together with confidence. To make assembly easier, all pattern and instruction images (except the Fabric Usage page) are mirrored to match your working view, eliminating the need for mental adjustments. The final diagram shows the full quilt, illustrating how the sections come together for a seamless finish.

Remember, foundation paper piecing can seem complex at first, but with practice, it becomes an enjoyable and rewarding quilting technique. Now you're ready to print, cut, and sew! I look forward to seeing your finished work. Tag me on Instagram [@quiltsofwhimsy](#) or email me at quiltsofwhimsy@gmail.com.

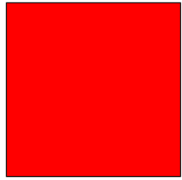
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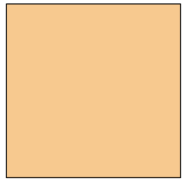
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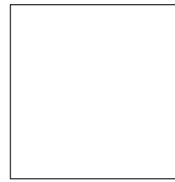
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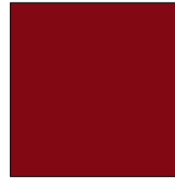
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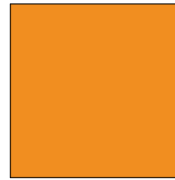
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#4, used 23x, fabric 4 in



#5, used 21x, fabric 2 in



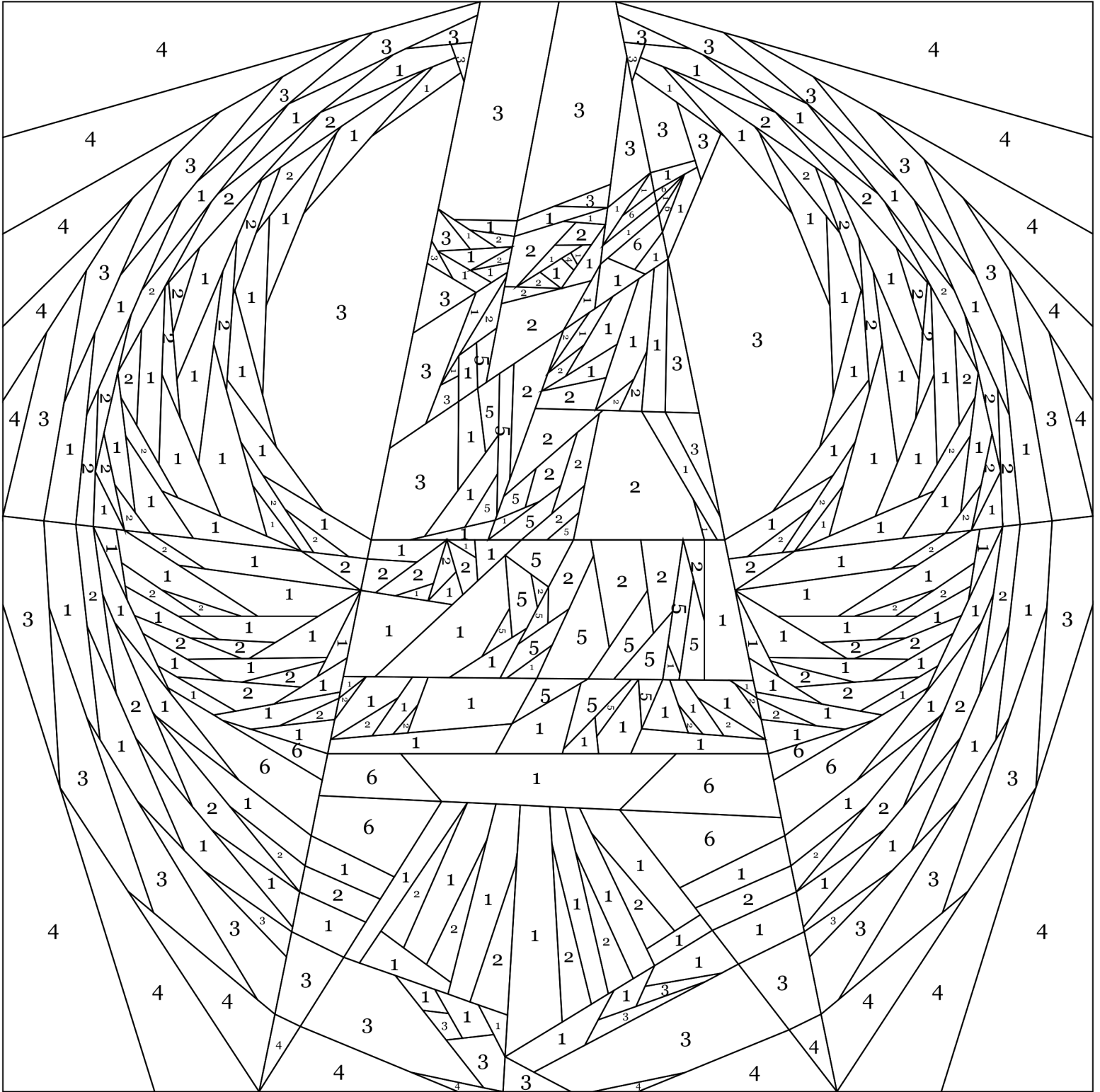
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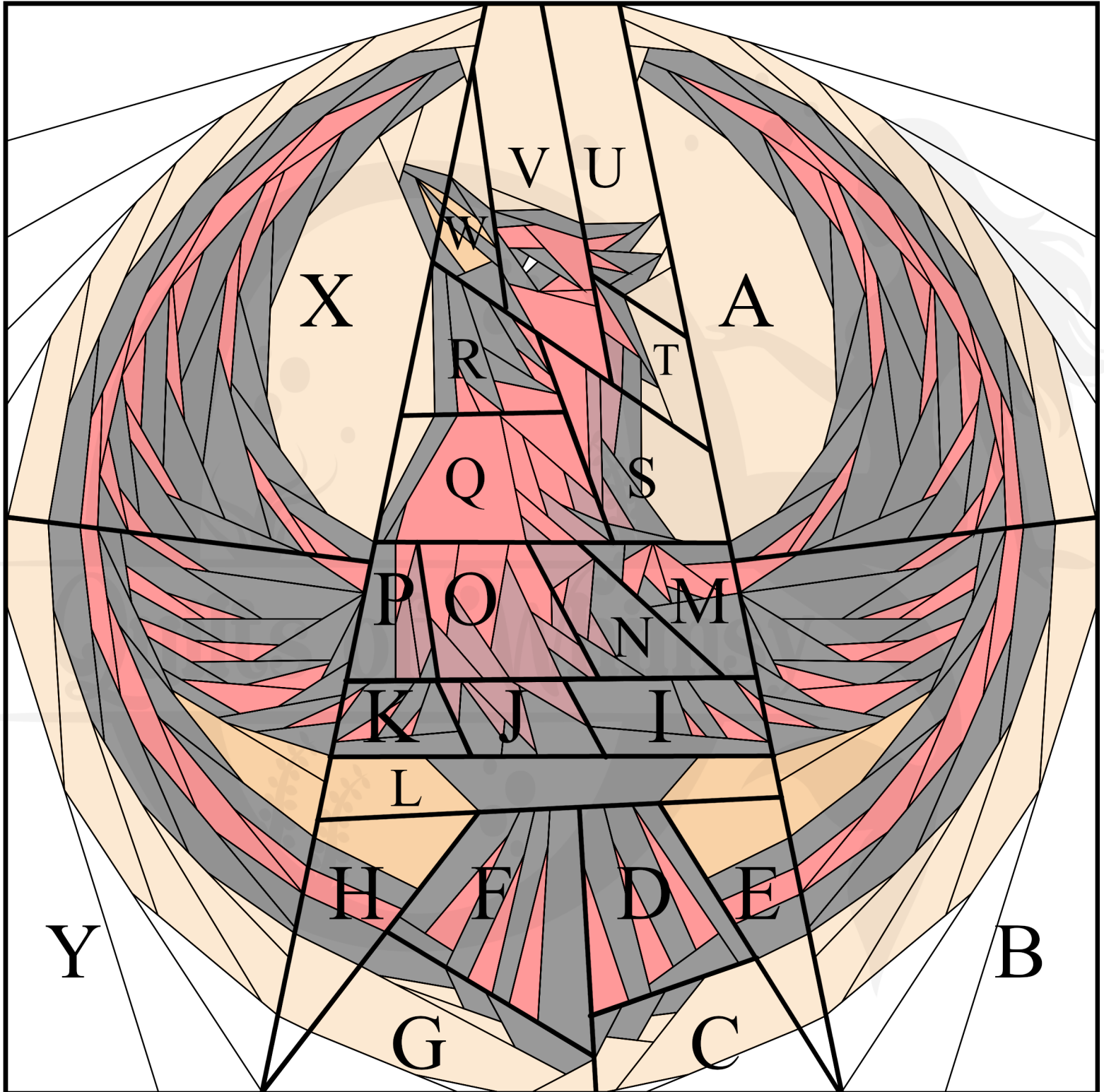
* By wof approx 42 inches, becuae of all the pieces i would highly recommend having around 1-2" of extra fabric.

Note: The pattern contains symbols instead of colour numbers as the pattern is a small scale block. refer to the symbol next to each colour above these will be on the pattern pieces.

Colour In



Construction Image



Construction Order

$$A+B = AB$$

$$C+D+E = CDE$$

$$F+G+H = FGH$$

$$I+J+K+L = IJKL$$

$$M+N+O+P = MNOP$$

$$Q+R+S = QRS$$

$$T+U+V+W = TUVW$$

$$X+Y = XY$$

$$CDE+FGH+IJKL = CDEFGHIJKL$$

$$MNOP+QRS+TUVW = MNOPQRSTUVWXYZ$$

$$CDEFGHIJKL + MNOPQRSTUVWXYZ = MIDDLE$$

$$AB + MIDDLE + XY = DONE$$

