

Cardinal In Snow

Prepare the Fabrics

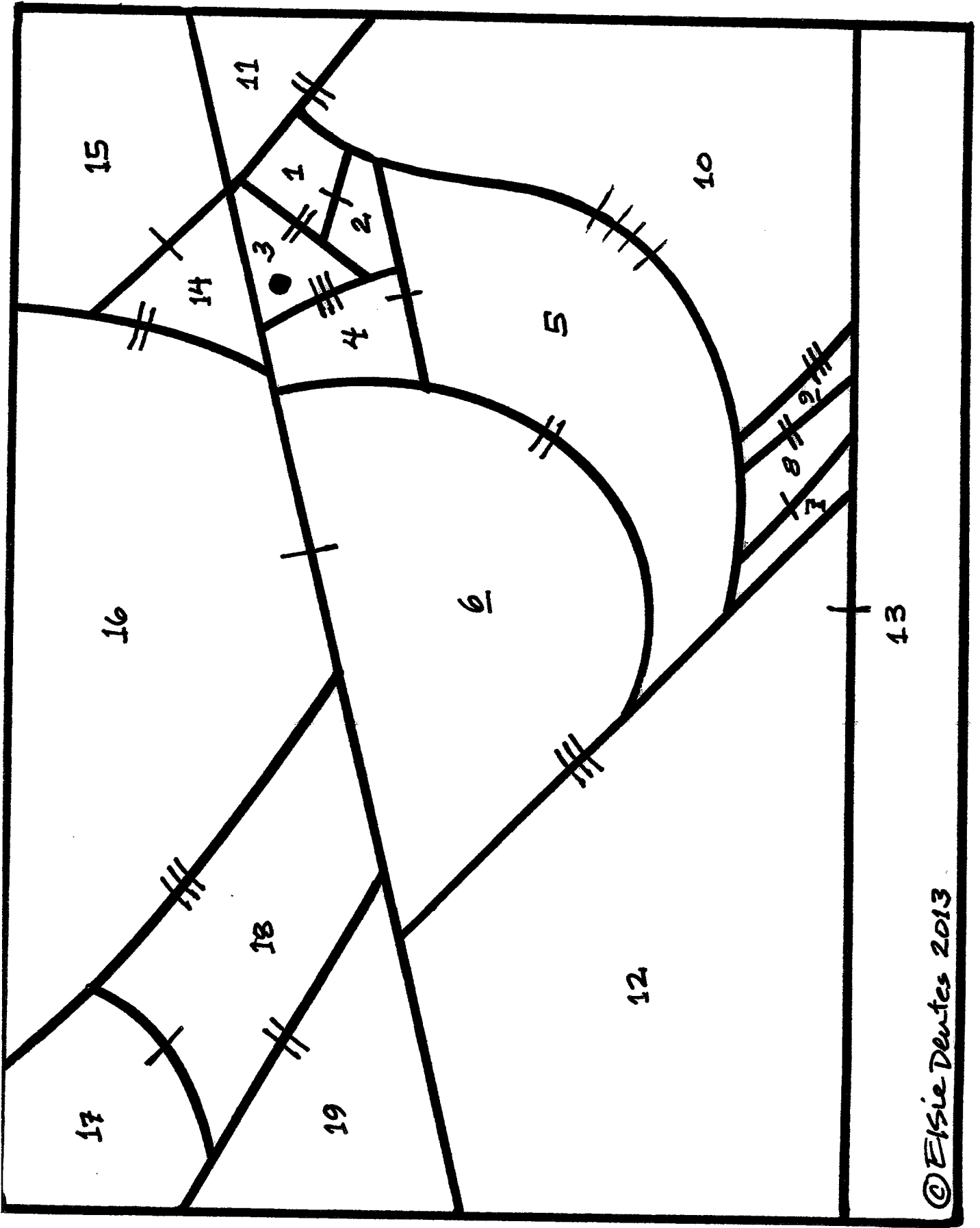
- Check fabrics for colorfastness and treat if necessary.
- Prewash, dry, and press all fabrics.

Prepare Your Pattern

- Using a light box or a backlit window, and with your pattern wrong side up, trace your pattern with black, permanent marker onto the paper side (**Not** the plastic side) of the freezer paper. Make sure you transfer the piece numbers and all the matching tick marks to the freezer paper as well. I find it helpful to write on each section of freezer paper the color of the fabric it will be as once the pieces are cut apart sometimes it's hard to tell.
- Cut apart the freezer paper pattern and work on the assembly in sections keeping to the numbered order.
With an iron (preferably no steam), press the individually numbered freezer paper pieces onto the *backside* of the fabrics you have selected, leaving a neat $\frac{1}{4}$ " fabric seam allowance around each of the freezer paper pieces.

Assemble the Block

- First sew together pieces #1 and #2, add #3 and then #4. Press well.
Next add #5 and then #6. Next sew together #7 through #10 and then press well and sew this section to the body section and press well. Sew on pieces #11, #12, and #13 and press.
Now sew together pieces #14 and #15, then add on #16. Sew together #17 and #18 and then add #19. Attach the tail section to the crest section and press well.
Finally sew the two large sections together making sure that the crest is above the beak. Remove all the freezer paper and steam press the whole block.



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Cardinal On A Branch

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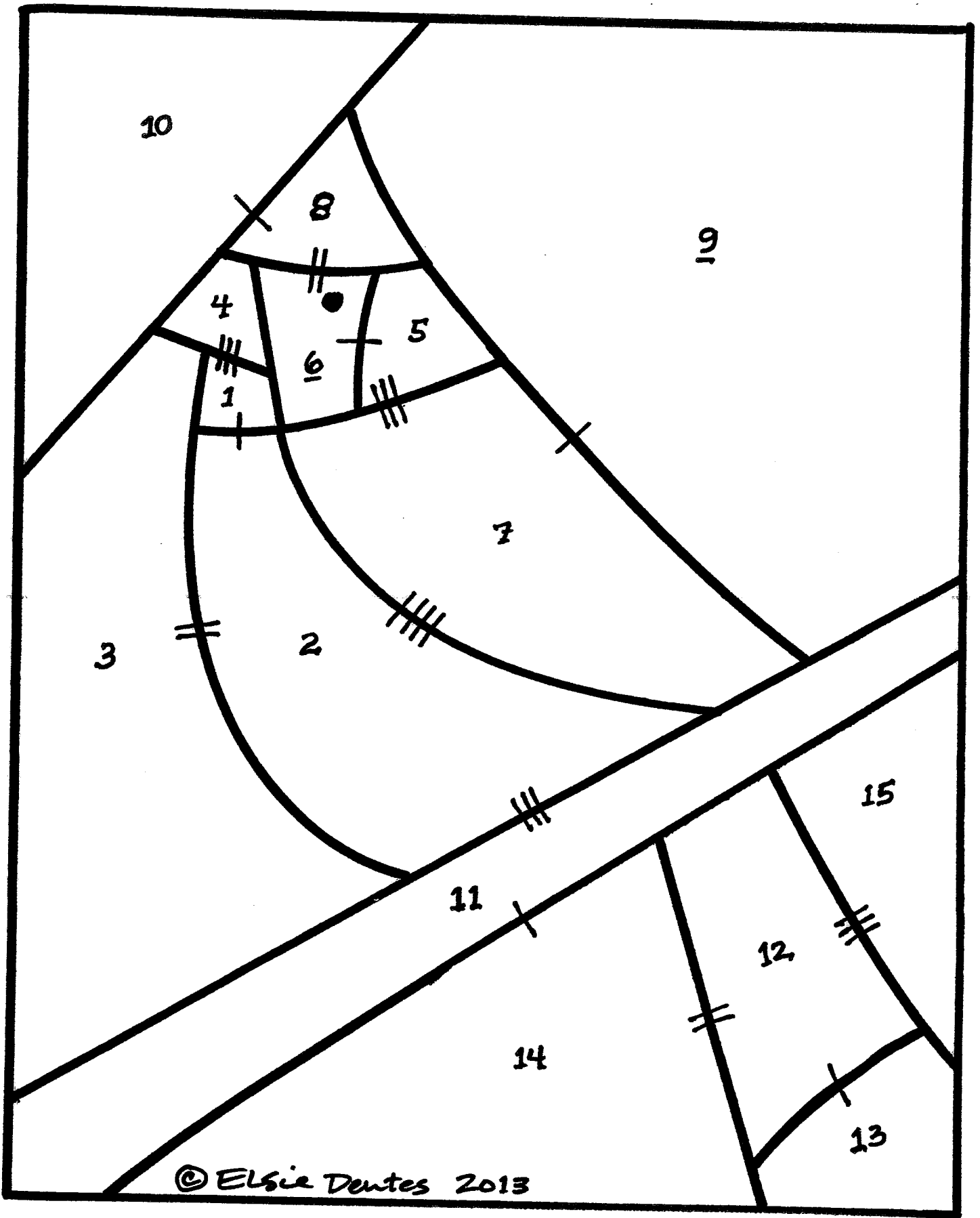
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- Cut apart the freezer paper pattern and work on the assembly in sections keeping to the numbered order.

With an iron (preferably no steam), press the individually numbered freezer paper pieces onto the *backside* of the fabrics you have selected, leaving a neat ¼" fabric seam allowance around each of the freezer paper pieces.

Assemble the Block

- First sew together pieces #1 and #2, add #3 and then #4. Press well. Next sew together #5 and #6, then add #7. Next sew this section to sections #1-4 and then press well. Sew #8 to the top, press and sew on #9. Add #10 and then the branch, #11. Next assemble the tail section. Sew #12 to #13, press, then add #14 and then #15 and press. Finally sew the tail section to the body section and your block is complete. Remove all the freezer paper and steam press the whole block.



Cardinal on Branch