

The Red Boots

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The applique block finishes at 18" x 18".

If you add the borders to make it a wallhanging, it finishes at 24" x 24".

I recommend that you read through all the instructions before beginning.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Solid white for applique background: 5/8 yard

Red for boots and border: 1/2 yard

Darker red for boots: 1 fat quarter

Brown: 1 fat quarter

Black: 1 fat eighth (11" x 18")

Feel free to make your boots any colors you wish. If you don't like two reds so close to each other, choose other colors instead. Mine was commissioned, so I had to do mine this way.



INSTRUCTIONS

For the applique background, cut a 20" x 20" square.

Print out the 3 pages of the applique pattern.

Make sure that the 1" gauge measures 1" when printed, or your pattern will be the wrong size. If it's too big, reduce the print percentage. If it's too small, increase the print percentage.

Tape the 3 sections of the applique pattern together on the dotted lines to make the complete block design.

Applique the pieces to the background fabric in numerical order, using your preferred method of applique. If you use the fusible method, you will need to reverse the templates.

When finished with the applique, add the embroidery. Since I used two reds on top of each other, I wanted them to stand out more, so I outlined each red applique piece with an outline stitch using brown embroidery floss.

For further embellishment, I used brown floss and a running stitch to emphasize each piece. These lines are marked on the pattern with red dashed lines. The red solid lines on the pattern indicate where I used brown floss and a backstitch to add more detail. If you're using more contrasting colors, you may not wish to do that much embroidery. The choice is yours.

When you're all done with the embroidery, press the piece gently from the back side. Trim the block to 18 1/2" square.

If you need more instruction on applique, please visit either of my blogs:

prairiemoonquilts.wordpress.com
hazelsdiary.wordpress.com

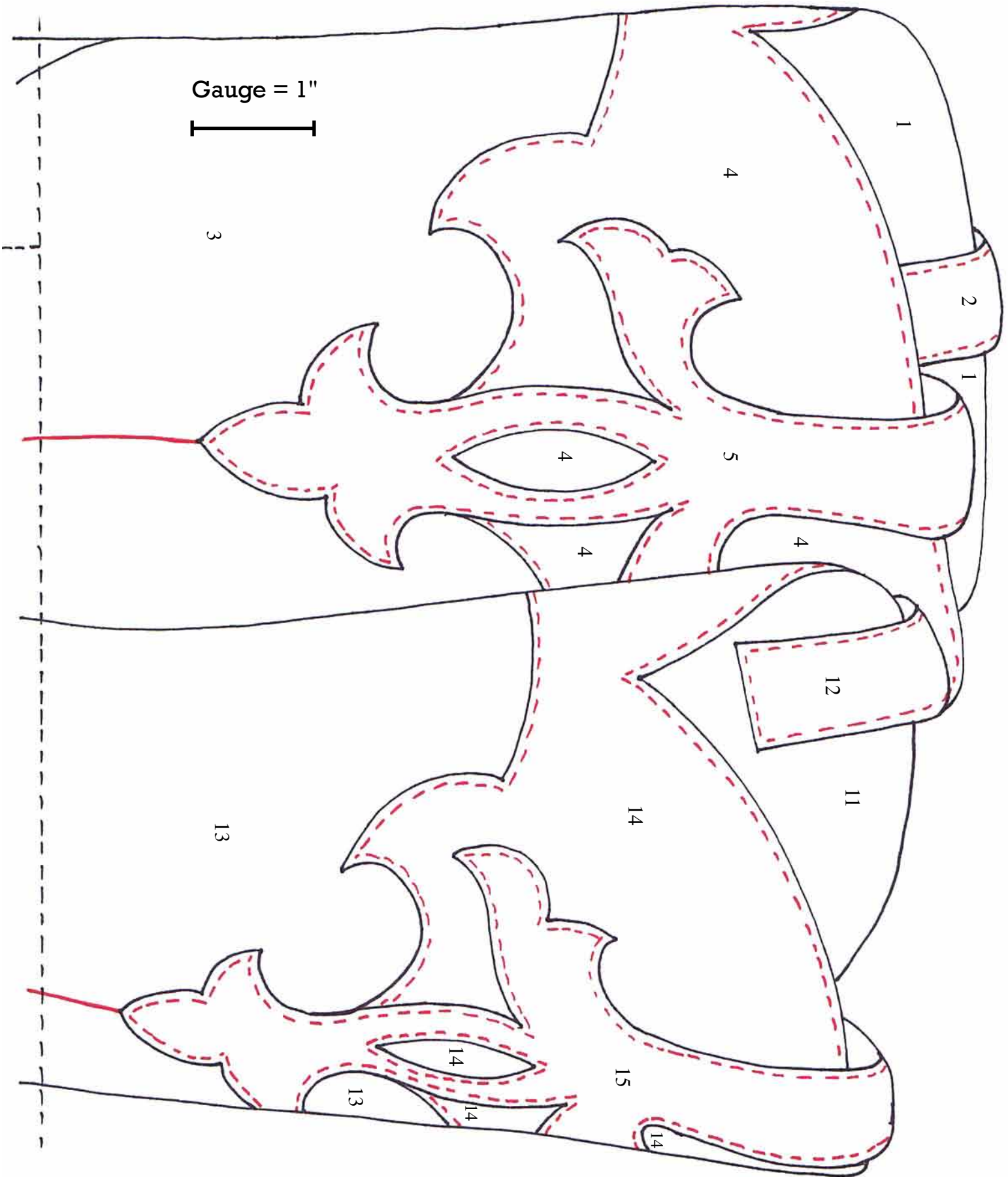
Click on the Tutorials category on either blog, and you will find tutorials for various stages of the needle-turn applique process.

To frame the block for a wallhanging, from the red border fabric, cut:

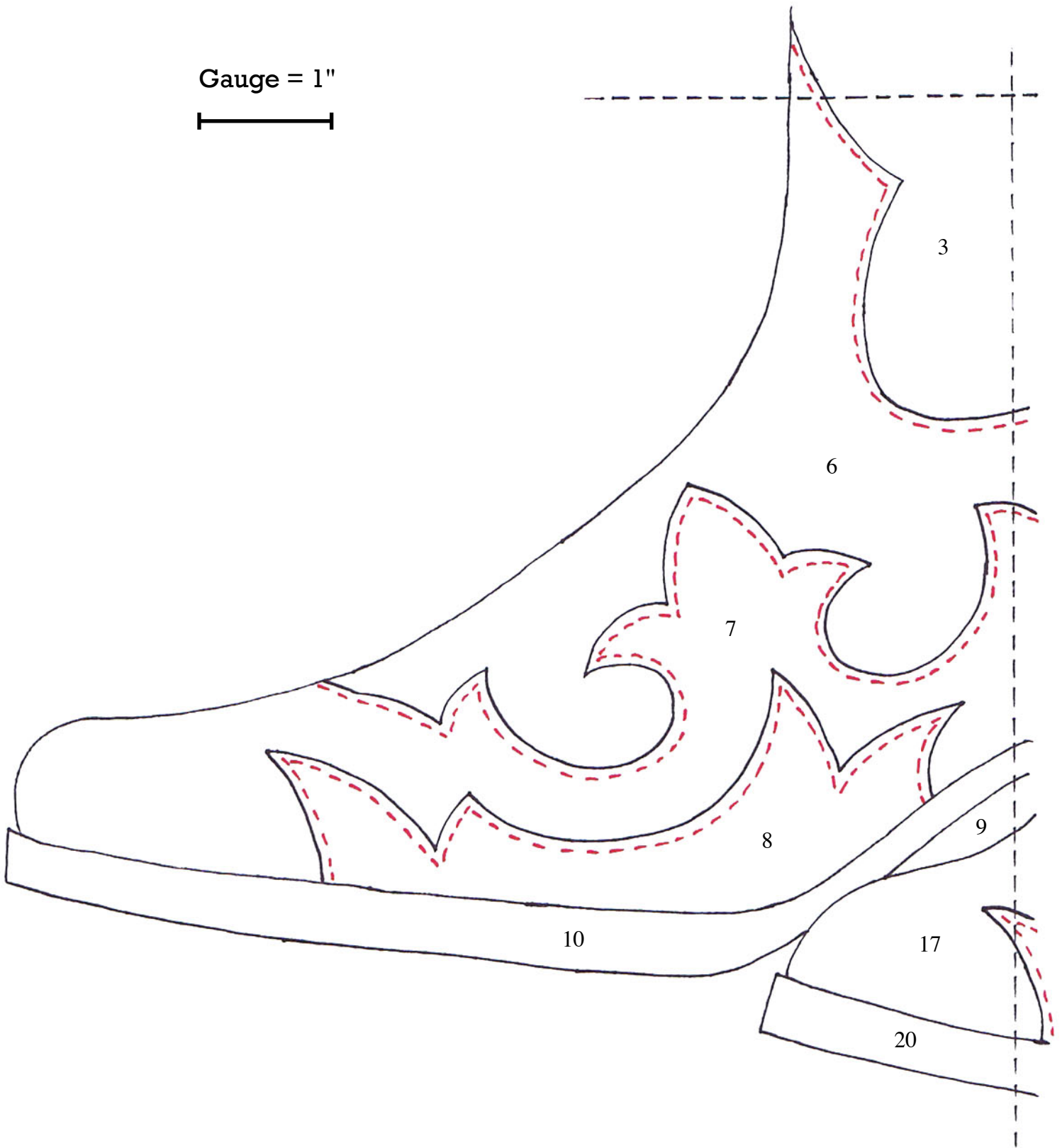
2 strips 3 1/2" x 18 1/2"

2 strips 3 1/2" x 24 1/2"

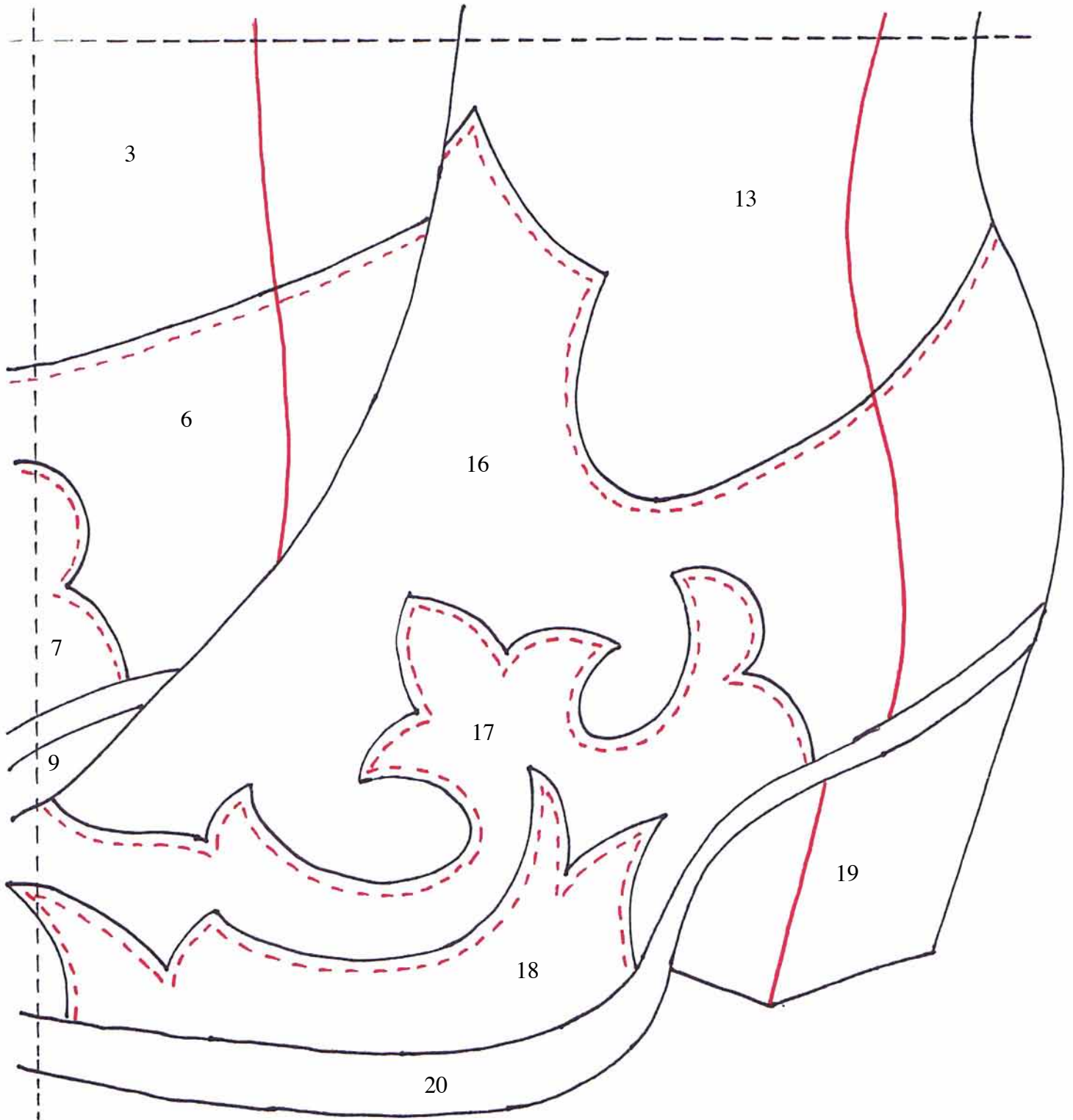
Add the short strips to the sides of the block, pressing seams toward the strips. Add the long strips to the top and bottom, pressing seams toward the strips. You're now ready to quilt and bind!



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This block, with the frame added, fits perfectly into the center of my “Lil Cowpokes” quilt, so if you want to make a quilt as shown below, just pick up that pattern and you’re all set.

