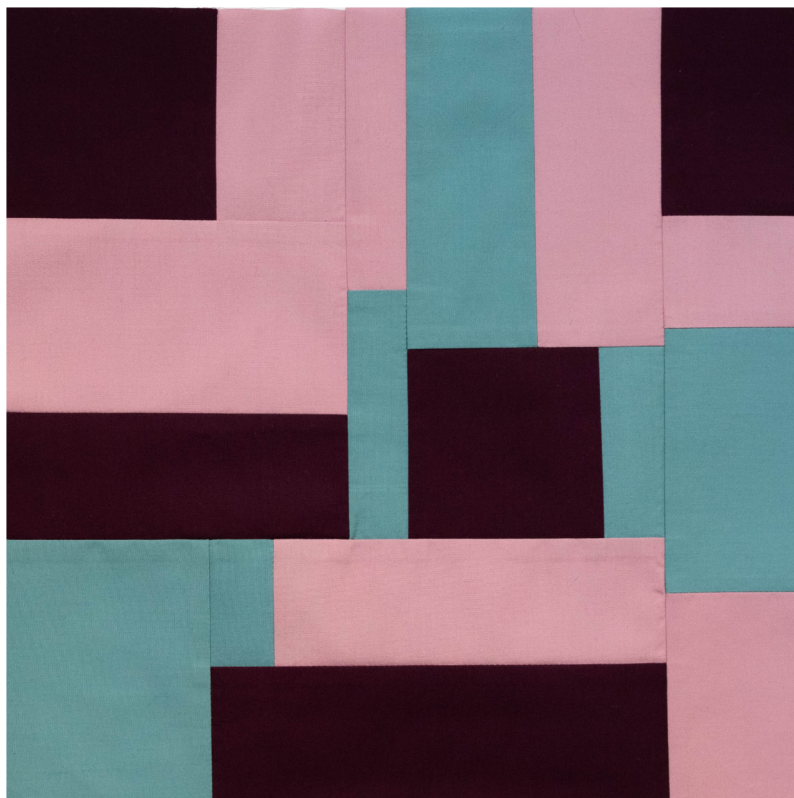




Birthday Block of the Month Club #8



Designed by Carole Lyles Shaw

"I am a modern quilter. I love using simple shapes to create complex looking blocks. This block uses only squares and rectangles. Careful color placement results in a complex looking block — fabric colors camouflage the seam lines."

—Carole Lyles Shaw

Meet Carole Lyles Shaw

Carole Lyles Shaw is an award-winning modern quilter, fiber artist, and workshop teacher. Her passion is to inspire quilters to explore the fun and creative freedom in making modern quilts. Carole taught herself to quilt so that she could make quilts for her wonderful nieces and nephews. She is drawn to modern quilting because it focuses on bringing individualism and free expression to the quilts made today. Carole teaches workshops to help quilters confidently and joyfully dive into modern quilting. Her students say that her workshops inspire them to let their creative voices shine.

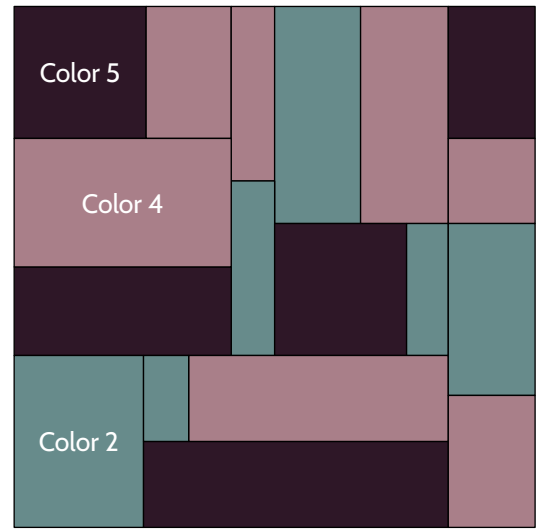
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Cutting Instructions

Fabric	Cut	Quilt Colors Art Gallery Fabrics PURE Solids
Color 1	Not Used	Evergreen
Color 2	1 - 4 1/2" x 1 1/2" (C) 1 - 5 1/2" x 2 1/2" (D) 1 - 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" (F) 1 - 4 1/2" x 3 1/2" (H) 1 - 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" (J) 1 - 3 1/2" x 1 1/2" (L)	Swimming Pool
Color 3	Not Used	Creme de la Creme
Color 4	2 - 3 1/2" x 2 1/2" (B) 1 - 4 1/2" x 1 1/2" (C) 1 - 5 1/2" x 2 1/2" (D) 1 - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (E) 1 - 5 1/2" x 3 1/2" (I) 1 - 6 1/2" x 2 1/2" (K)	Sweet Fig
Color 5	2 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (A) 1 - 3 1/2" x 2 1/2" (B) 1 - 5 1/2" x 2 1/2" (D) 1 - 7 1/2" x 2 1/2" (G)	Cabernet

Notes:

- This block measures 12 1/2" square unfinished and 12" finished.
- Cutting instructions assume that width of fabric (WOF) is 42". All seams are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- This month's block is made using four block units — Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3, and Unit 4. The instructions guide you through making each of those units in that order.
- Because the seams in this block do not need to nest, you can press all seams in any direction you like.
- Organization is key. Because there are many different sized pieces, we recommend labeling the fabric pieces after cutting.



1. Following the cutting instructions, cut out all pieces for the block. Because there are many sizes of fabric in this block, be sure to label each piece with the corresponding letters A-L using a scrap piece of paper as you are cutting.

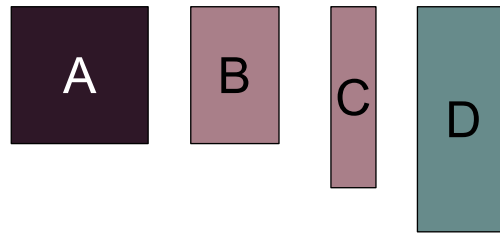
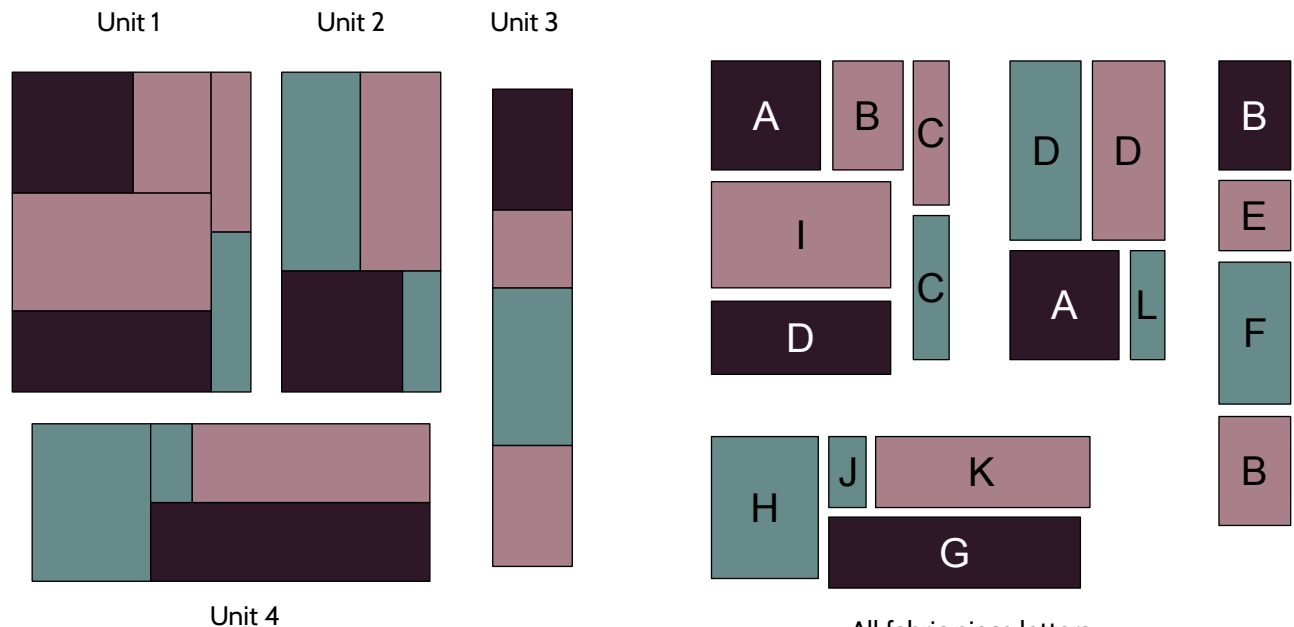


Diagram 1

2. This block is made up of four units. Lay out your fabric to match the diagrams below.



Make Unit 1

3. Sew the following pieces together as shown below and press seams in any direction: Color 5 A to Color 4 B, Color 4 I to Color 5 D, Color 4 C to Color 2 C.

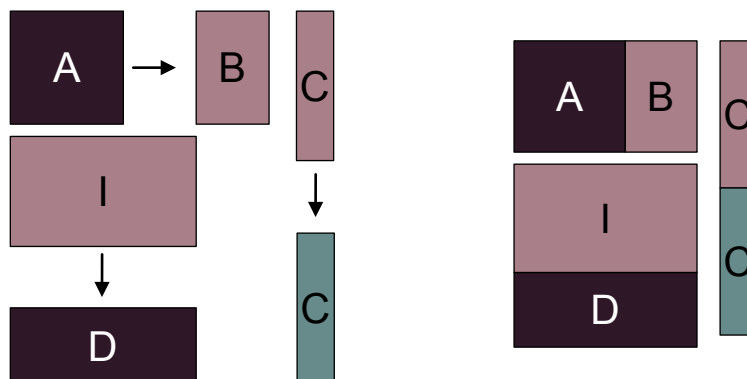


Diagram 3

4. Sew the A/B piece to the I/D piece. Continue pressing seams in any direction based on your preference.

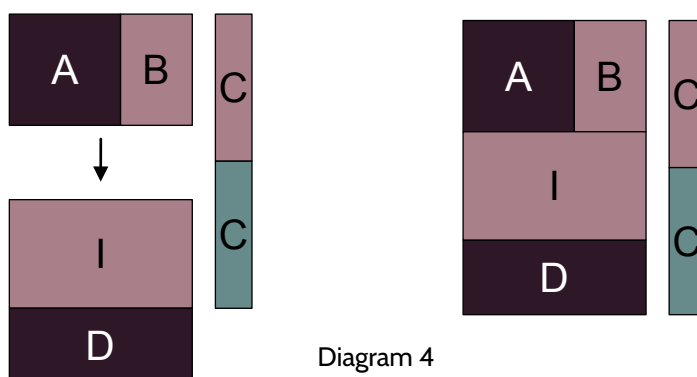


Diagram 4

5. Sew the A/B/I/D piece to the C/C piece. Unit 1 is now complete. Set aside.

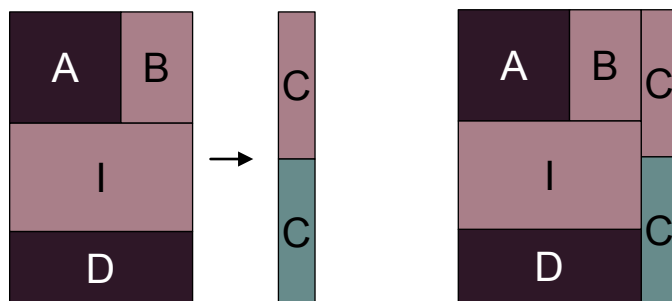


Diagram 5

Make Unit 2

6. Sew the following pieces as shown below: Color 2 D to Color 4 D, Color 5 A to Color 4 L.

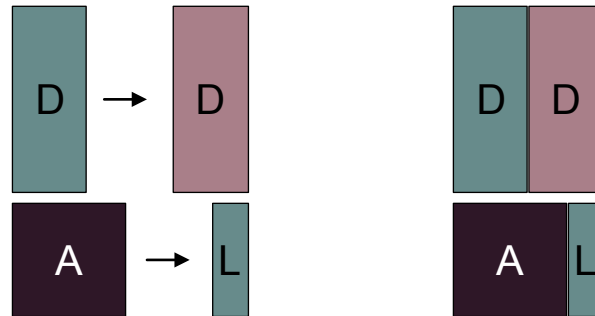


Diagram 6

7. Sew the D/D piece to the A/L piece. Unit 2 is now complete. Set aside.

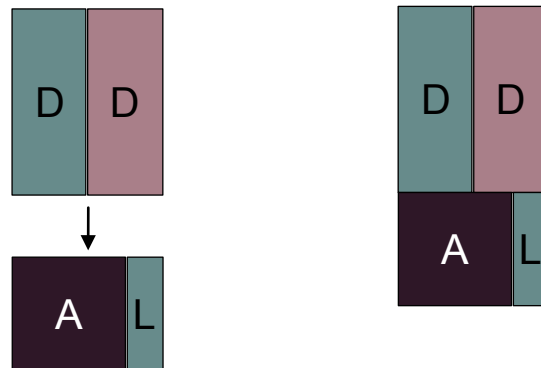


Diagram 7

Make Unit 3

8. Sew the following pieces into a long vertical strip as shown below: Color 5 B to Color 4 E to Color 2 F to Color 4 B. Unit 3 is now complete. Set aside.

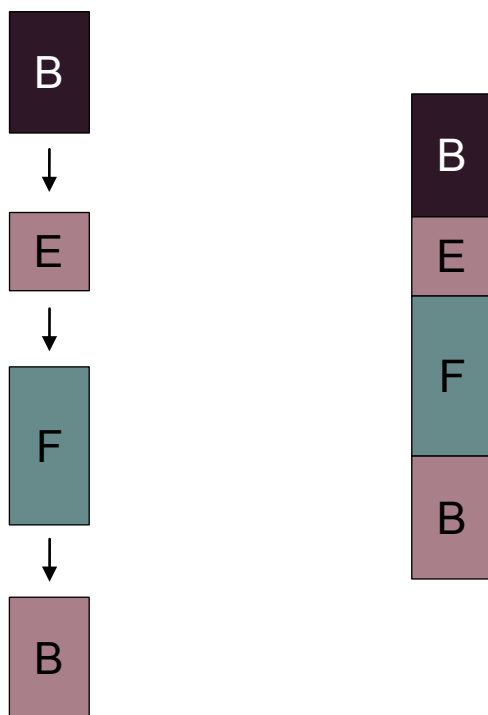


Diagram 8

Make Unit 4

9. Sew Color 2 J to Color 4 K as shown below.

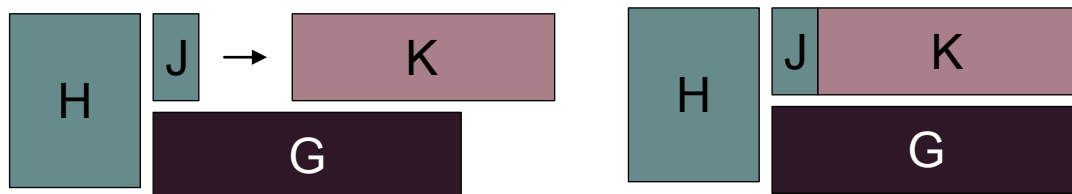


Diagram 9

10. Sew the J/K piece to piece G.

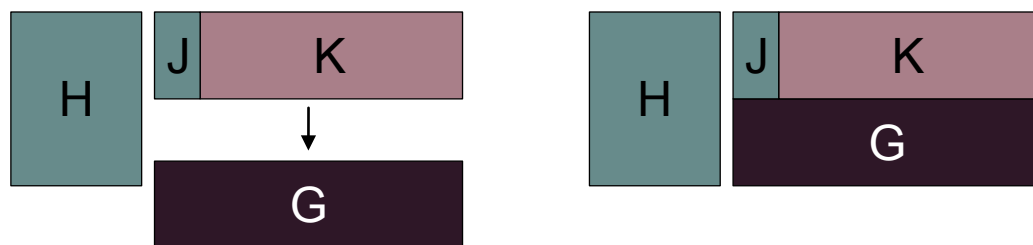


Diagram 10

11. Sew piece H to the J/K/G piece. Unit 4 is now complete.

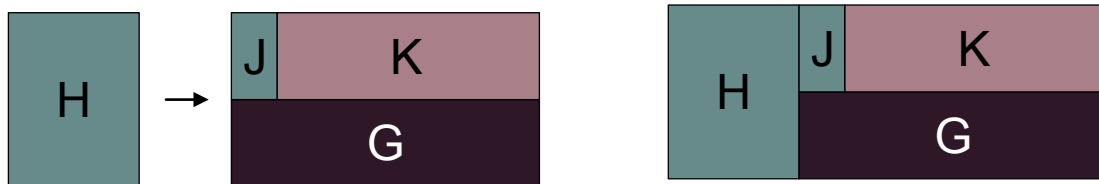


Diagram 11

Assemble the Block

12. Lay units 1-4 out as shown below.

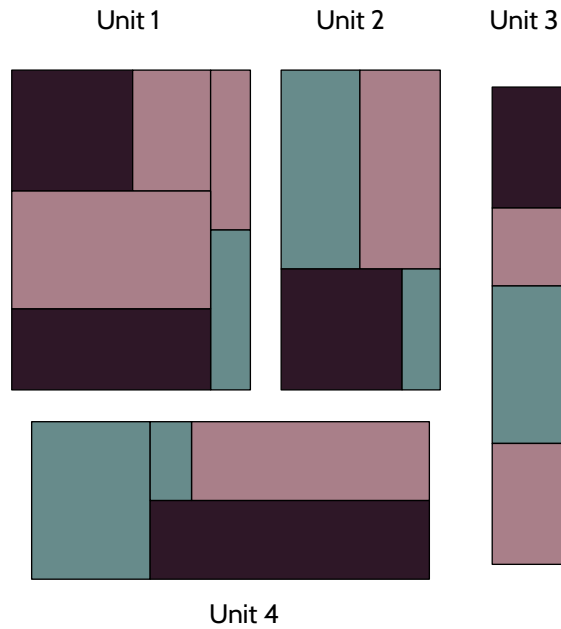


Diagram 12

13. Sew Unit 1 to Unit 2.

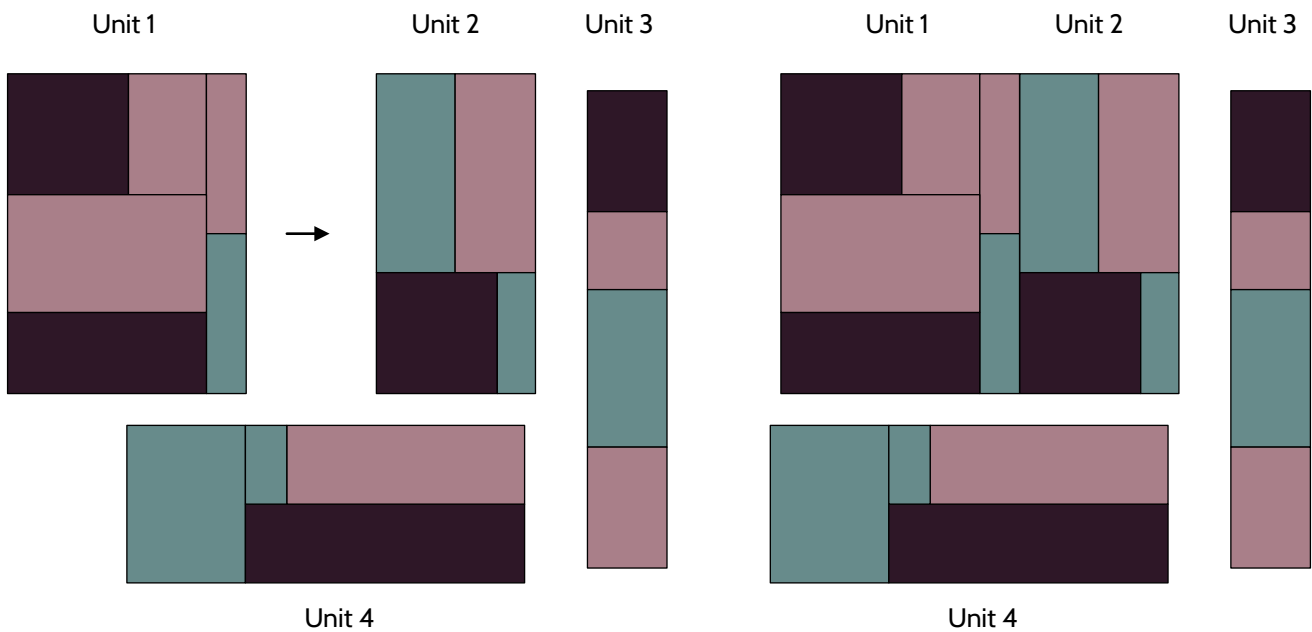


Diagram 13

14. Sew the Unit 1/Unit 2 piece made in the previous step to Unit 4.

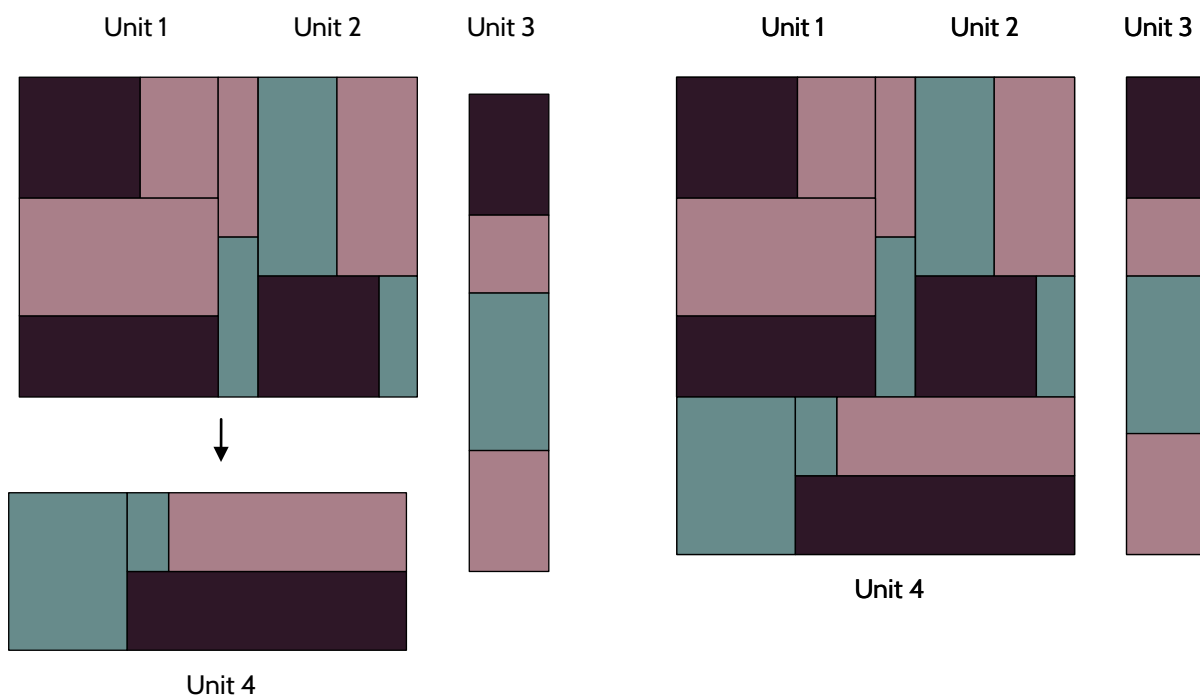


Diagram 14

15. Sew the Unit 1/2/4 piece to Unit 3. The block is now complete.

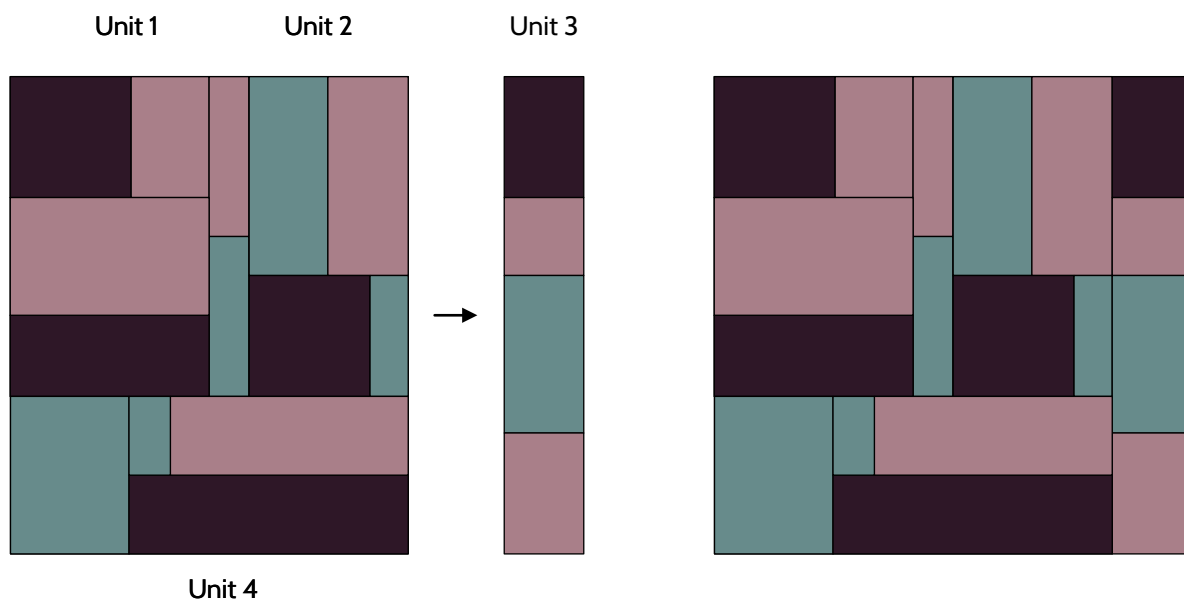


Diagram 15

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