

Project: Soft Baby Blocks

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For designer Jeanne Pryor, these soft fabric blocks are a fun way to use the bright and cheerful fabrics she is always collecting. The washable blocks delight playful toddlers and fill baby's room with eye-catching color. Some of the fabric prints inspired Jeanne to add appliqué motifs to the fabric squares before assembling the blocks. Though her blocks are hand-appliquéd, we give you an easier method for appliqué using fusible web.

Materials

- Scraps of assorted prints, stripes, and solids (blocks, optional appliqué)
- Polyester fiberfill
- Fusible web (optional)

Finished block: 2½" cube

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

Be sure to transfer the dots (matching points) marked on the Cube Pattern (on page 6) to the template, then to the fabric pieces. The following instructions result in one block.

From assorted prints, stripes, and solids, cut:

- 6 of Cube Pattern

Fuse the Shapes and Letters

To personalize your blocks, add a contrasting half circle, quarter circle, or letter to a side or two using our simplified fusible appliqué technique.

To use fusible web for cutting appliqué shapes, complete the following steps.

1. Lay fusible web, paper side up, over patterns. Use a pencil to trace patterns, leaving at least ½" between tracings. Cut out fusible-web shapes roughly ¼" outside traced lines.
2. Following manufacturer's instructions, press fusible-web shapes onto backs of desired fabrics. Let cool, then cut out shapes on drawn lines; peel off paper backings.
3. Press fusible-web appliqué onto 3" fabric squares. Use a zigzag stitch to machine-appliqué pieces in place.

Assemble Block

1. Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together four squares, stopping and starting each seam at marked dots, ¼" from corners.
2. Matching dots, sew another square to one edge of pieced unit (**Diagram 2**).
3. Repeat Step 2, joining remaining square to unsewn edge of pieced unit, leaving a 1½" opening along one side for turning, to make a cube (**Diagram 3**).

4. Turn cube right side out. Stuff with fiberfill to desired firmness, working fiberfill into corners. Using quilting thread or double thread, securely hand-sew opening together to complete the block.

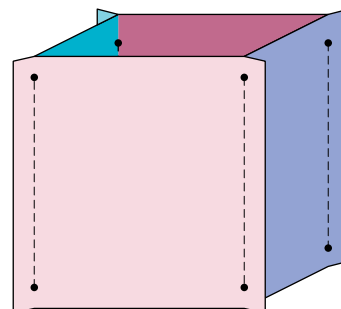


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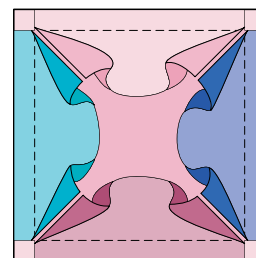


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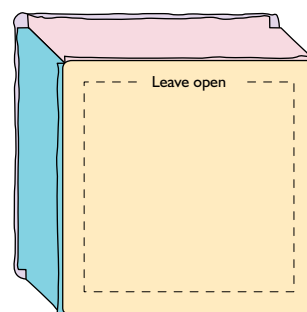
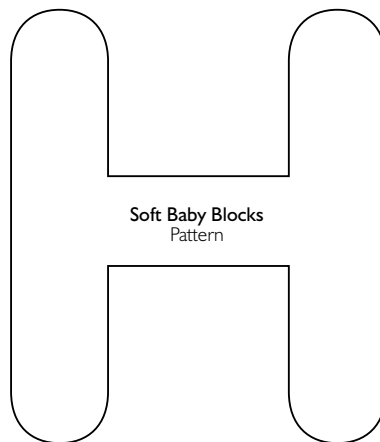
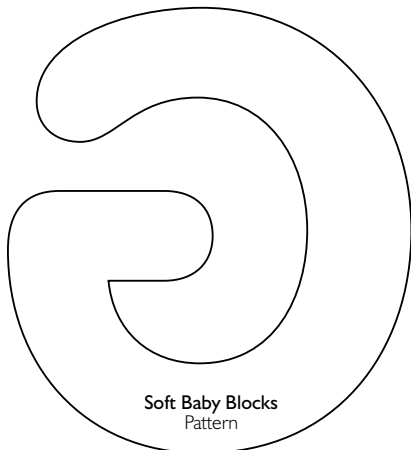
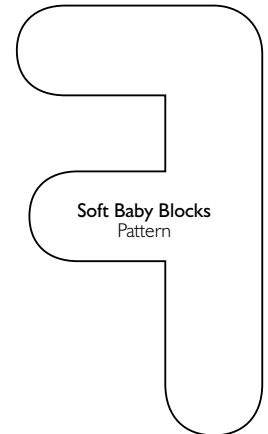
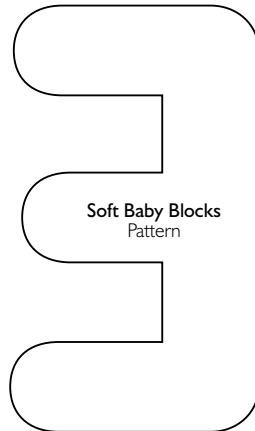
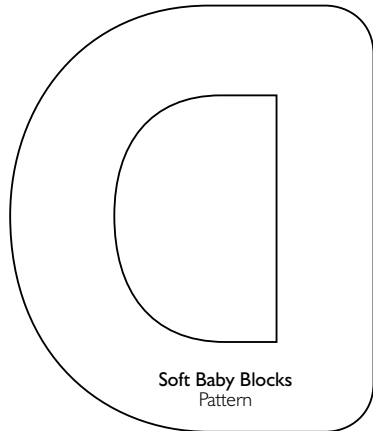
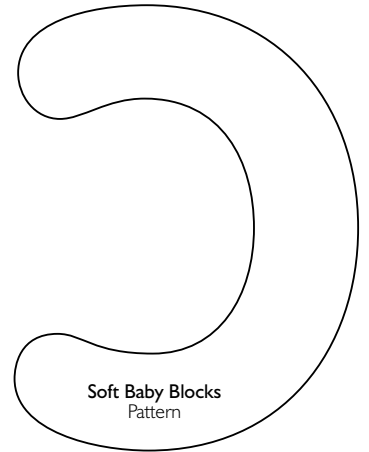
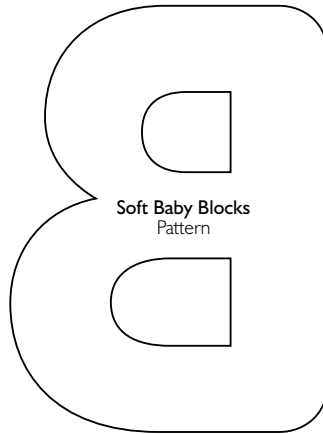
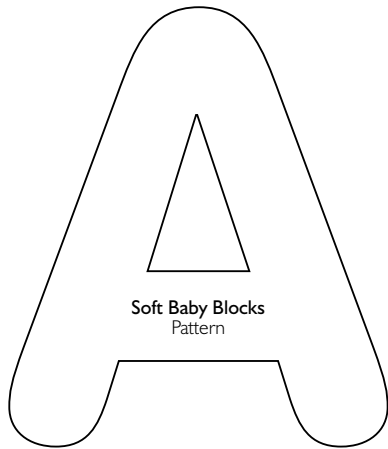
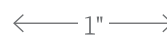


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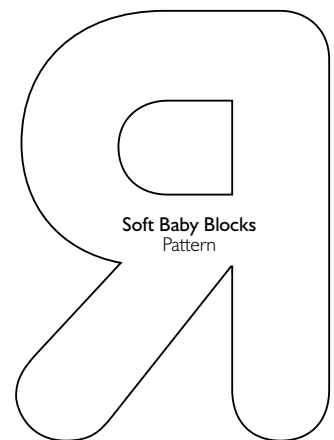
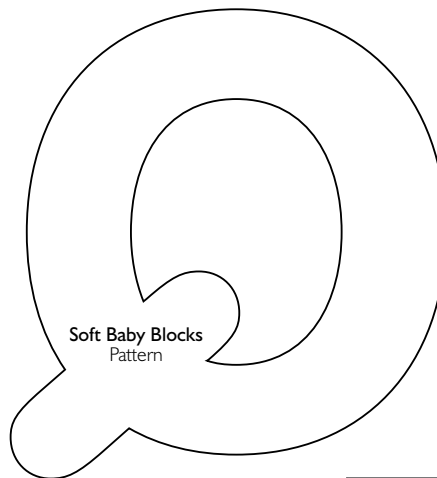
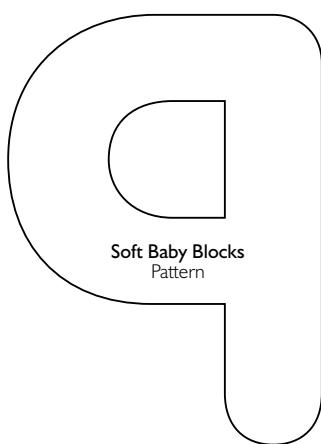
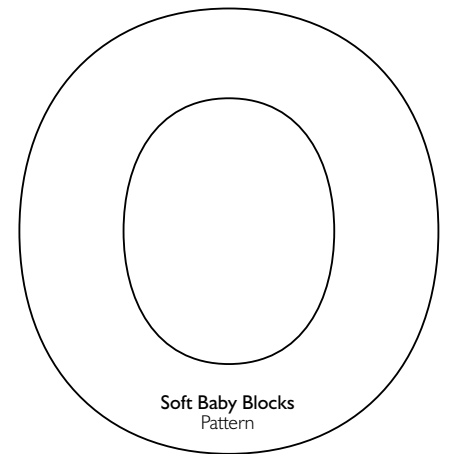
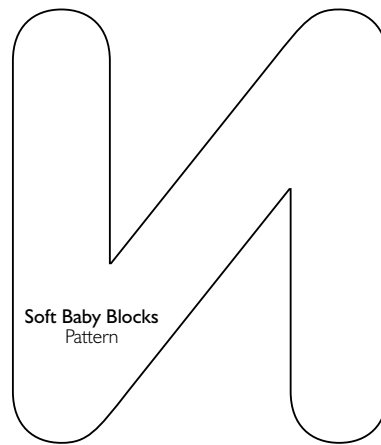
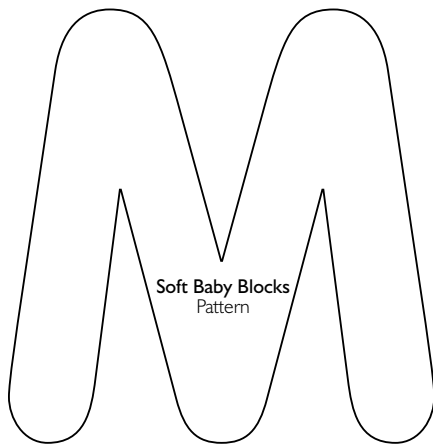
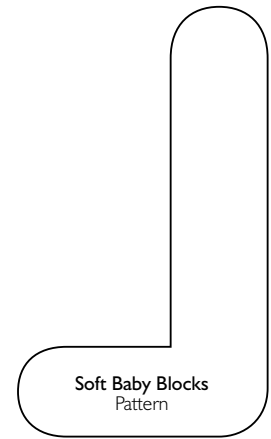
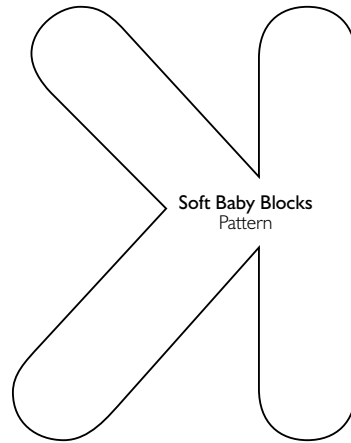
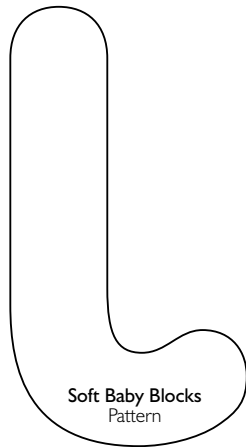
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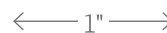
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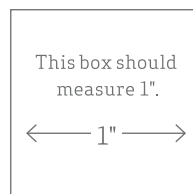
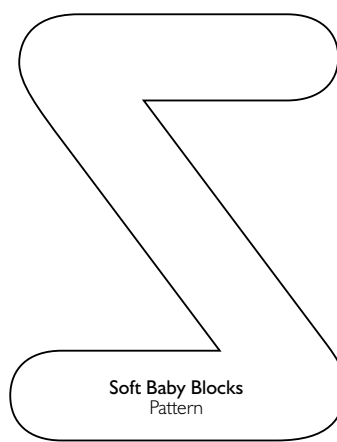
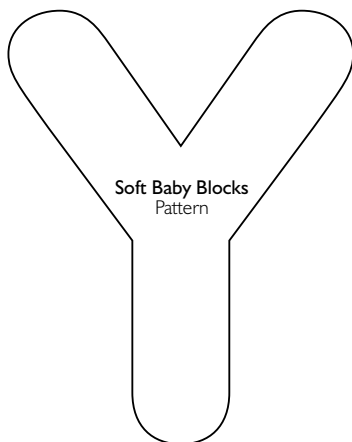
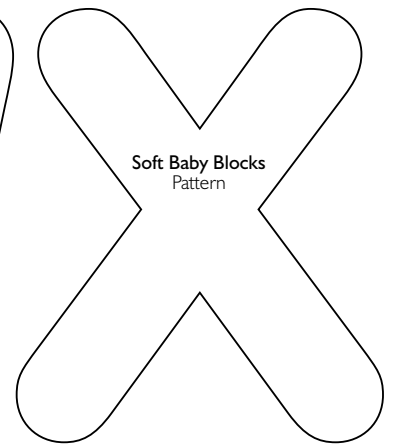
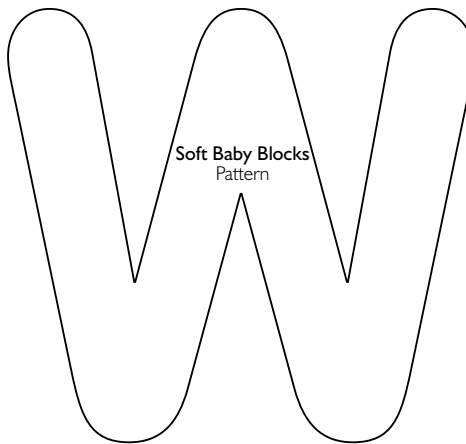
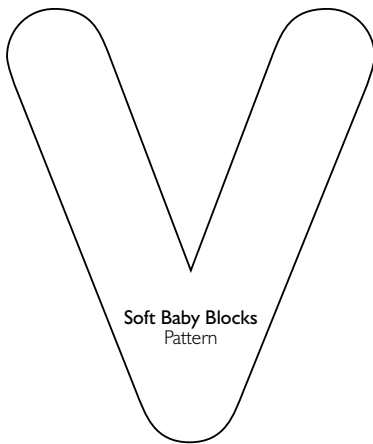
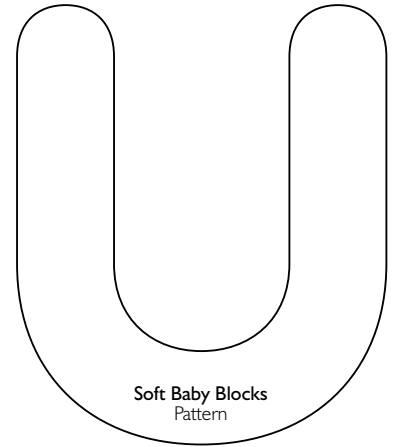
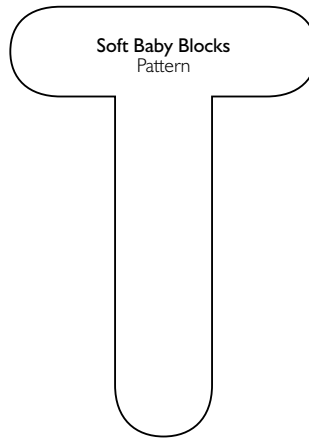
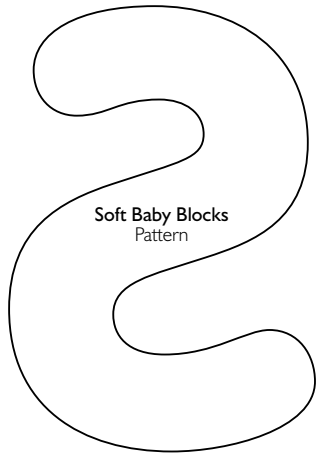
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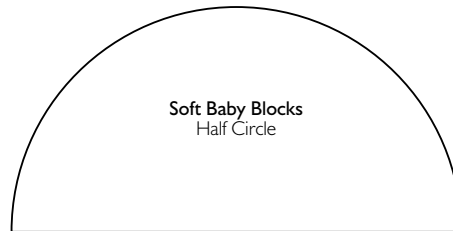
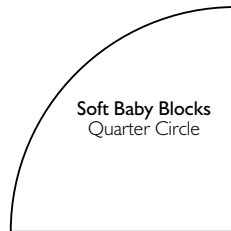
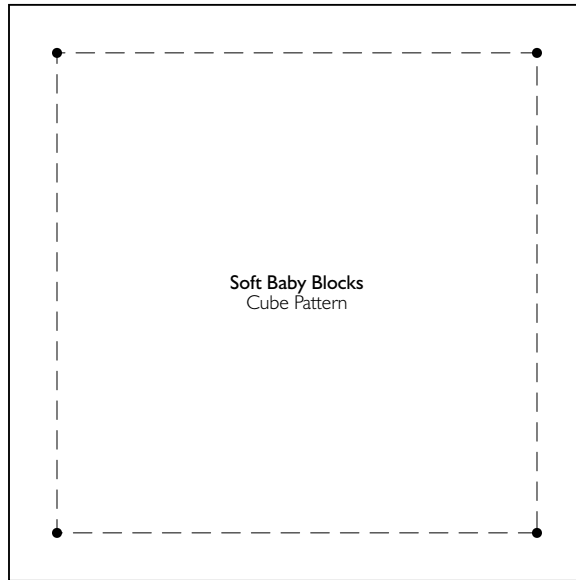
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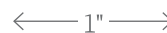


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