

Block of the Month April 2026

Disappearing Hourglass

Cut two 7" squares with dark jewel tone print and two 7" squares with a white on white.

Draw a line along one diagonal on the back of the light squares, and place the light and dark squares together, right side to right side.

Sew a seam $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the diagonal line on the left side, then sew again $\frac{1}{4}$ " away on the right side. Repeat for other squares.

Cut on the diagonal line. Press seam.

You'll end up with 4 of the same half square triangles. Trim them to $6\frac{1}{4}$ " squares.

Sew 4 half square triangles together into the hourglass block. Try to have the seams line up as best as you can. Block should measure 12". See diagram #1

Cut the 12" Hourglass block into 9 equal 4" squares. See diagram #2. Using a rotating mat or small mat you can turn, will make this step easier and more accurate.

Rotate all the squares 180 degrees, except the middle which you rotate 90 degrees. See diagram #3.

Sew back together into the star. Block should be $10\frac{3}{4}$ " unfinished.

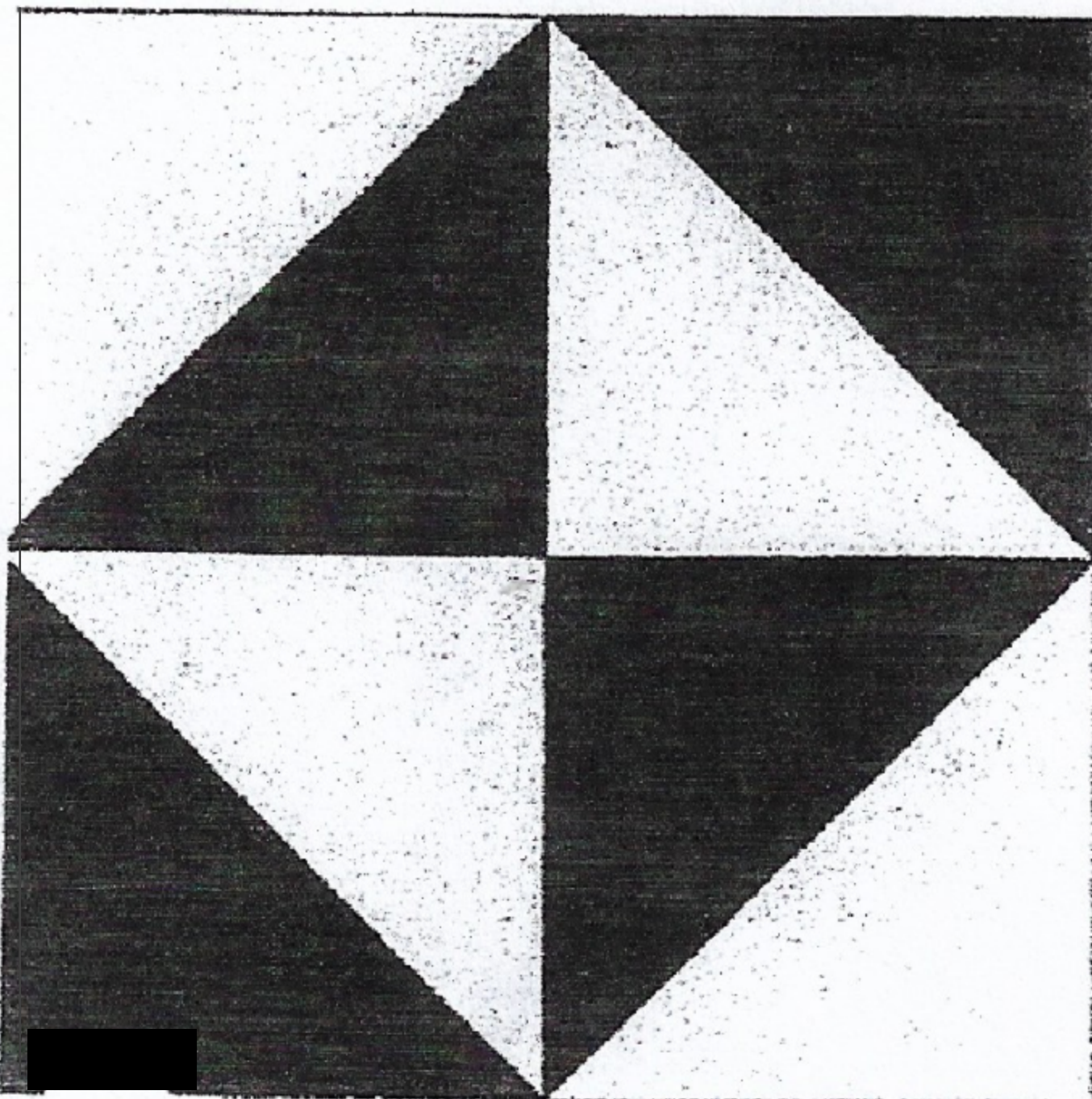


Diagram #1

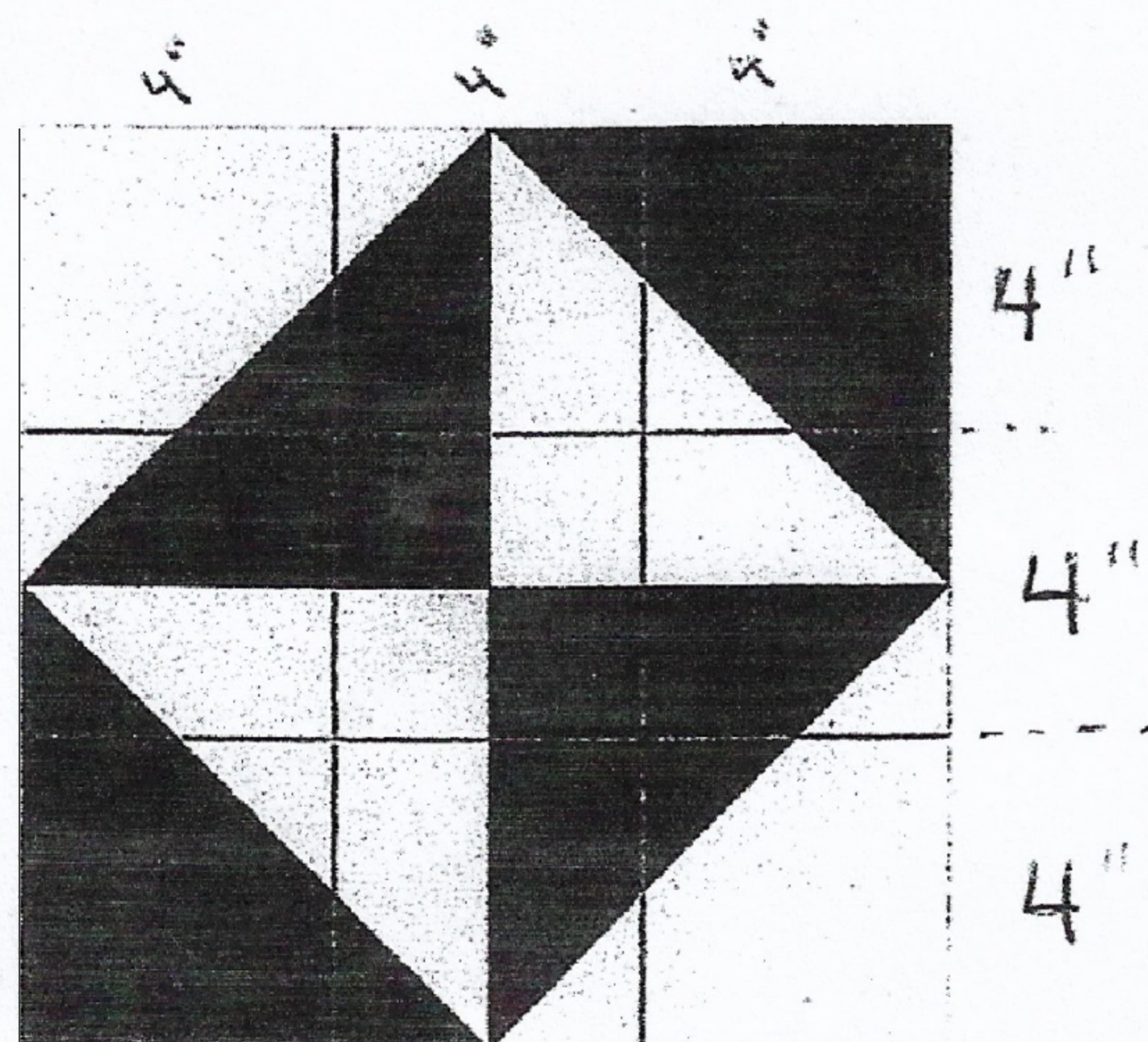


Diagram #2

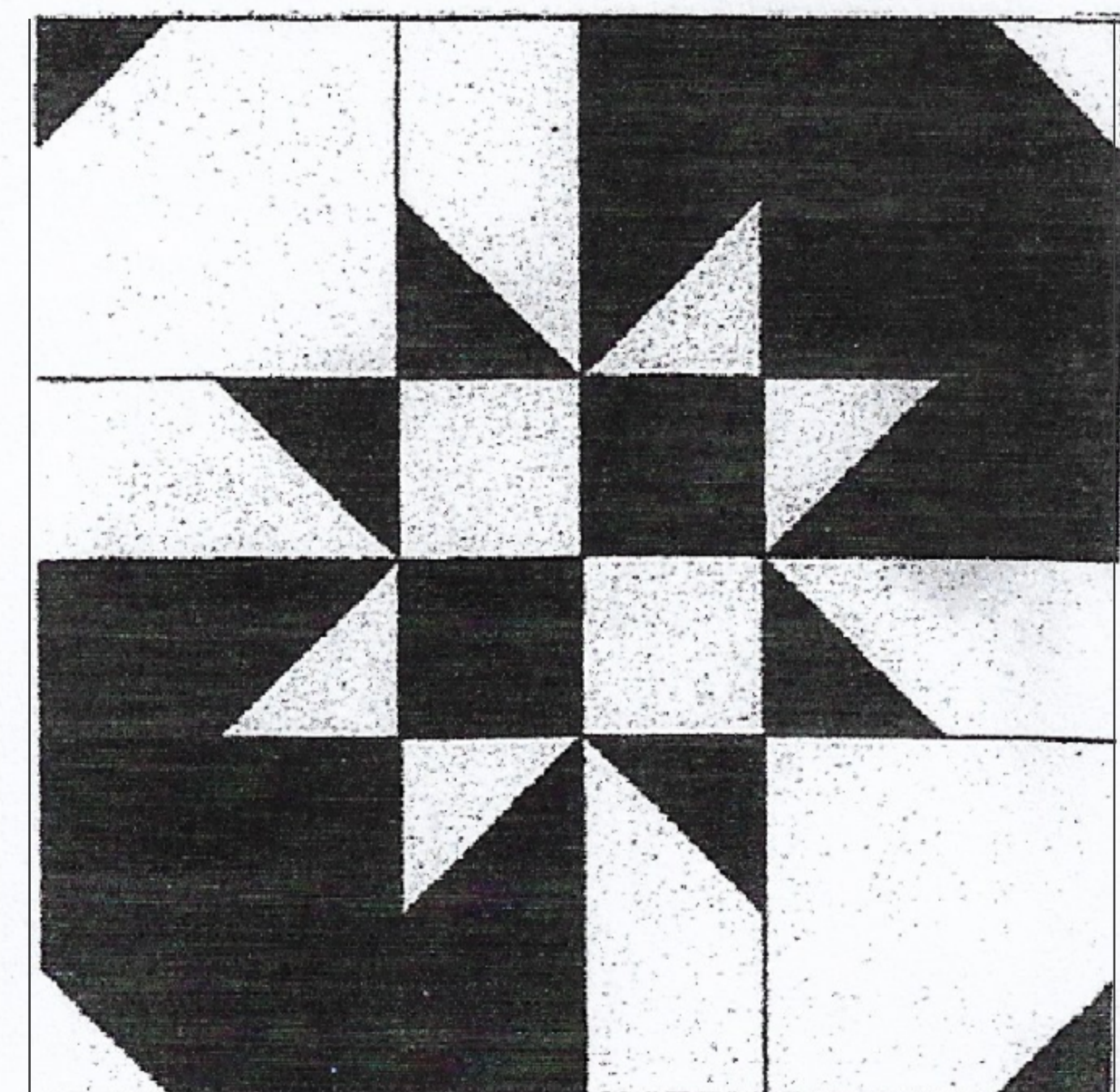


Diagram #3