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Spring Chicken
a paper-pieced blocks + coaster pattern

Four 6" Paper-Piecing Templates + Coaster Finishing Option

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*The **Spring Chicken block and coaster pattern** includes paper-piecing templates for four unique egg blocks and walks you through turning your pieced blocks into adorable coasters, perfect for sprucing up your coffee table each spring. Of course, you can use these blocks in lots of other spring-y projects as well. I can't wait to see your blocks!*

Tips and Information Before You Start

- This free pattern provides paper-piecing templates but assumes the maker has basic knowledge of how to foundation paper piece (FPP). If you need instructions for FPP, Google "paper piecing tutorials" for more help. I highly recommend the tutorial by [Leila Gardunia](#).
- Make sure your printer is set to "actual size" or "do not scale" when you print the templates on pages 4-5. Double check your block size by measuring the 1" test square on each page.
- Use a very small stitch when paper piecing. On my machine, I like to use a stitch setting of 1.5 or 1.8.
- Using a thinner thread can help with accuracy when paper piecing. I like to use Wonderfil's DecoBob 80 wt. thread for both my top and bobbin thread.
- A 6 ½" ruler is helpful for trimming the blocks and small pieces. My favorite is [this one](#) by Havel's Sewing. (You can always use code "blueskycrafter7" on the Havel's site to get $7 off orders of $25 or more.). I also love the [Add-a-Quarter ruler](#) when paper piecing.

Fabric Requirements and Cutting Instructions

Fabric	Spring Chicken Block/Coaster 5 ½" tall (finished)
Paper-pieced sections	Assorted scraps in a variety of colors, depending on the block design and your chosen color layout
Backing	(1) 4 ½" x 6 ½" per coaster
Batting	(1) 4 ½" x 6 ½" per coaster

Coloring diagrams on page 6!
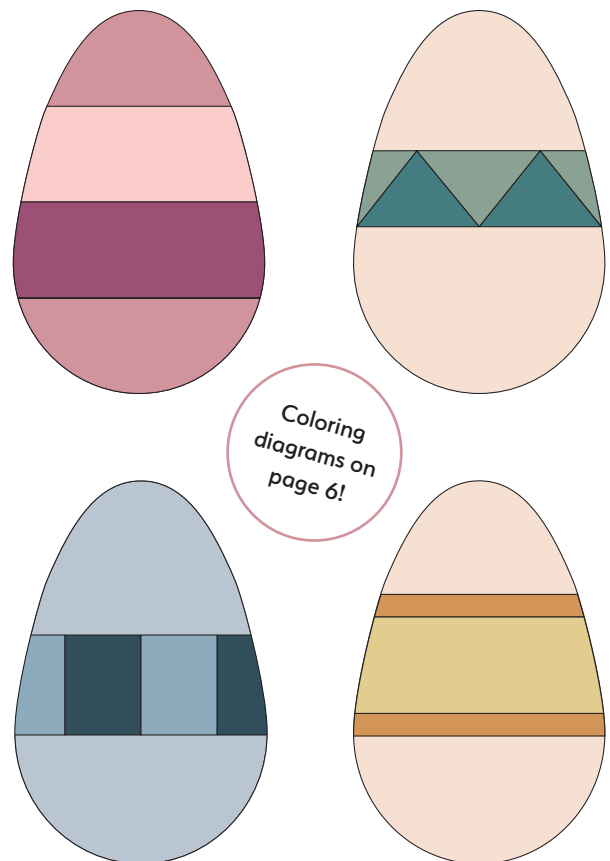
1. Print your chosen template(s) from pages 4-5 at 100%. Double-check the size by measuring the 1" text square on each page. Cut the templates out just beyond the outer dashed lines.

2. Foundation paper piece the sections of your chosen design(s), stitching on the solid lines and pressing toward each newly added piece. Add the pieces in the numerical order indicated on the templates. Make sure the pieces along the edges extend beyond the outside dashed line (¼" seam allowance).

3. Trim the egg (fabric and paper) along the outside dashed line of the paper template.

4. Place one batting piece down vertically, followed by one backing piece, right side up. Center one of the pieced egg sections, right side down, on top of the backing (the paper should be face up). Returning to your machine, sew along the outer solid line through all layers, leaving a 2" opening on one side. **Fig. 1** Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end.

5. Trim the backing and batting even with the outside of the paper template. Gently remove all of the paper from the template coaster.

6. Turn the coaster right side out through the opening. Use a point turner or similar tool to push out the fabric along the edges, then press the entire coaster flat, tucking in the fabric at the opening.

7. Increase your stitch length for topstitching (I like to use 3.0). Topstitch around the entire coaster ⅛" from the edge, sewing the opening closed as you go. **Fig. 2**

8. Post your finished coasters to social media using #SpringChickenBlock and #BlueSkyModernCraftPatterns.

Fig. 1

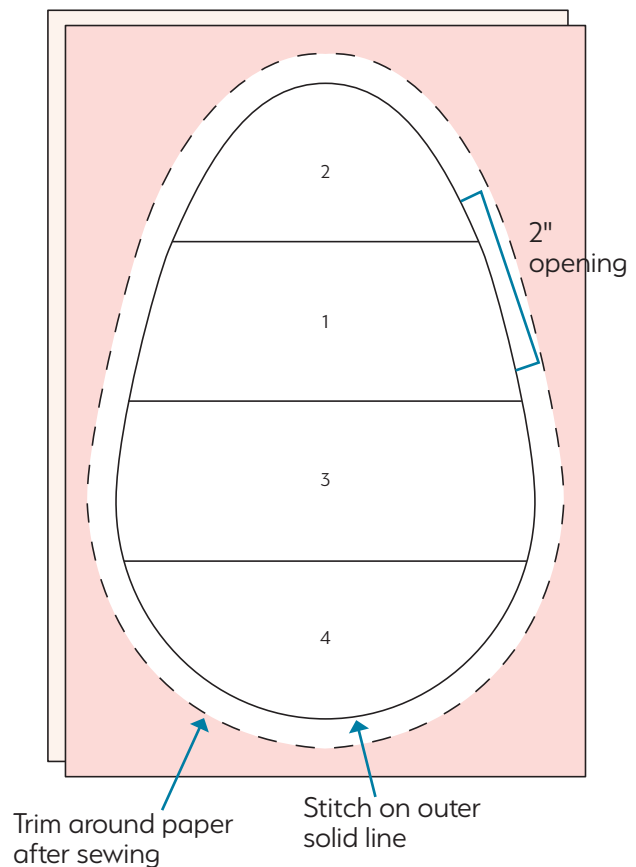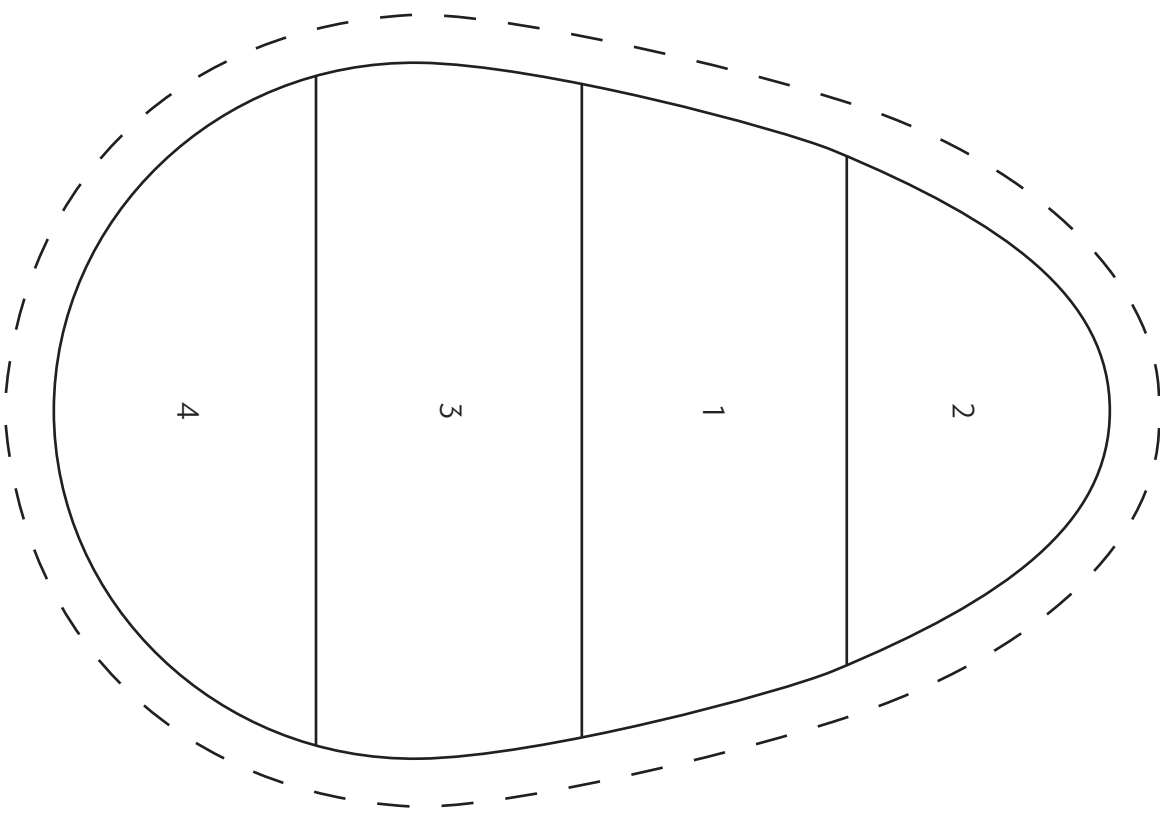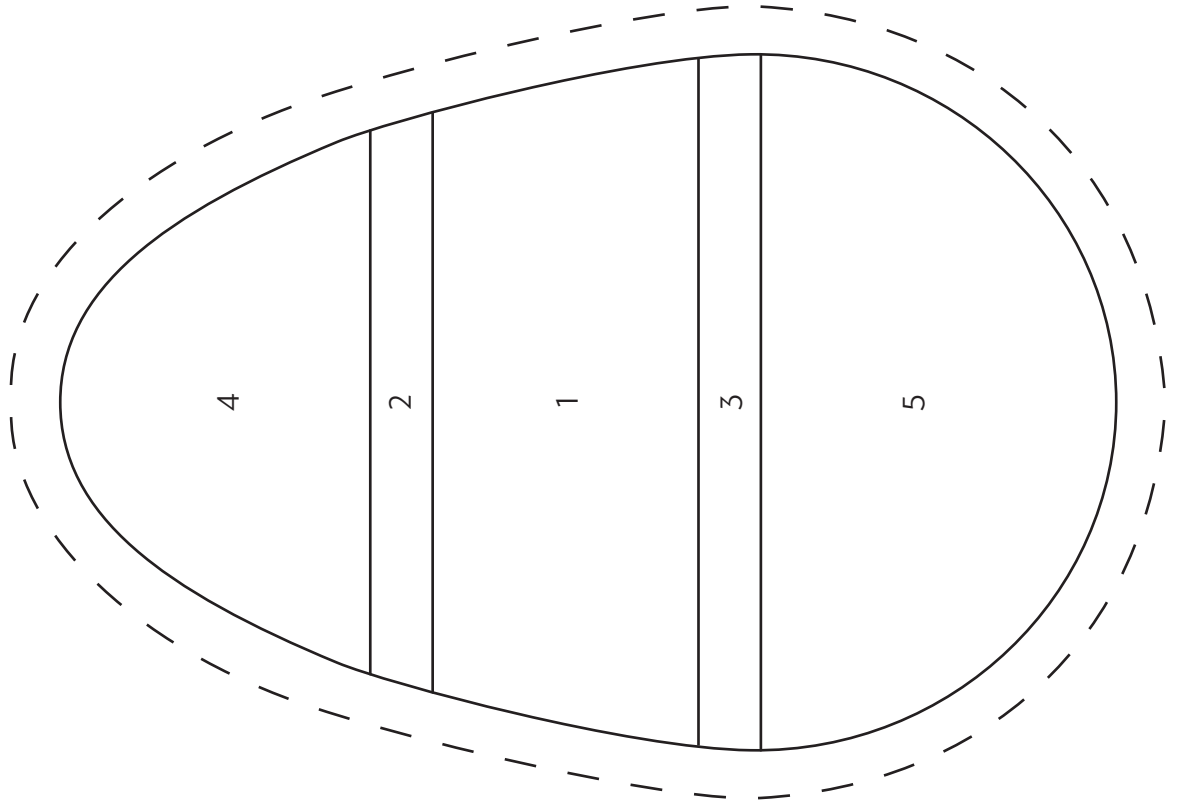
2" opening

Trim around paper after sewing

Stitch on outer solid line

Fig. 2

1" test square

4

2

1

3

5

4

3

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2

1" test
square

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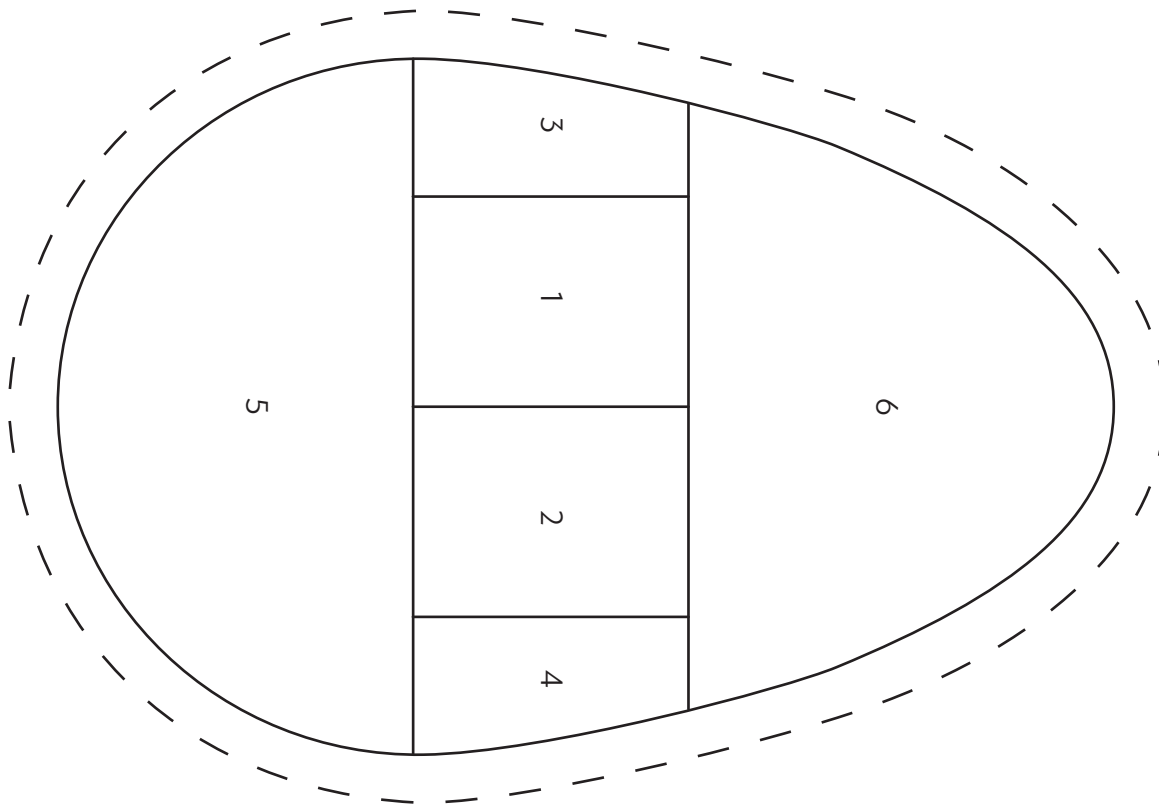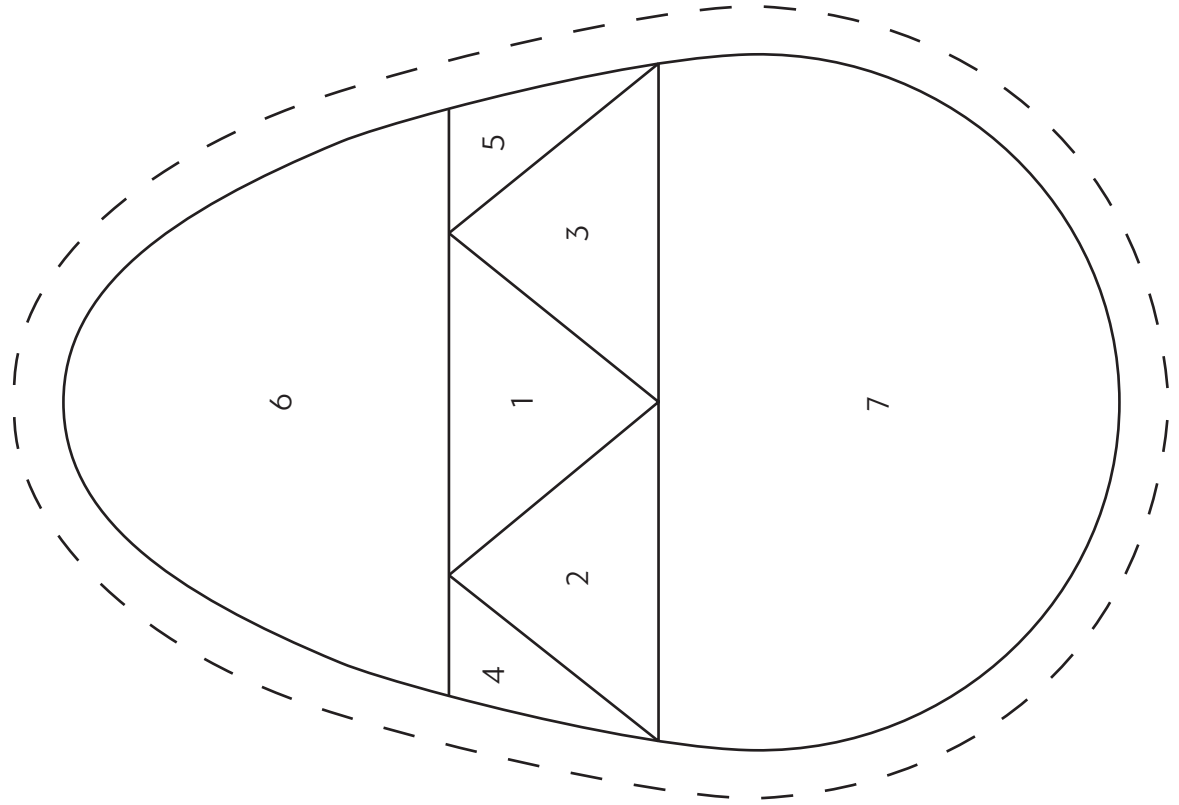
Spring Chicken Blocks Coloring Diagrams