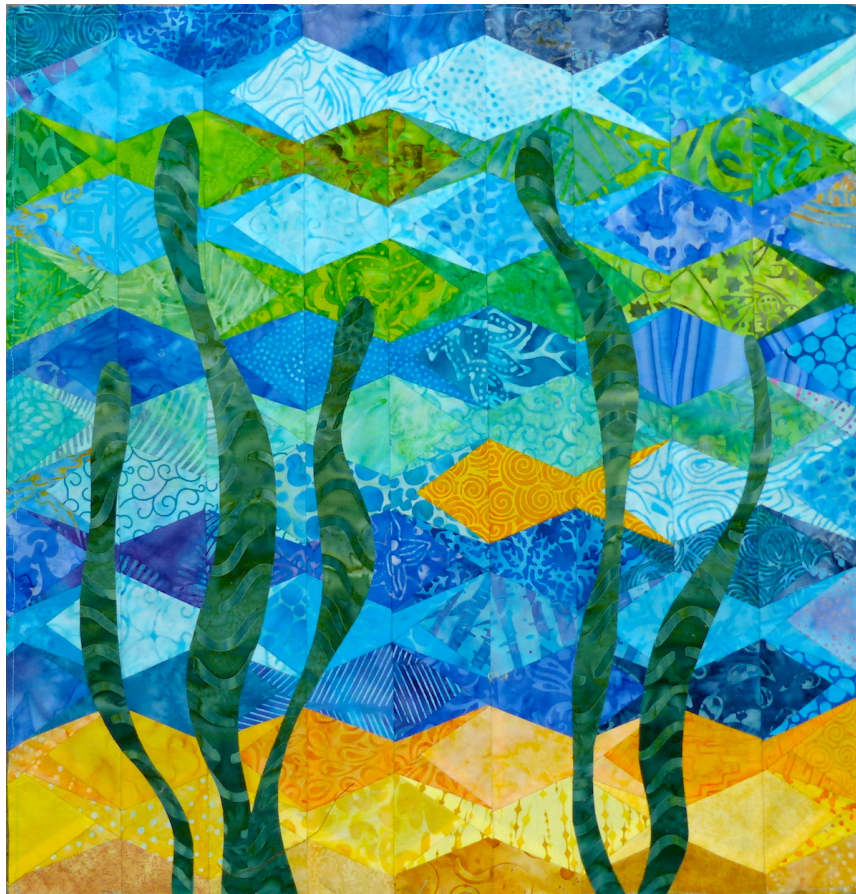


Camouflage is for Wimps 18" x 18" Block Pattern

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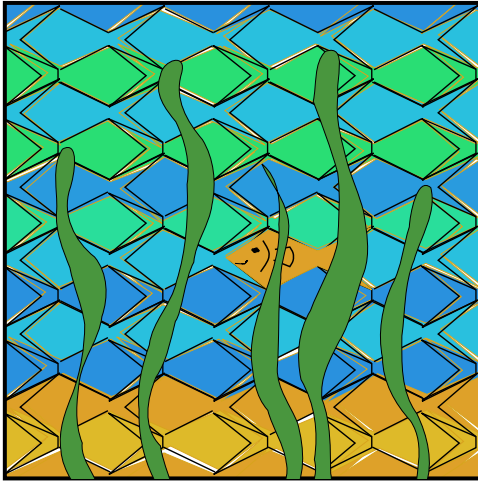
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"Camouflage is for Wimps" is predominately a paper-pieced pattern. Nine paper-pieced columns are assembled and then joined side-by-side to form rows of tessellating fish.

There is plenty of scope for decorating this block after piecing to personalize the underwater scene.

I used fabric scraps for this block.
Each fish motif is made of 3 pieces, which together require approx. 5" x 6" of fabric.
There are 48 entire fish, plus various extra fish heads and tails to be filled in around the edges.

Please read all the instructions before beginning.

Materials required:

For the pieced block you will need:

- Yellow/orange fabrics sufficient for approx. 14 fish
- Blue/green fabrics sufficient for approx. 51 fish
- Paper for paper-piecing, printer, sewing notions, thread

For the kelp appliqués you will need:

- Green fabric scraps
- Fusible paper-backed adhesive

You may also wish to add sea or beach-themed embellishments such as:

- shells
- buttons
- fussy cut fabrics for appliqué
- beads, trinkets etc.

Please note that your fabric needs may differ depending on use of directional prints and your paper-piecing experience/method.

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Construction Notes:

Basic paper-piecing and appliqué knowledge is assumed, general advice is not provided.

This pattern is formatted to print successfully on both US Letter and A4 paper. Make sure you print this file at 100% of the original size. Ensure that your print out is the correct size before you begin by checking the size of the one inch squares provided.

The paper foundation templates and the appliqué templates are too large to print on a single page. These must be assembled prior to sewing by aligning pages along the red lines. Join the overlapping pieces with a glue stick. Allow to dry completely before using. **You will need 5 copies of template A and 4 copies of template B to make the entire block as shown.**

If you wish your fishes to be arranged in a planned way, use the coloring sheet provided on page 4 to plan your preferred pattern.

Step 1 - preparing templates

Lay out your paper-piecing templates, print side down, side by side. Start with template A, and alternate As with template Bs so that you have 9 columns lying side-by-side. Label with numbers 1-9 from left to right to help keep track.

Step 2 - piecing - see diagram on pg 3

Working from the bottom of each strip, paper-piece each column in the order indicated by the numbering.

Working one or two fish at a time with the columns in their correct positions will help you keep track of where each fabric goes for each fish.

Including an uncamouflaged fish:

Any fish can be made to stand out from the school, but if you wish to include the same feature fish as per the original block: the fish to piece in a contrasting fabric is in the 6th row of whole fish from the bottom, and is the third whole fish from the left.

Step 3 - sewing the paper-pieced column units together

Once you have completed all the paper-pieced units #1-9, trim to the seam allowance and sew them together in order along their long edges.

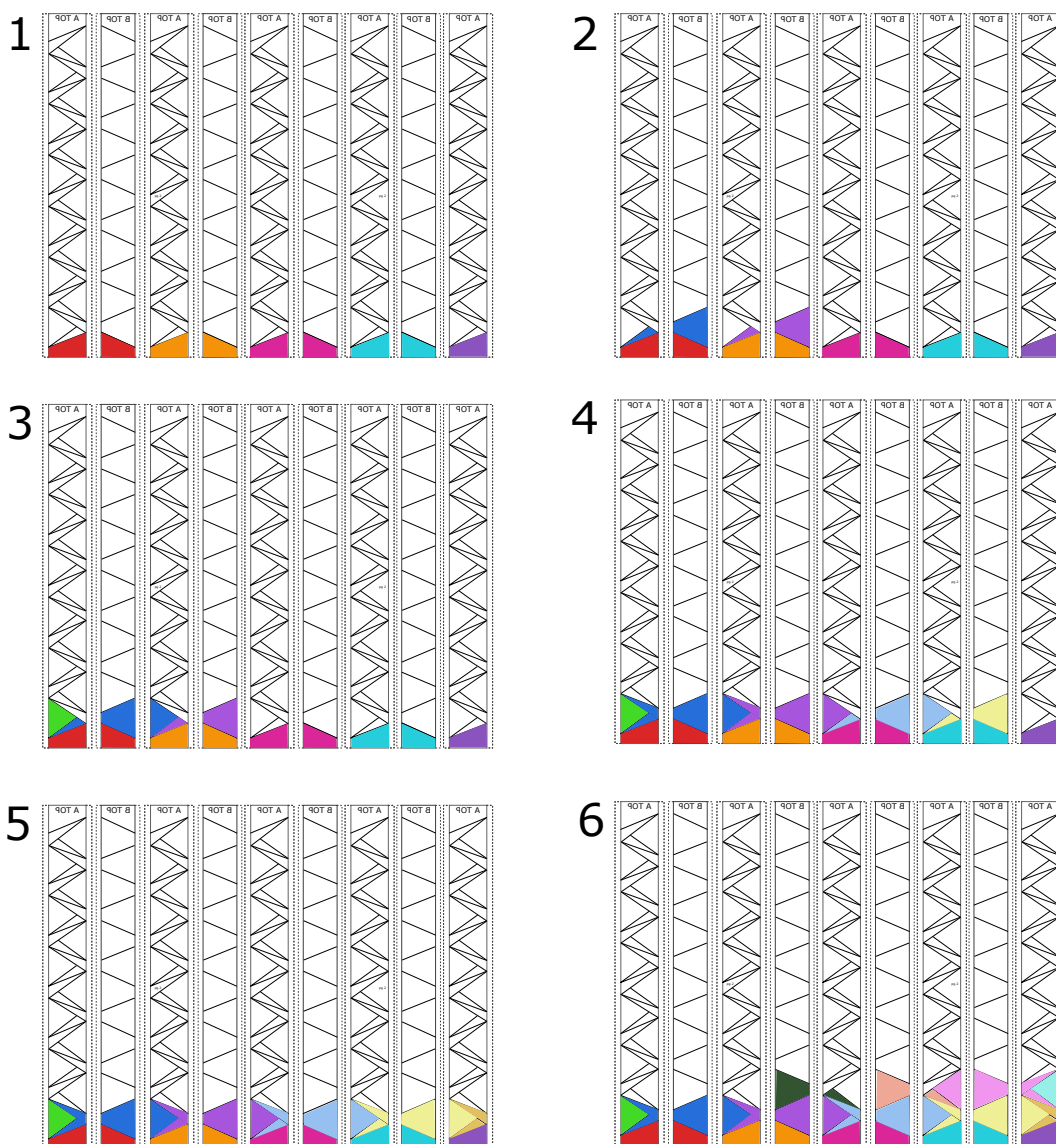
Make sure the fabric of the head, middle and tail of each fish matches across all three adjacent columns.

Trim block to an unfinished size of 18.5" x 18.5".

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Piecing sequence: progress piecing up the columns in rows as shown to achieve matching fishes. Repeat to completion.

Finishing - appliqué and embellishment:

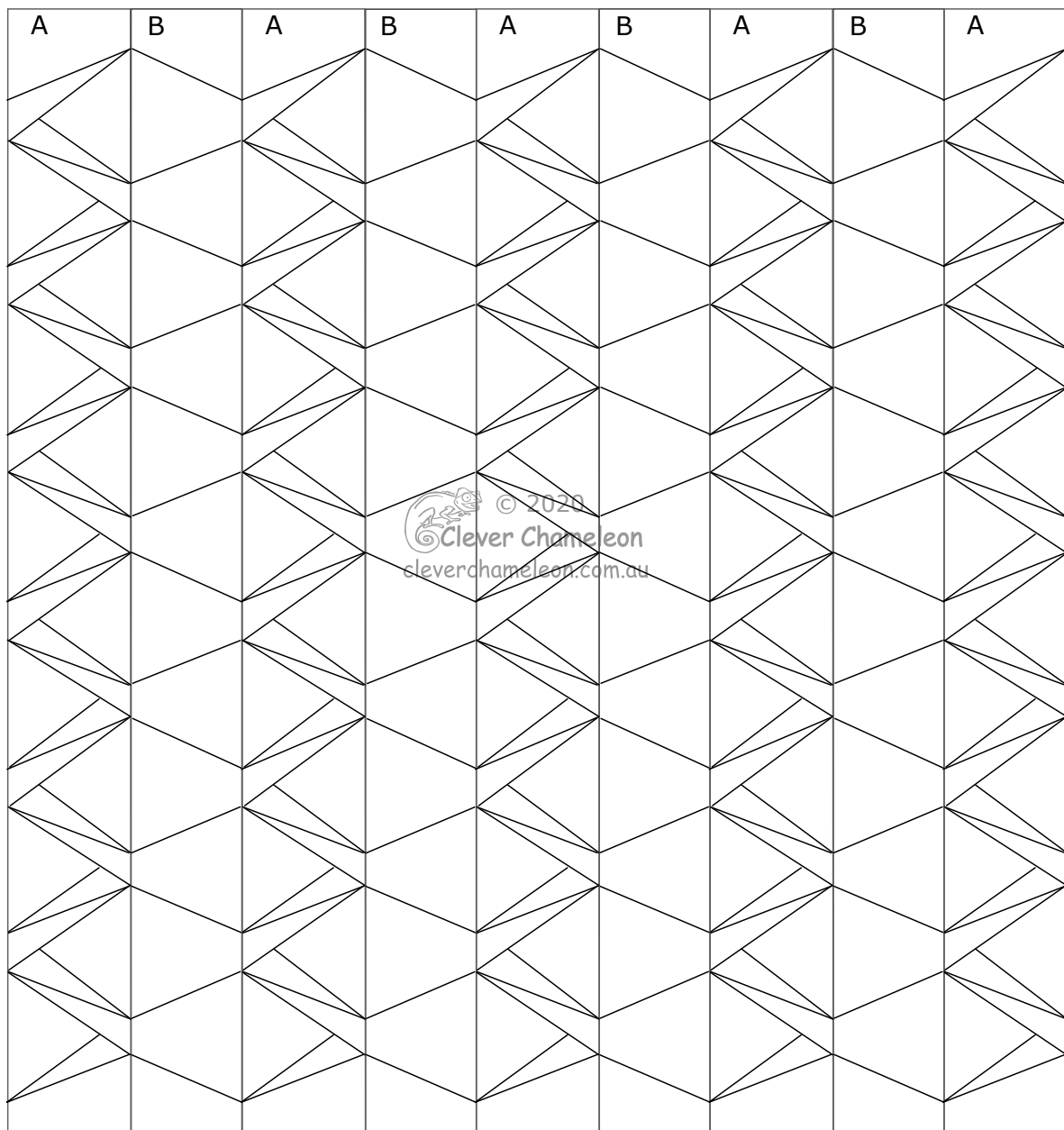
Trace each kelp appliqué shape directly onto paper-backed fusible adhesive (shapes are already reversed).

Fuse traced shapes to fabric scraps according to the instructions provided by your fusible adhesive manufacturer. Place onto paper-pieced block and fuse to adhere. Secure the appliques using your favourite appliqué method. Embroider or appliqué further details of your choice into the scene if you desire. Enjoy!

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Optional colouring-in sheet for planning fish piecing, 35% original size

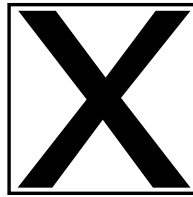


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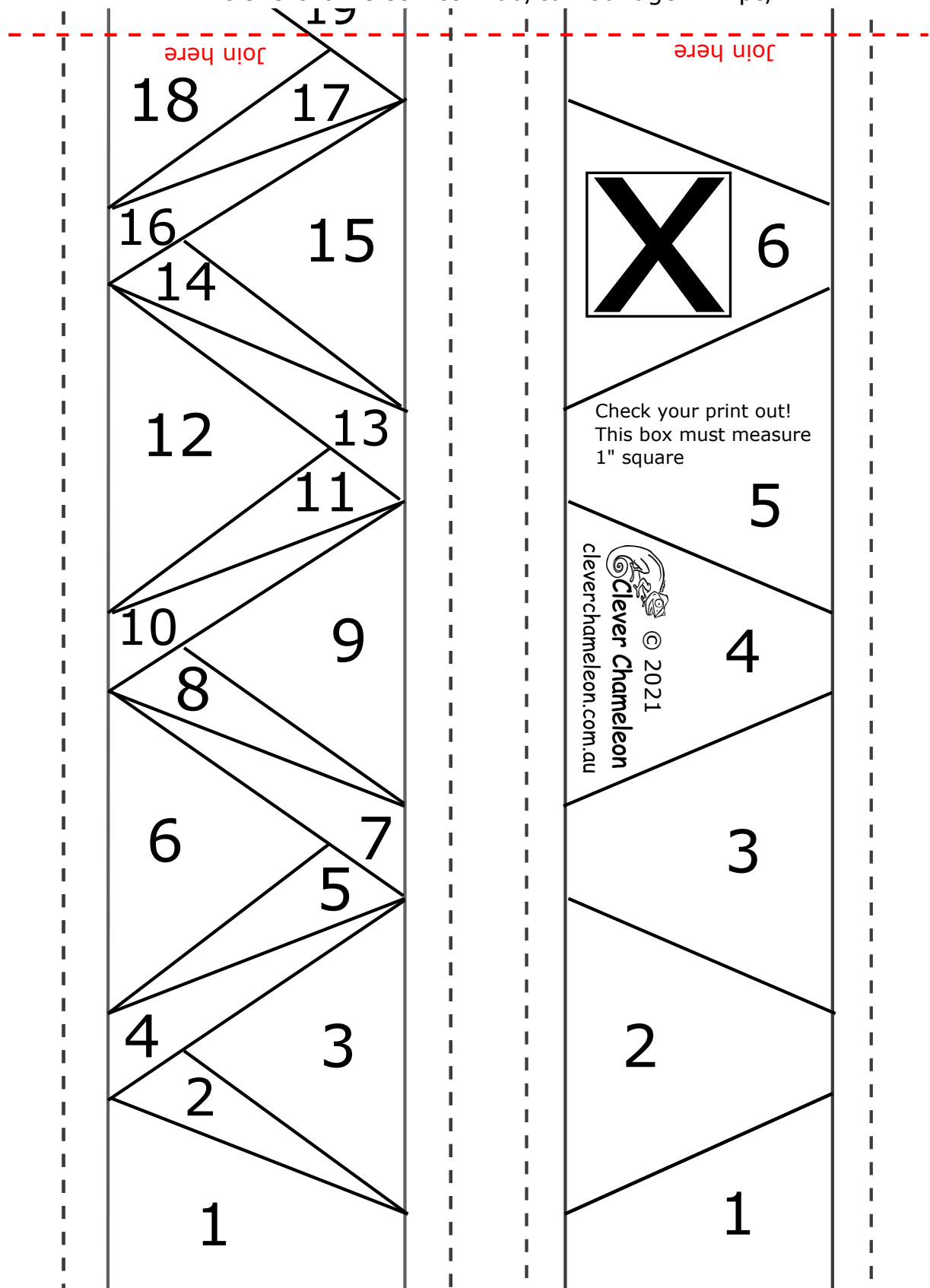
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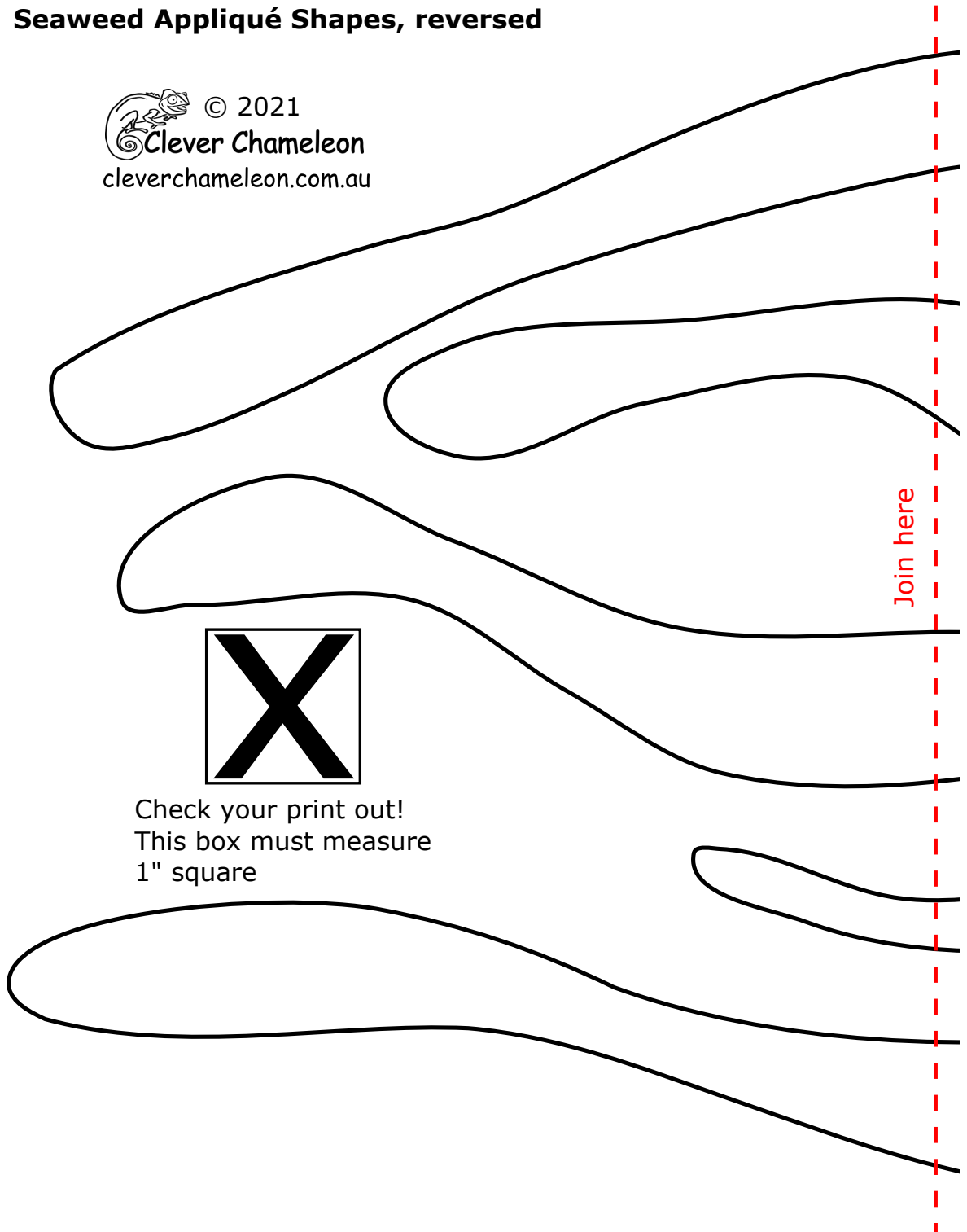
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Seaweed Appliqué Shapes, reversed

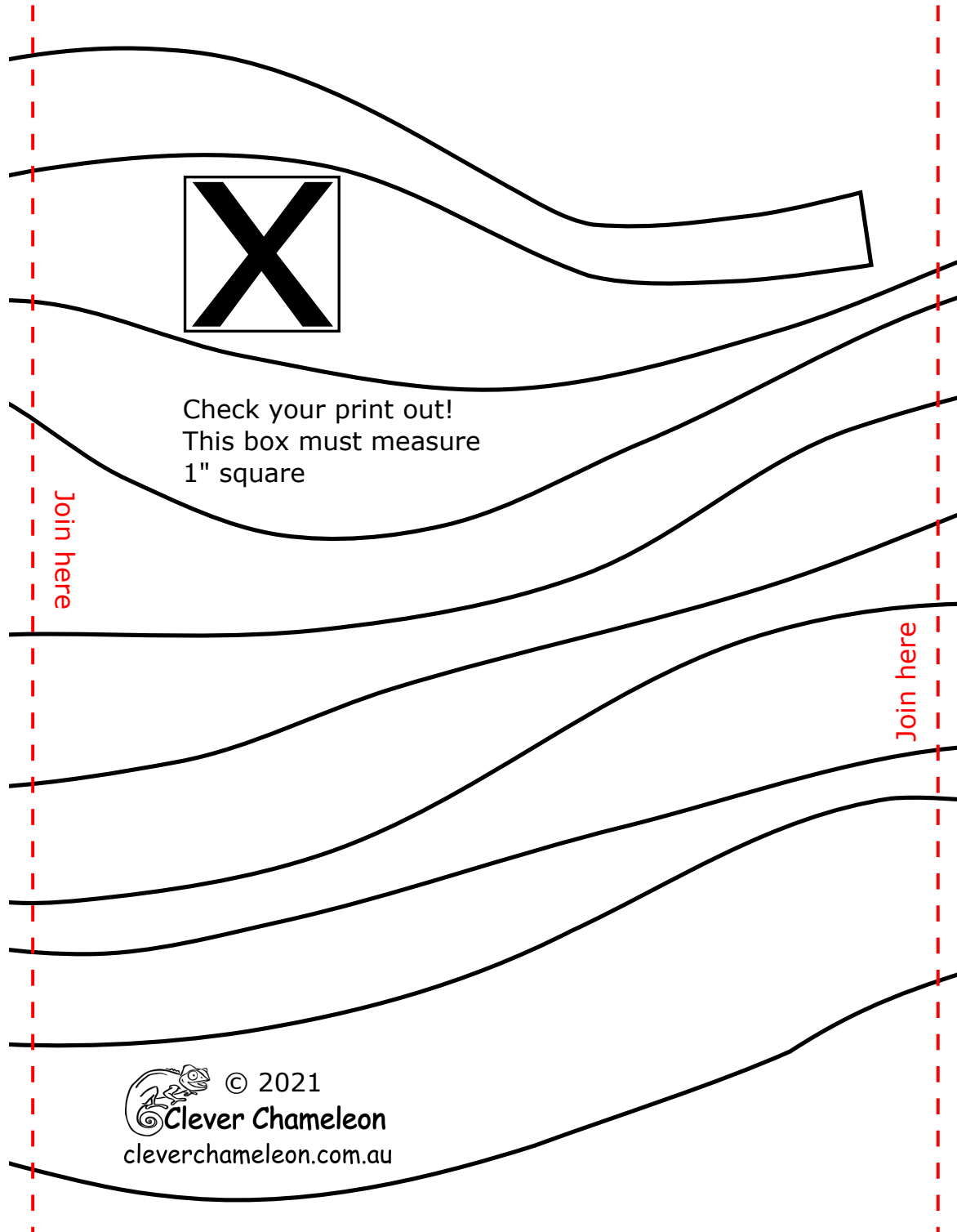


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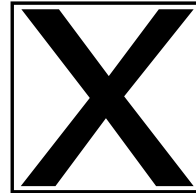
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