

What a difference this quilt is from the 19th century children's quilts that were basically a miniature adult quilt.

**Children's Themes for Children's Quilts**

By the 20th century quilts with motifs that children would love were quite common. The quilt that I've designed for this period is a delightful Scottie dog quilt. Though such a quilt would have been cut from templates and pieced I'm also providing a version made with modern paper piecing along with a traditional pattern.

**The Myth of Scottie Quilts Being Inspired by Roosevelt's Famous Dog**

"Olive pieced her Fala blocks in 1934, at age fourteen, selecting attractive fabric combinations for the Scots Terrier and his little jacket. At the time, it was not uncommon to dress a small pet house dog against inclement weather..."<sup>1</sup>



There is just one problem with the name of Olive's Scottie quilt. President Franklin Roosevelt's dog Fala wasn't born until 1940! Olive must have started calling the quilt her Fala quite a few years after she first pieced those blocks.

It's usually assumed that quilts with Scottish Terriers on quilts were inspired by Fala the Scottie that Roosevelt took with him almost everywhere. The feisty little dog was so well known it's been said that Fala was as popular as his presidential master. It's amusing to learn that the name Fala is short for his full name, Murray, the Outlaw of Fala Hill.<sup>2</sup>

I imagine quilters making this quilt were thinking of Fala during the 1940s and by the mid 1950s they might well have been thinking of Jock in the movie "Lady and the Tramp".

As it turns out Scotch Terriers had already become a popular pet in the years after World War I. In fact the Eleanor and Franklin got their first Scottie even earlier, shortly after their marriage in 1905. They were so popular people were already buying everything from greeting cards to Scottie figurines. So it was only natural that quilts with delightful Scotties on them became popular as well. Of course Roosevelt's Fala added fuel to the enthusiasm for Scotties. But the truth is that Scottie quilts came first and then Fala.

**Scottie Pieced Doll and Baby Quilt Layouts**

Some Scottie quilts are appliqued but the pattern I designed for you is based on pieced Scottie quilts. Below you can see two different ways the Scottie baby quilt can be laid out, one in rows and the other on point.



If all this has inspired you to make a Scottie quilt go to the [Free Baby & Doll Scottie Dog Quilt Pattern](#) page for the pattern and instructions.

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**References:** <sup>1</sup> p164 "West Virginia Quilts and Quiltmakers: Echoes From the Hills", by Fawn Valentine

<sup>2</sup> "The Biography of Fala", at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum

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# Full Version of the Pieced Scottie Dog Doll Quilt

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Free Baby & Doll Scottie Dog Quilt Pattern

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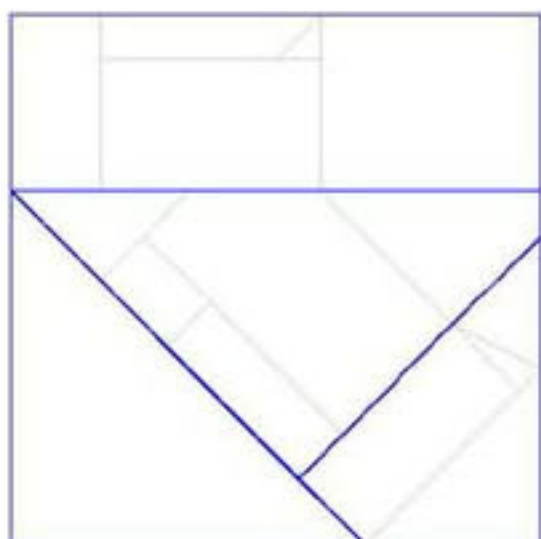
This page gives the pattern and instructions for the doll and baby Scottie quilts. **If you didn't come from [Doll & Baby Pieced Scottie Quilts](#) go there for the introduction to this mid 20th century Scottie dog pattern.**

To the right you see the doll quilt version of this quilt. The blocks can be made in two ways.

This [Paper Piecing Scottie PDF](#) would be a way to make 6 inch blocks. Using the paper piecing method makes it easier to do the small pieces. You can find instructions on modern paper piecing at [A Foundation Piecing Primer](#).

Paper Piecing didn't come until later so if you want to be true to the period use the [Scottie Templates PDF](#) for 9" blocks. This quilt could have been done either by hand or machine.

Check to be sure that your "page scaling" is set to "none" so that the pattern will print out the right size.



Yardage depends on how big you make the quilt. For my doll quilt I used less than 1/4 yard for the blue and less than 1/2 yard for the white. The rest was scraps of plaids. Since that was for six 6 inch blocks hopefully you can estimate what you will need for more blocks. Remember the template blocks are 9 inch so you would need more per block.

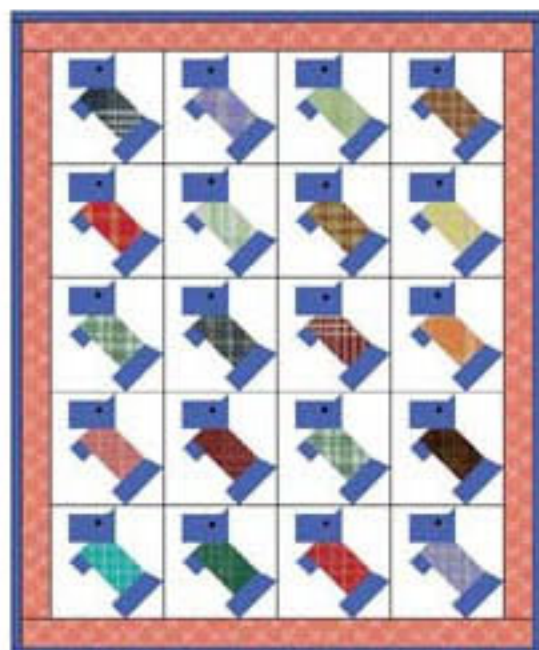
To the left is an illustration showing you how to make this block by sections. Do each subsection first then sew them all together. The large triangle would be sewn on last. This is a guide for assembling whether you use paper piecing or the templates.

The example to the right shows the backing and the binding. I chose a feedsack backing as it was often used for projects like this but any fabric would do.

Many quilts of this period were made with binding between 1/2 and 3/4 inches. So make your binding wide if you want the period look.



Adjust the block size and the number of blocks to get the size and layout you want. You could quilt these quilts in either a diagonal grid or in a horizontal and vertical grid. Feel free to do fancier quilting if you wish. Enjoy making a Scottie dog quilt.



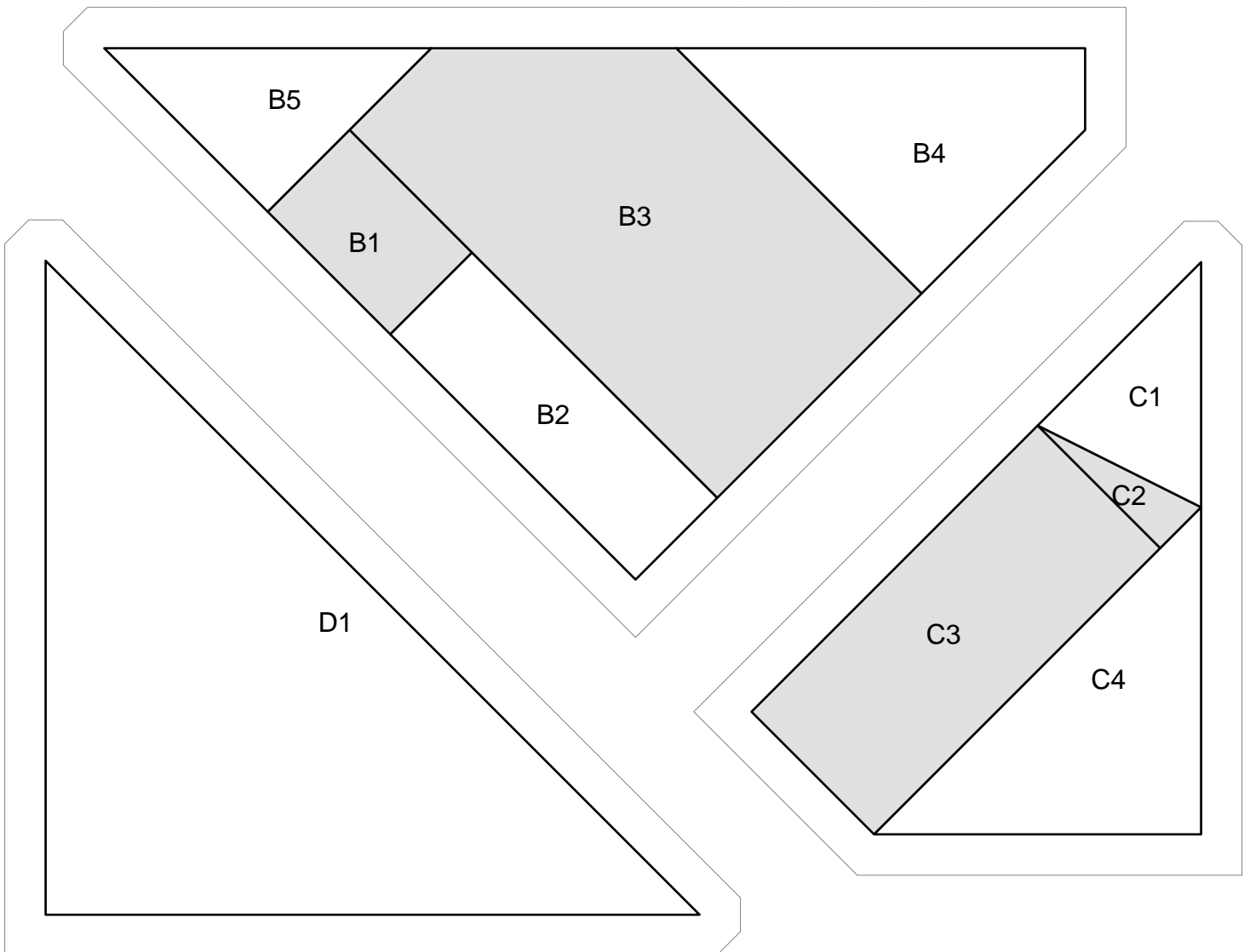
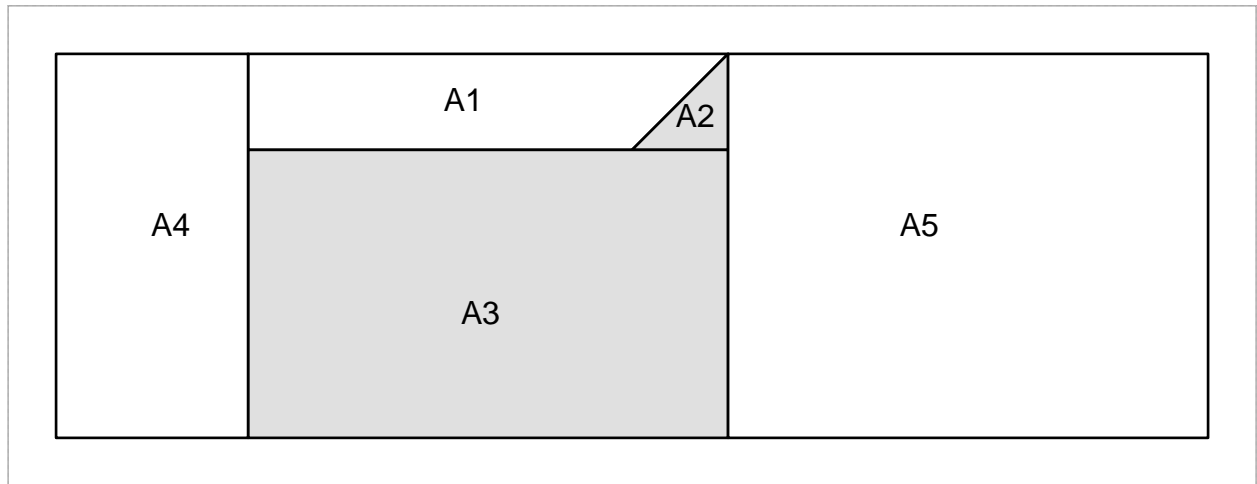
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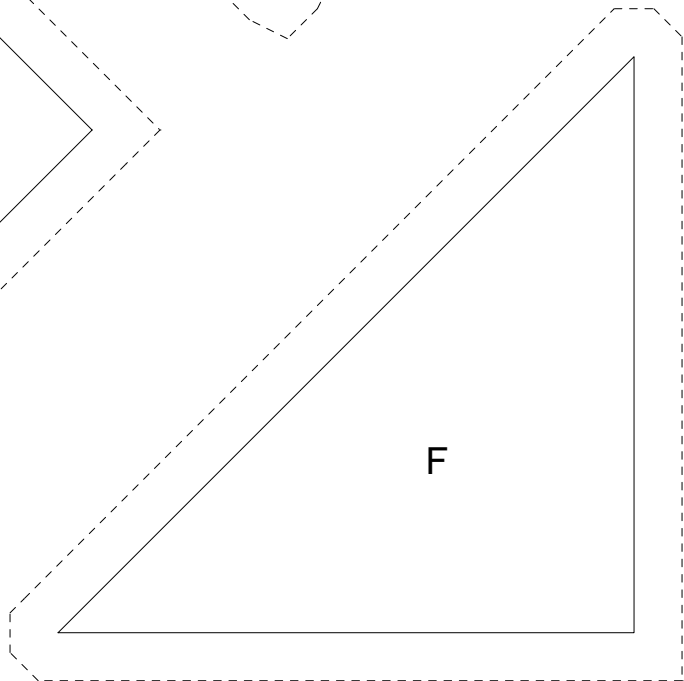
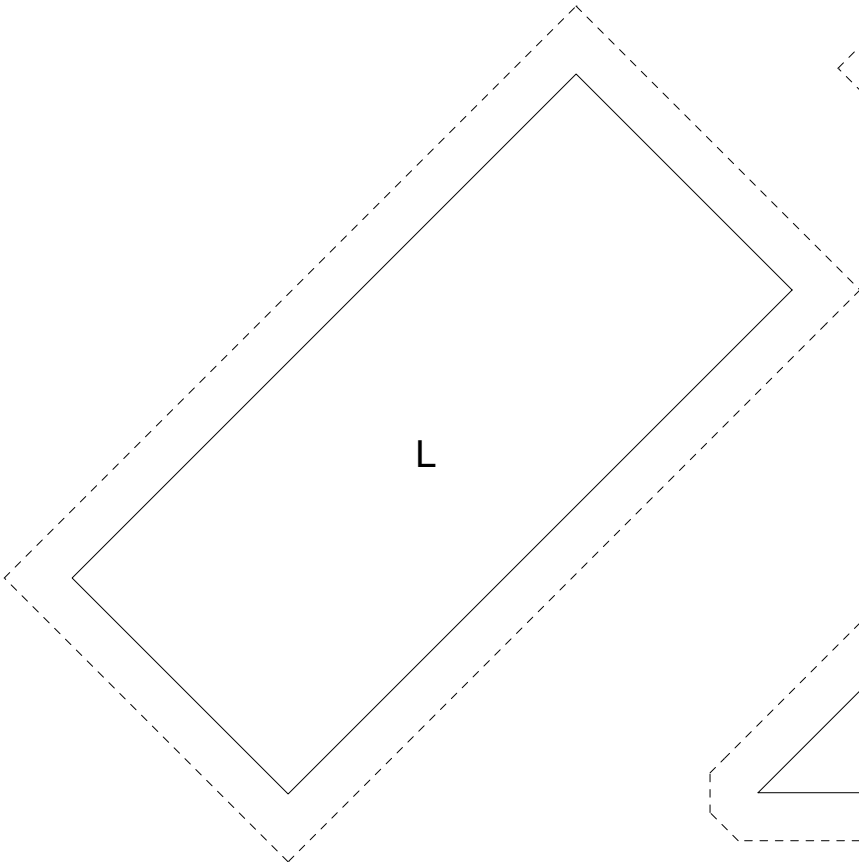
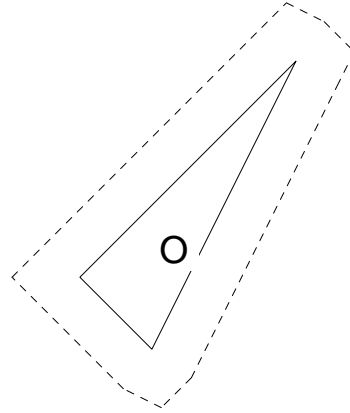
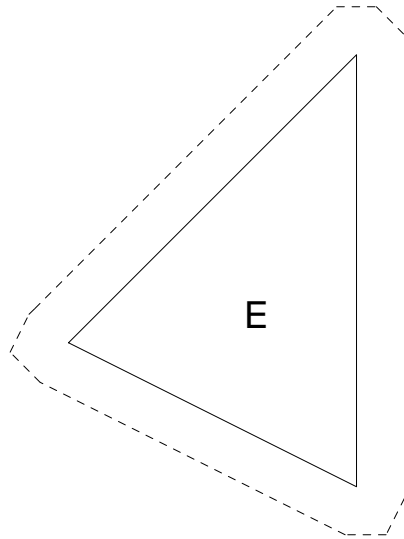
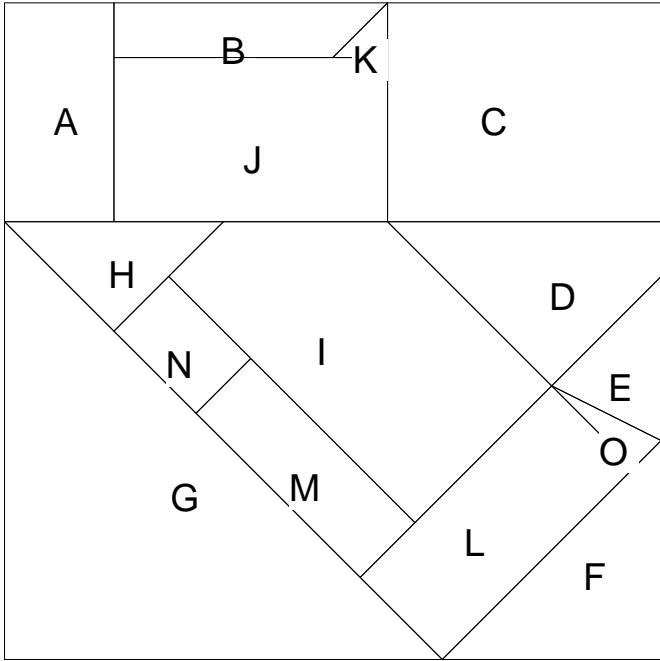
This quilt is made of 9" blocks and is put on point. It measures about 44" by 44".

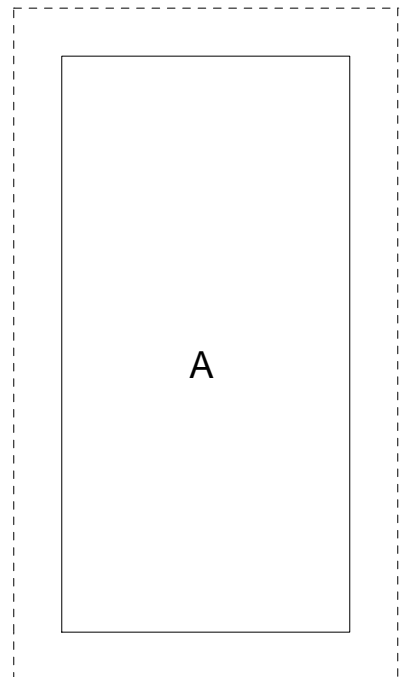
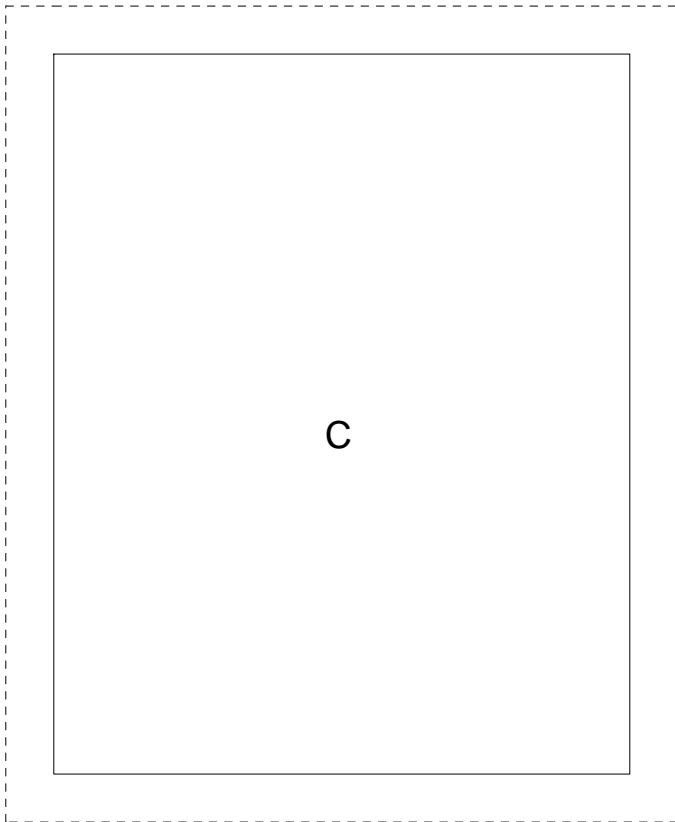
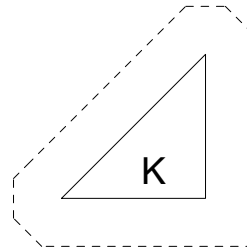
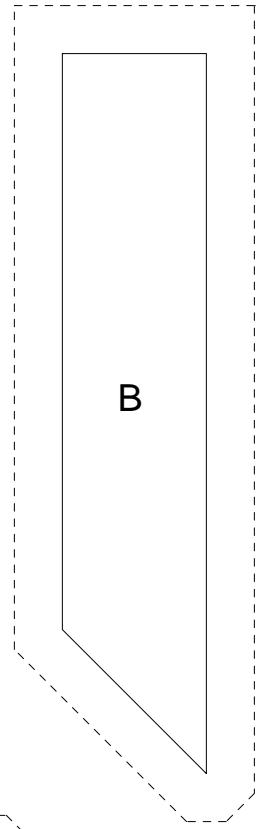
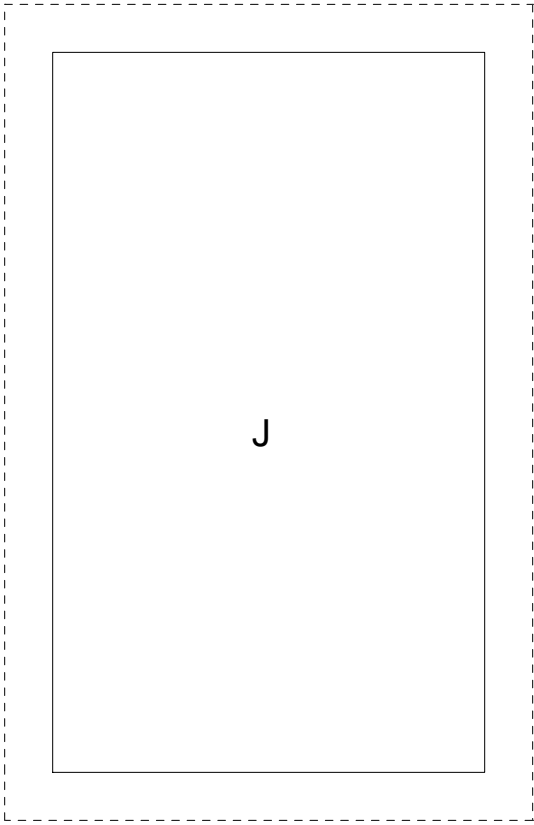
Go to the [PRINTABLE VERSION OF BABY AND DOLL SCOTTIE QUILTS](#) if you want an easy way to print out this free quilt pattern.

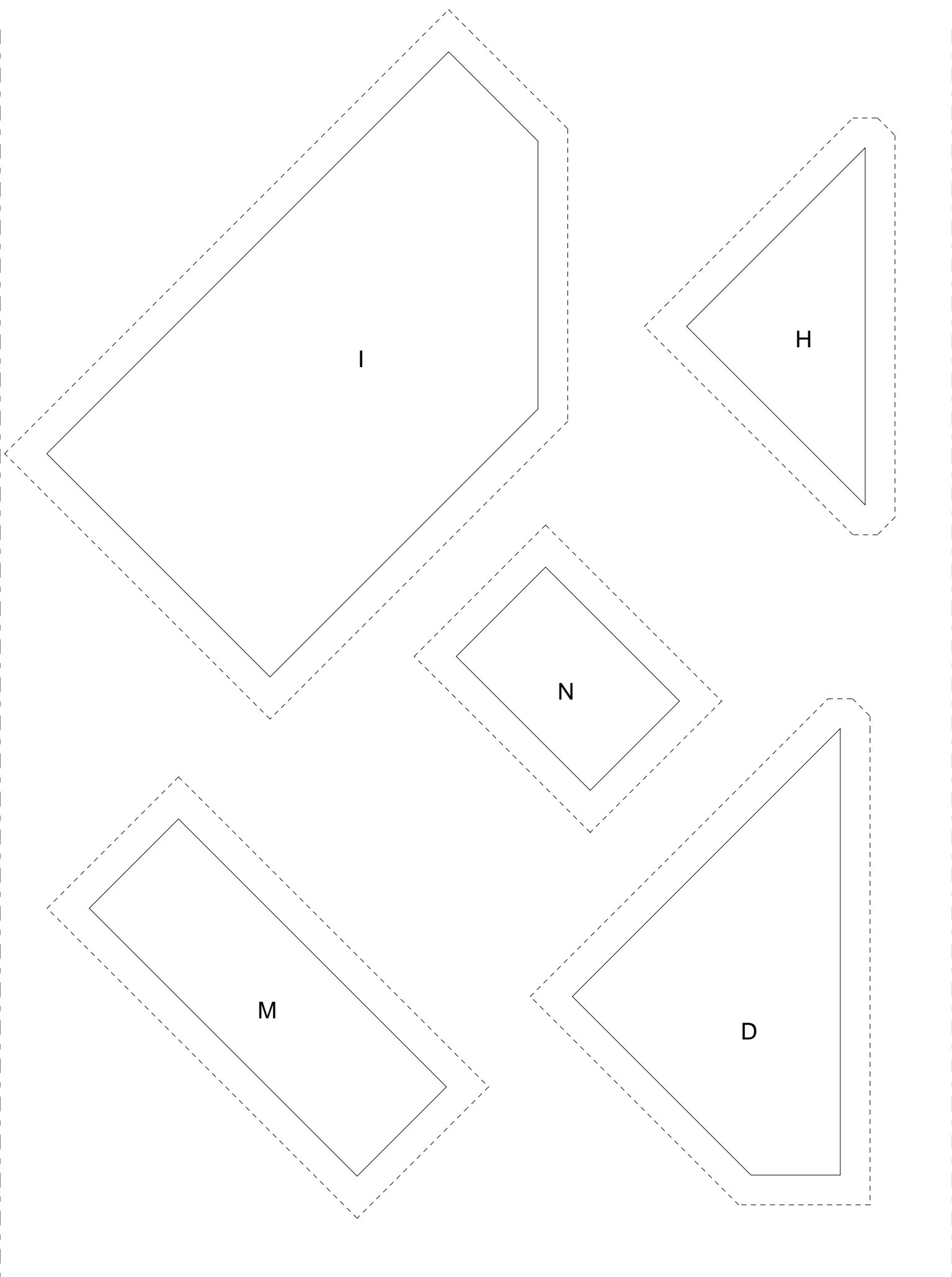
# Paper Pieced Scottie



Worktable Block  
Pattern for 9.00x9.00 block  
Key Block (19/50 actual size)







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