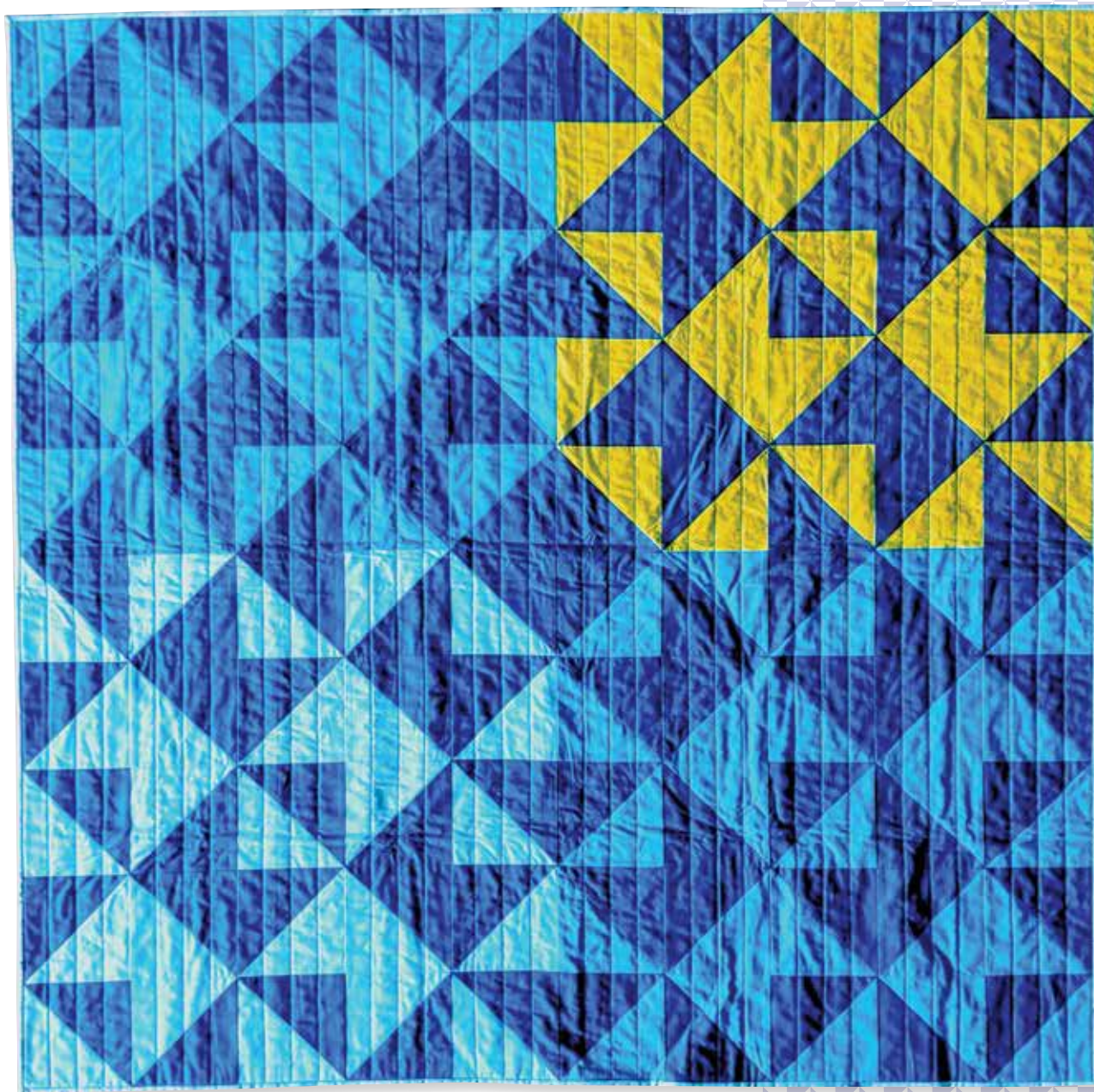


Project

THE ENVELOPED QUILT

by Laura Henneberry



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Finished Size: 50½" x 50½"

The *Enveloped Quilt* plays with the *Magic Quadrant* feature in *PreQuilt*, an online application for designing and visualizing quilts that separates the quilt into four quadrants radiating from the centre. I played with three

different quadrants, but you can play with four if you like, or even two! Don't want to design it on the computer? Use the Colouring Page on page 68 to plan your personalized layout.

Fabric Requirements

Using 5" finished blocks, this pattern includes fabric recommendations, assembly instructions and a Colouring Page. Here are a few helpful tips:

- A water-soluble marking pen and a quarter inch seam marker are helpful tools when making this quilt.
- This pattern uses the two-at-a-time method for constructing the Half Square Triangles (HSTs). Experiment, or use other methods to create more HSTs at a time.

NOTE Do not use these cutting instructions if you are using a different HST construction method.

Four Kona fabrics were used to make this quilt:

- **A** – ¾ m Waterfall (medium blue)
- **B** – ½ m Bright Idea (yellow)
- **C** – ½ m Aqua
- **D** – 1½ m Pacific (dark blue)

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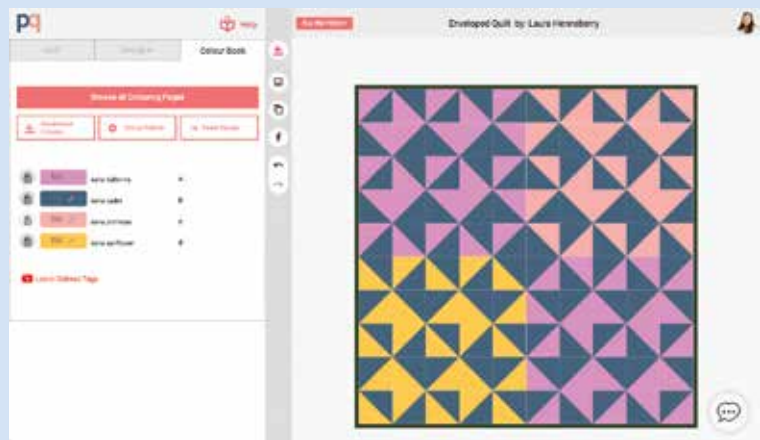
- (25) 6" squares from medium blue fabric (fabric **A**)
- (13) 6" squares from yellow fabric (fabric **B**)
- (13) 6" squares from aqua fabric (fabric **C**)
- (51) 6" squares from dark blue fabric (fabric **D**)

GROUP YOUR FABRIC SQUARES BY HST:

- HST 1 – 25 medium blue (**A**) and 25 dark blue squares (**D**)
- HST 2 – 13 yellow (**B**) and 13 dark blue squares (**D**)
- HST 3 – 13 aqua (**C**) and 13 dark blue squares (**D**) >

PreQuilt (prequilt.com) is an online application for designing and visualizing quilts; read more about it on page 10. Try the interactive digital *Colouring Page* for *The Enveloped Quilt* at app.prequilt.com/market/commonwealthquilts/enveloped when designing your version!

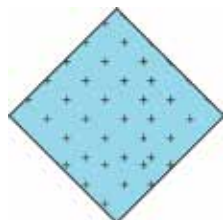
Check out #envelopedquilt on Instagram to see what others are making and watch Karen Brown chat about *PreQuilt* and our challenge on her YouTube channel, *Just Get It Done Quilts!*



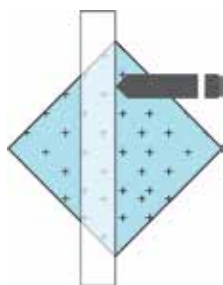
Make Your HST Blocks

1 Sort each group into pairs of one light and one dark fabric.

Collect the lighter of each fabric pair (fabrics **A**, **B** and **C**) and stack them with the wrong side of the fabric facing up.

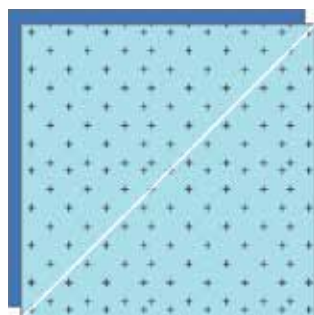


Using a ruler and marking tool (I like to use a water-soluble fabric marker), draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all of the light fabric squares for each HST pair, from one corner of the square to the opposite corner.

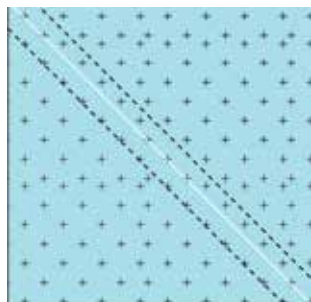


TIP You can also draw a line a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the original line to use as sewing guidelines.

2 Pair each fabric **A** square with a fabric **D** square, right sides together; pin. Repeat with fabrics **B** and **C**. To stay organized, set your HST pairs aside in similar colour groups. You can also use large clips to prevent mixing the blocks.

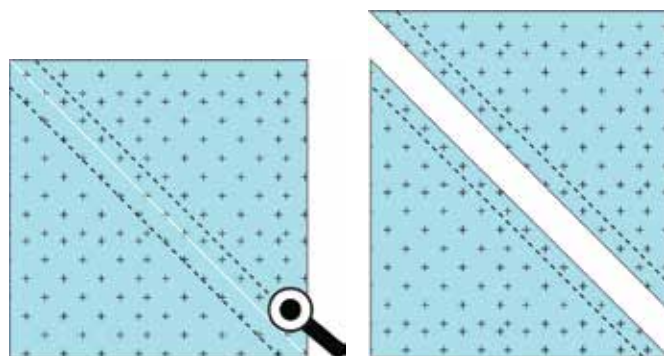


Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the centre diagonal line of each HST pair (along the sewing guides, if you drew them).

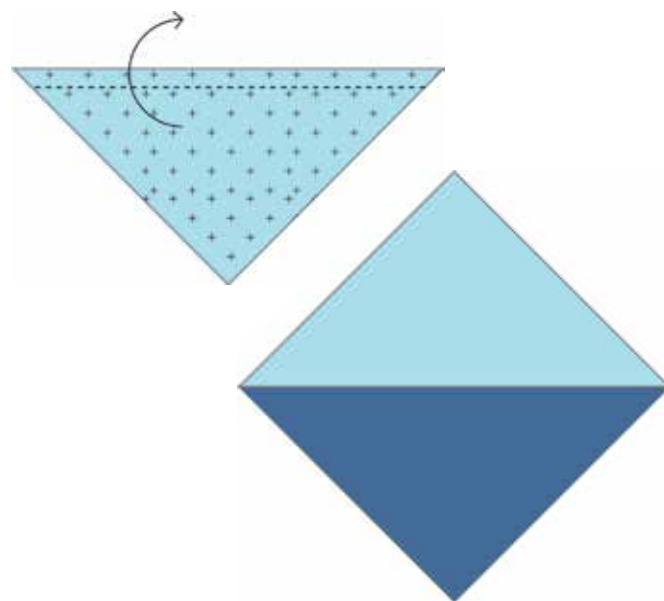


TIP Please ensure that it is a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ ". If your seam allowance is too wide you risk making your HSTs too small.

3 Using a rotary cutter, cut each block in half along the centre line, giving you two mirror image blocks. One half of each block will be fabric **A**, **B** or **C** and the other half of all of the blocks will be fabric **D**. There will be a total of 26 of HST 2 and 26 of HST 3, but you only need 25 of each for the quilt; you should have 50 HST 1, 25 HST 2 and 25 HST 3 blocks. Remember to keep your HSTs organized.



4 Unfold the blocks and press the seams open. Trim each HST to $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



TIP When trimming, you will need a square ruler that is the same size or larger than the square that you desire. Align your ruler so the 45° angle marker is aligned evenly along your seam.

Assembly

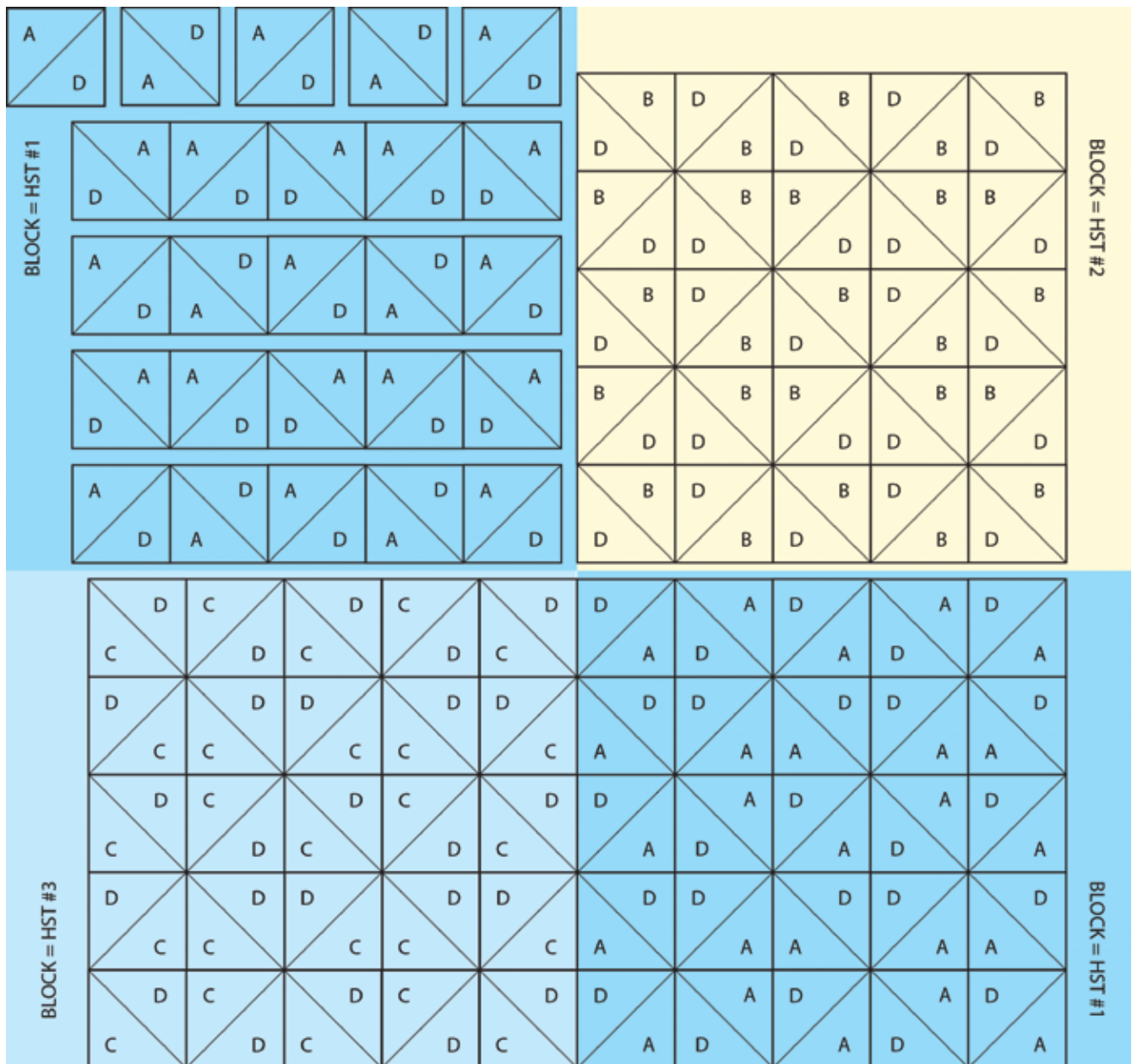
Using the diagram below, lay out your HSTs and sew them together into four quadrants. Keep in mind that each quadrant is 5 HSTs wide by 5 HSTs high.

TIP Alternate the direction that you press the seams by row to help them nest for easy assembly.

Sew the quadrants together and you're finished!

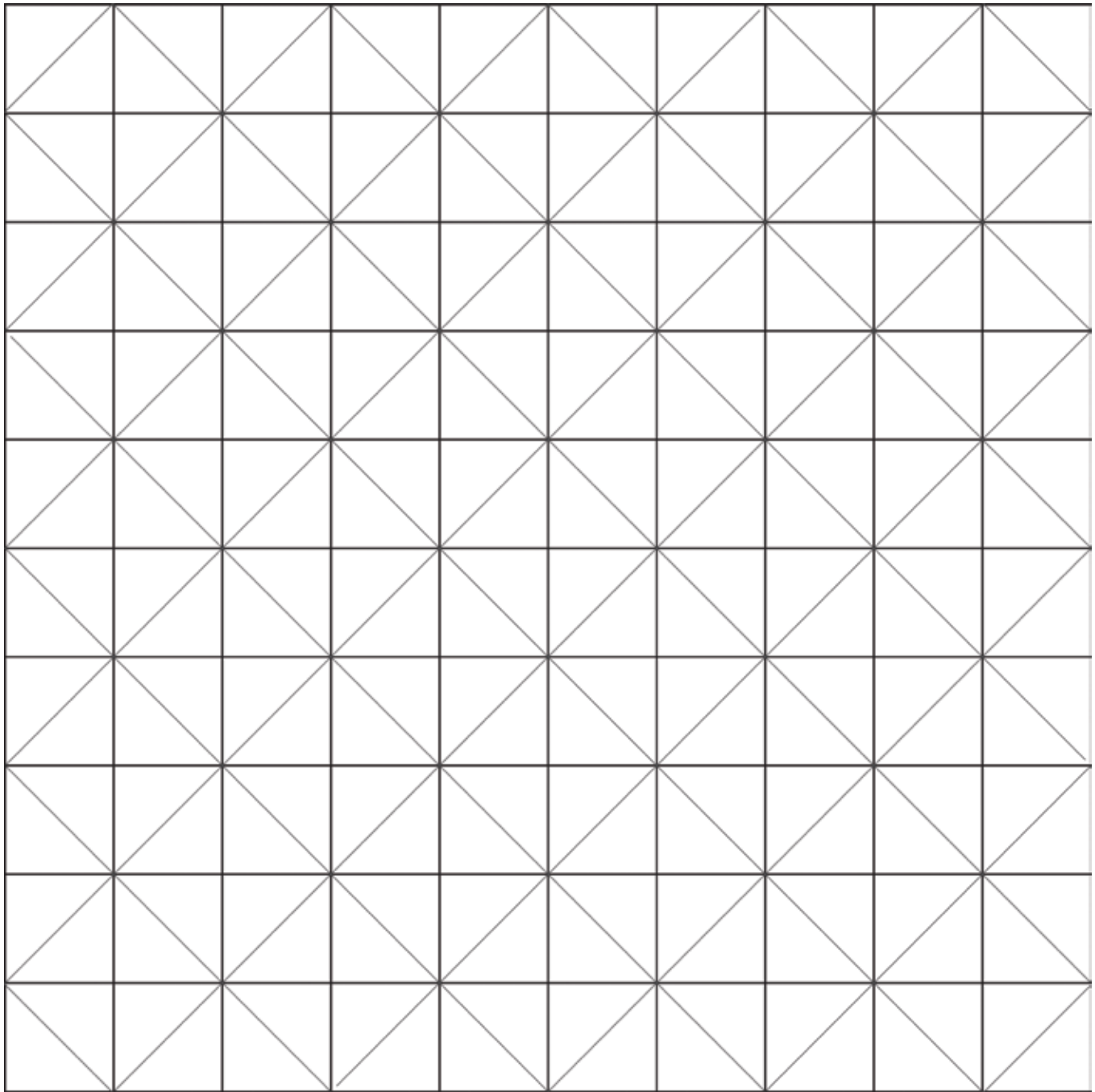
TIP To reduce bulk on the back of your quilt, press the seams between the quadrants open.

Quilt and bind as desired. >



Colouring Page

Use this page to help visualize your colour options and layout. ✨



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