

Printing Instructions

- Don't print pages 1 and 2.
- Print first the odd (front) pages, then the even (back) pages.
- For easy printing, blank pages were inserted as the even (back) page of pages that didn't need one.
- Pages 3 to 6 have the manual on one side, and instructions to be folded into a box on the other side.



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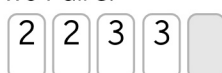
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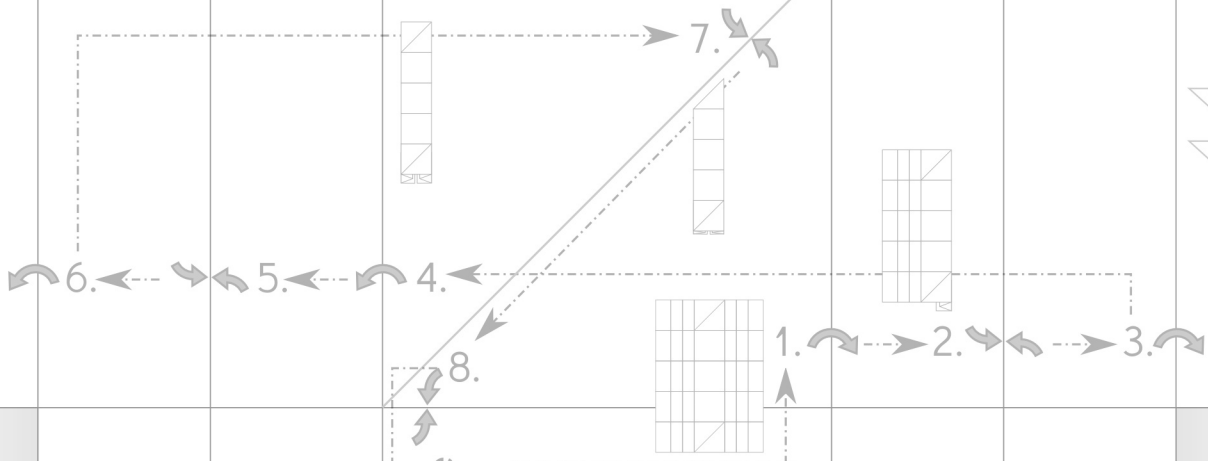
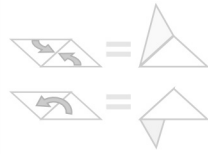


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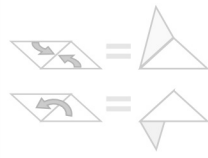


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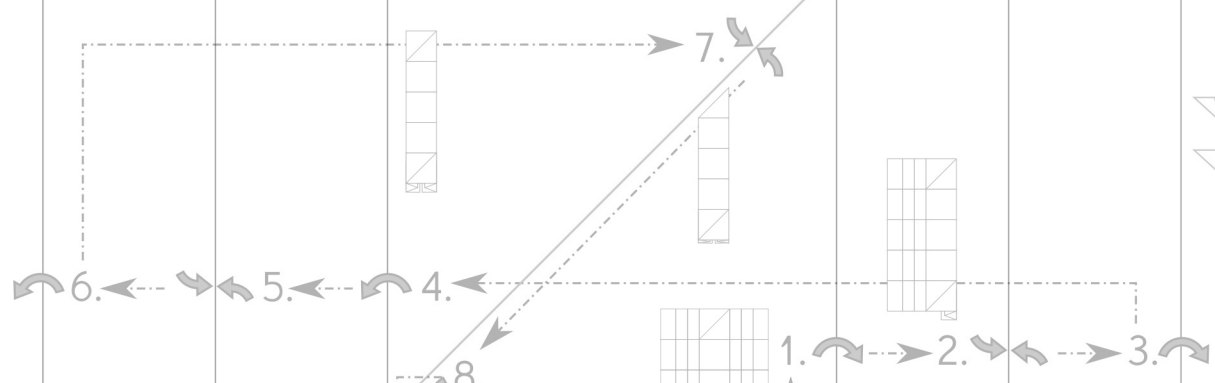


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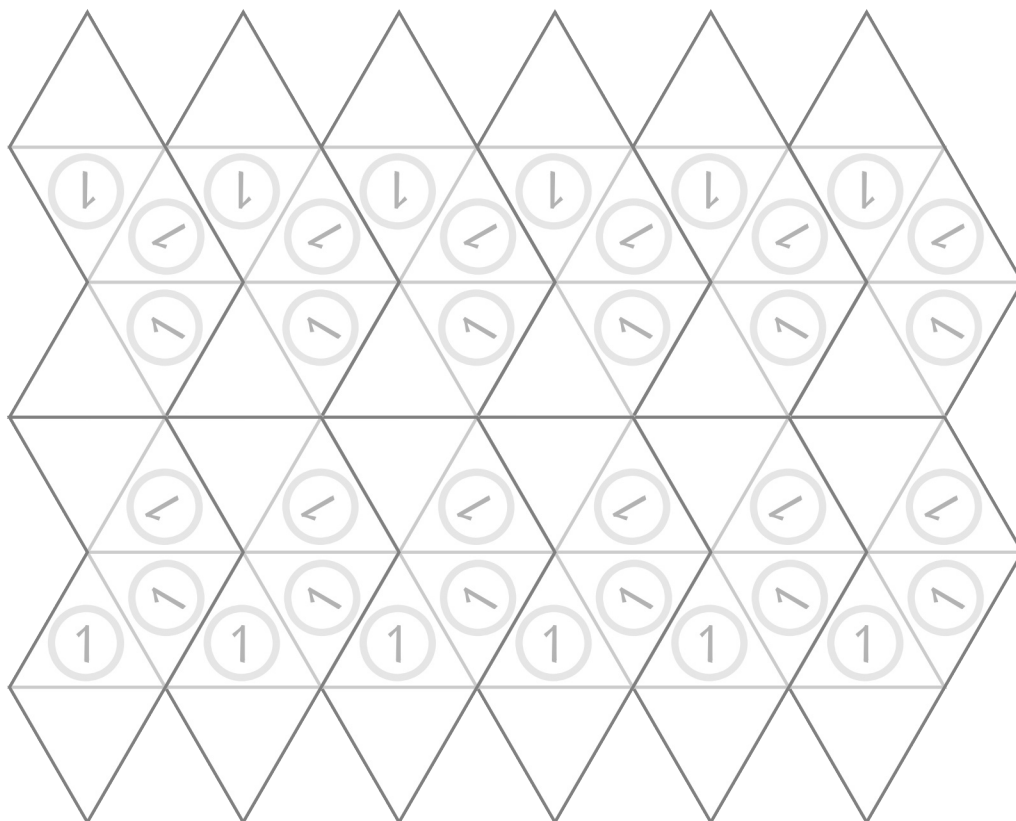
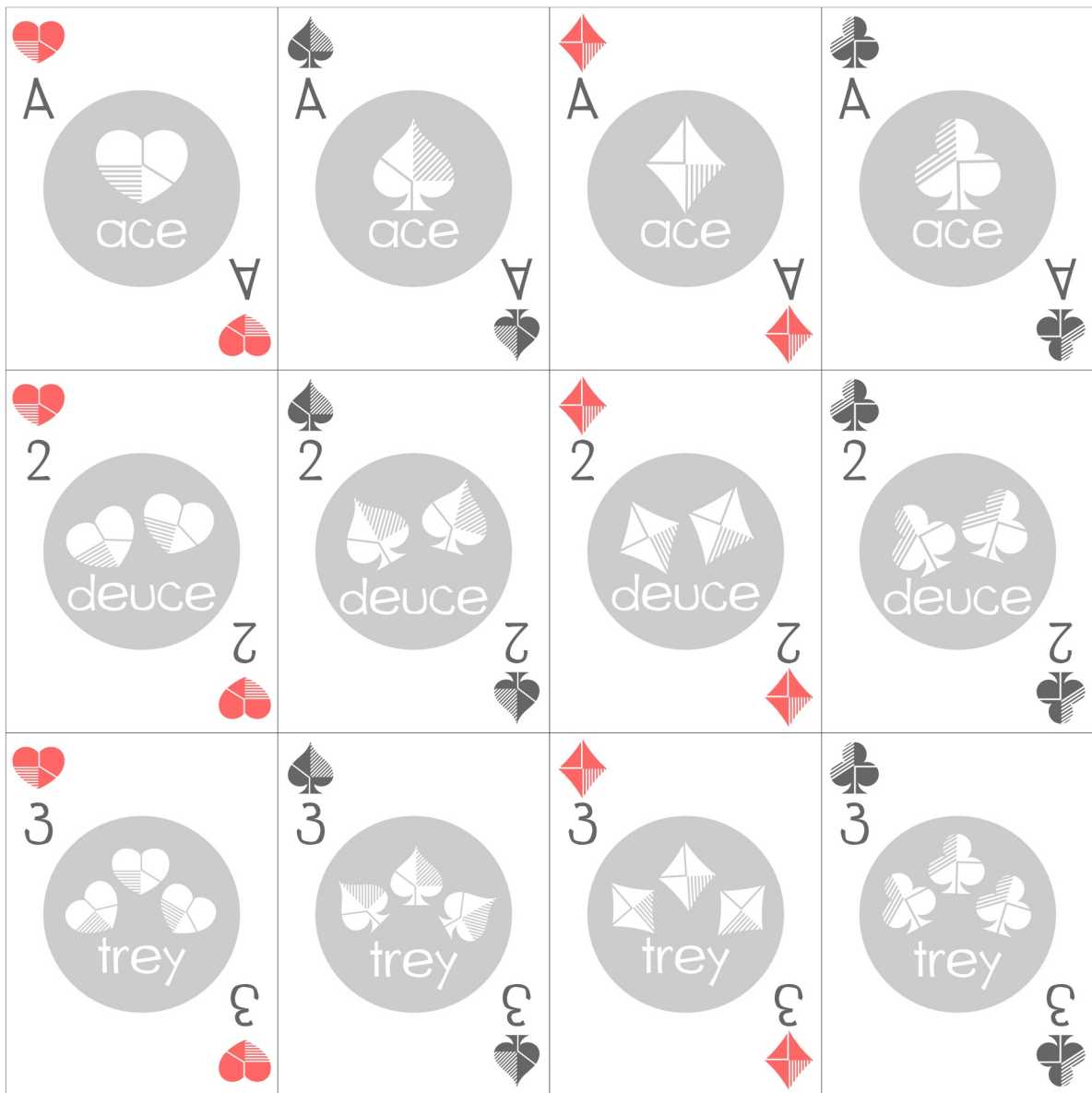
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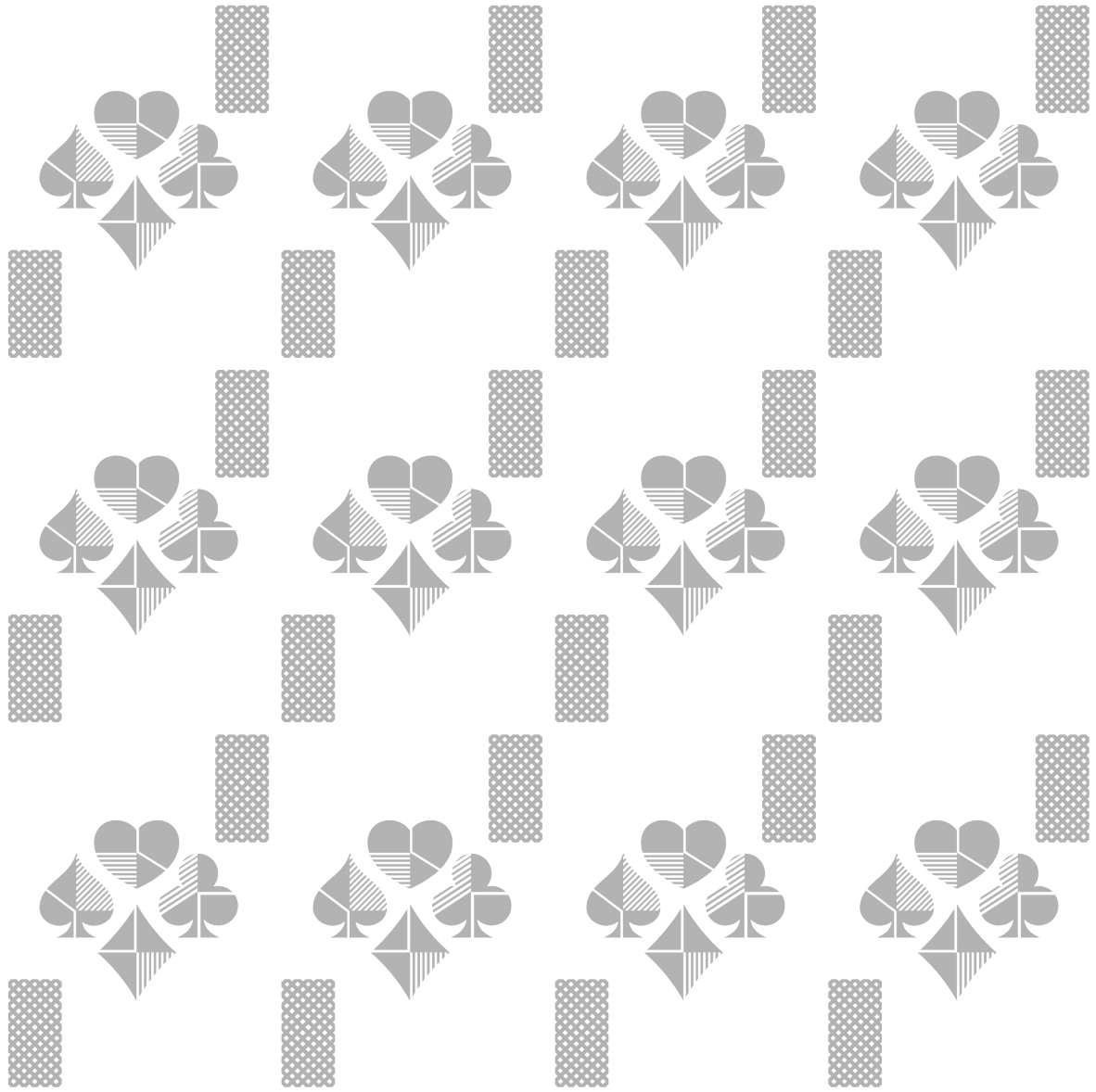


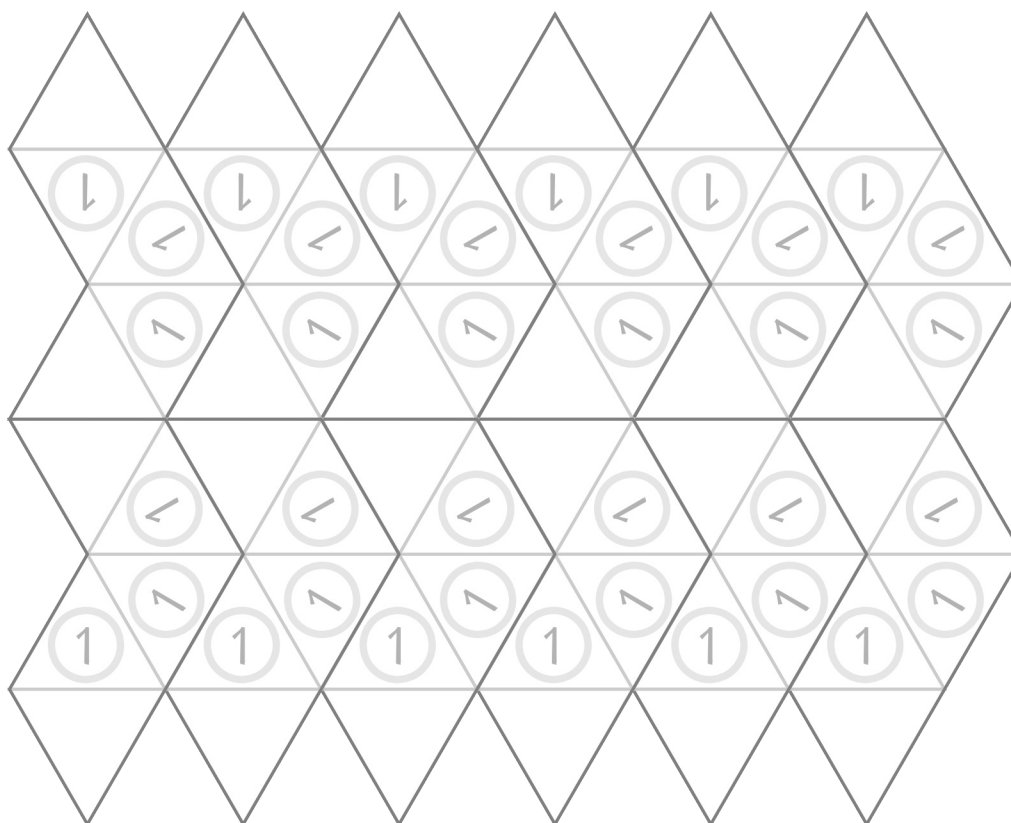
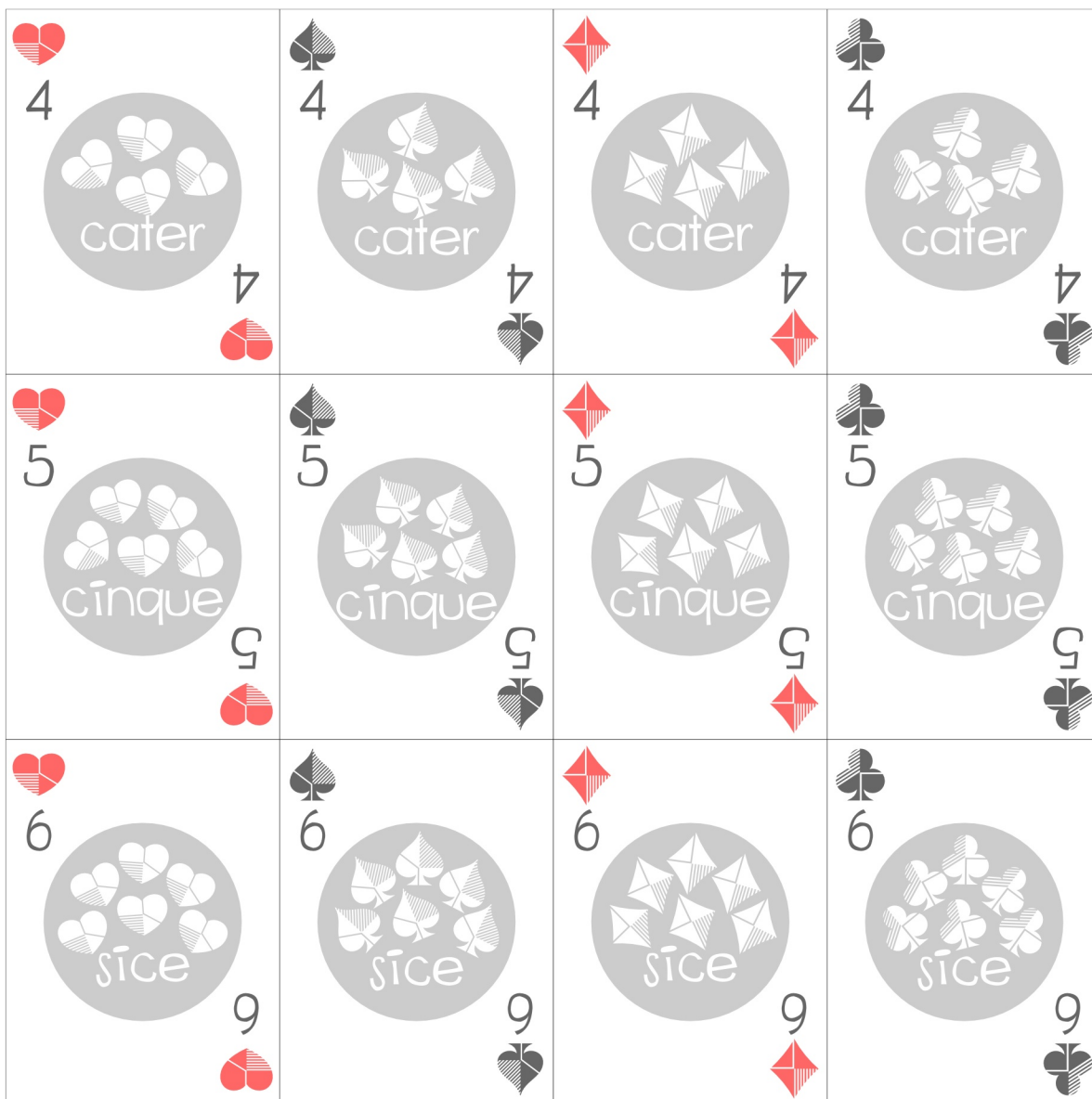
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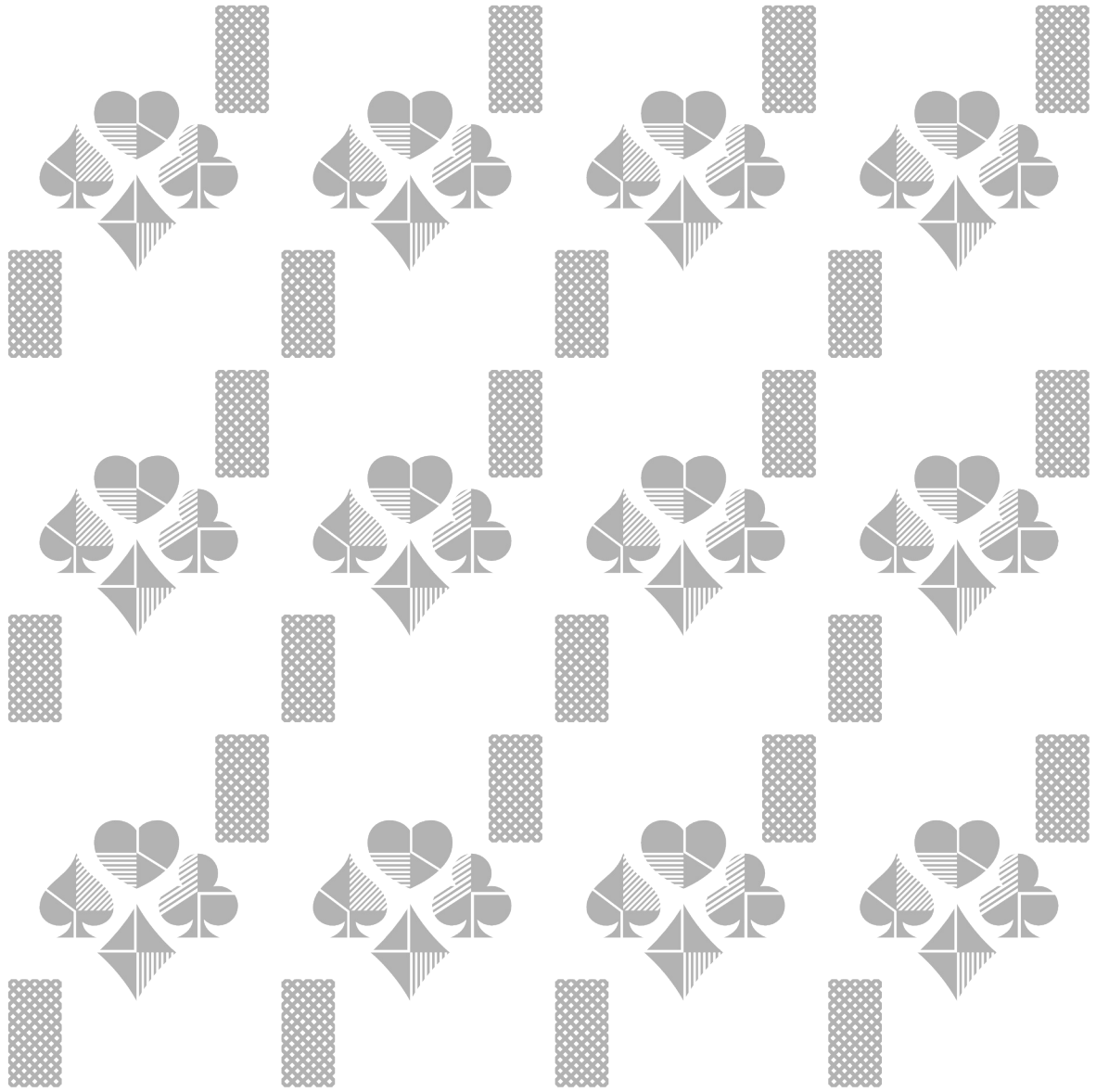
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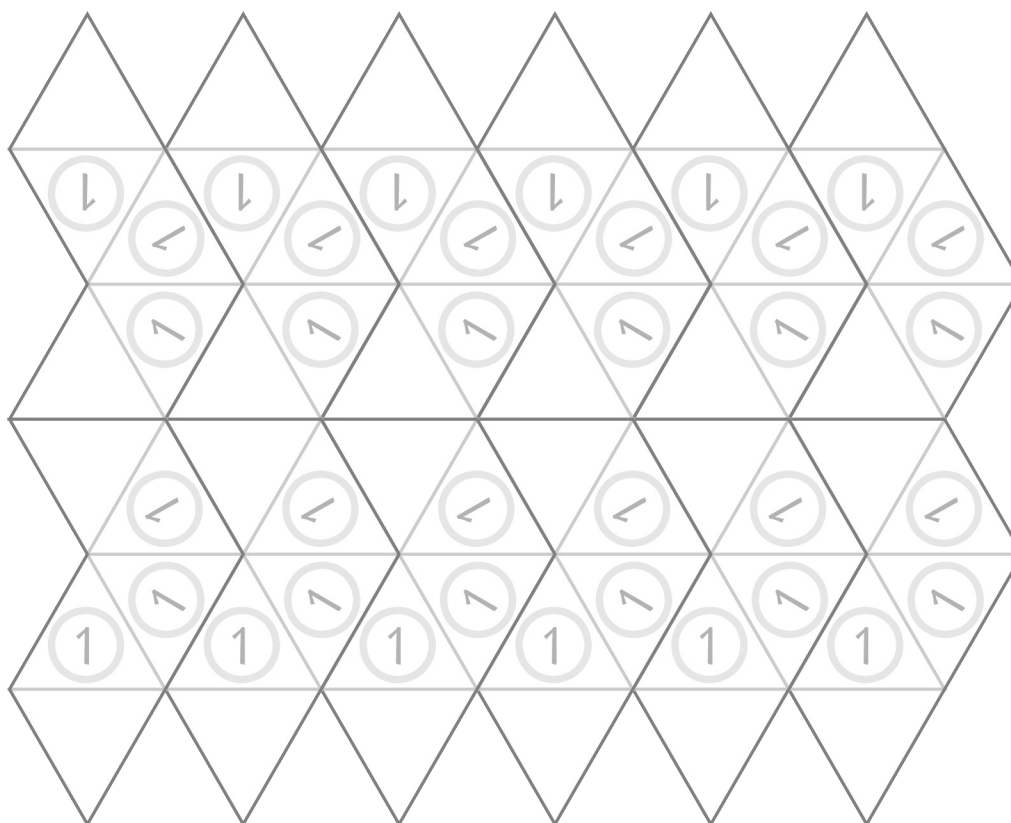
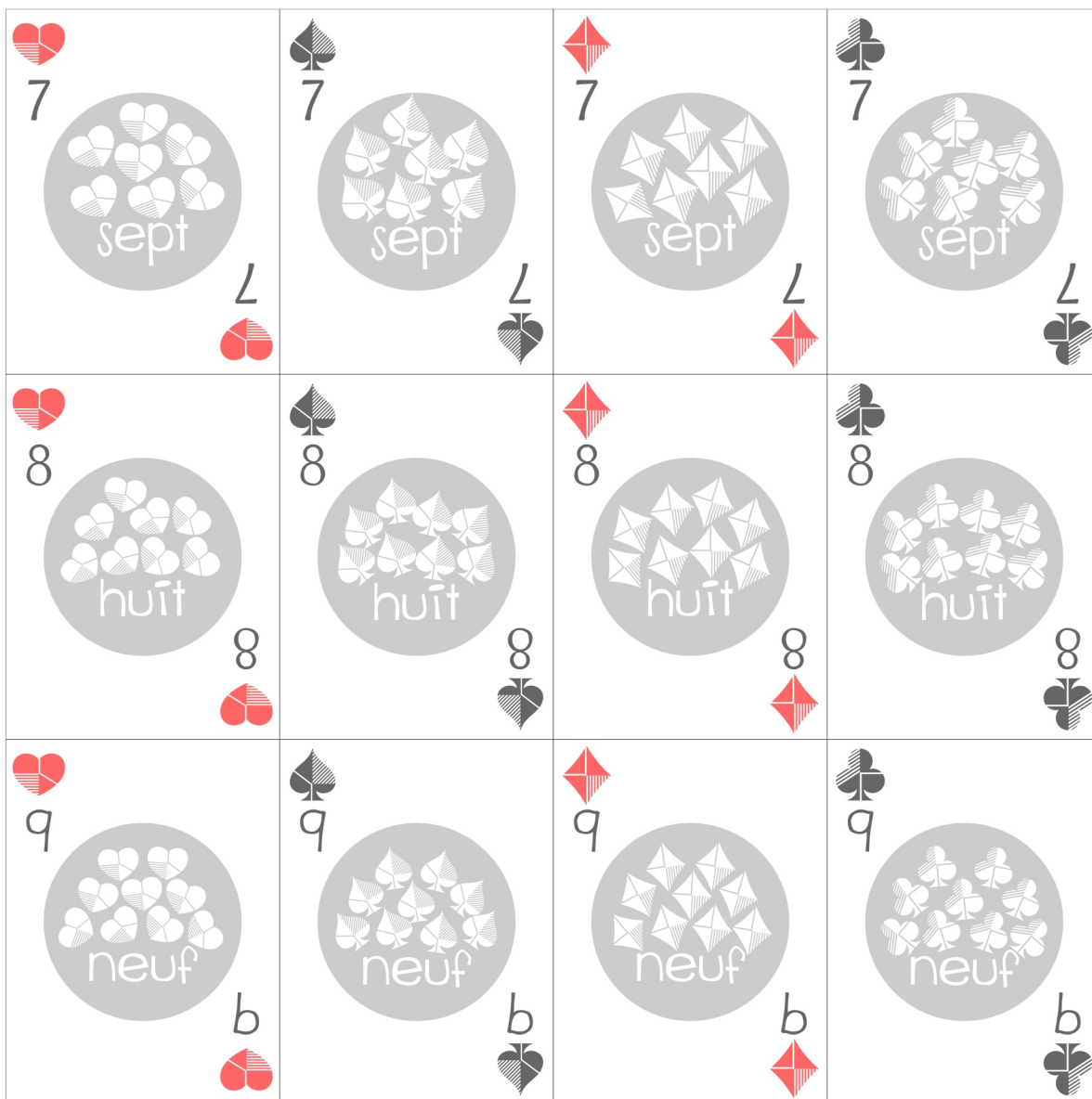


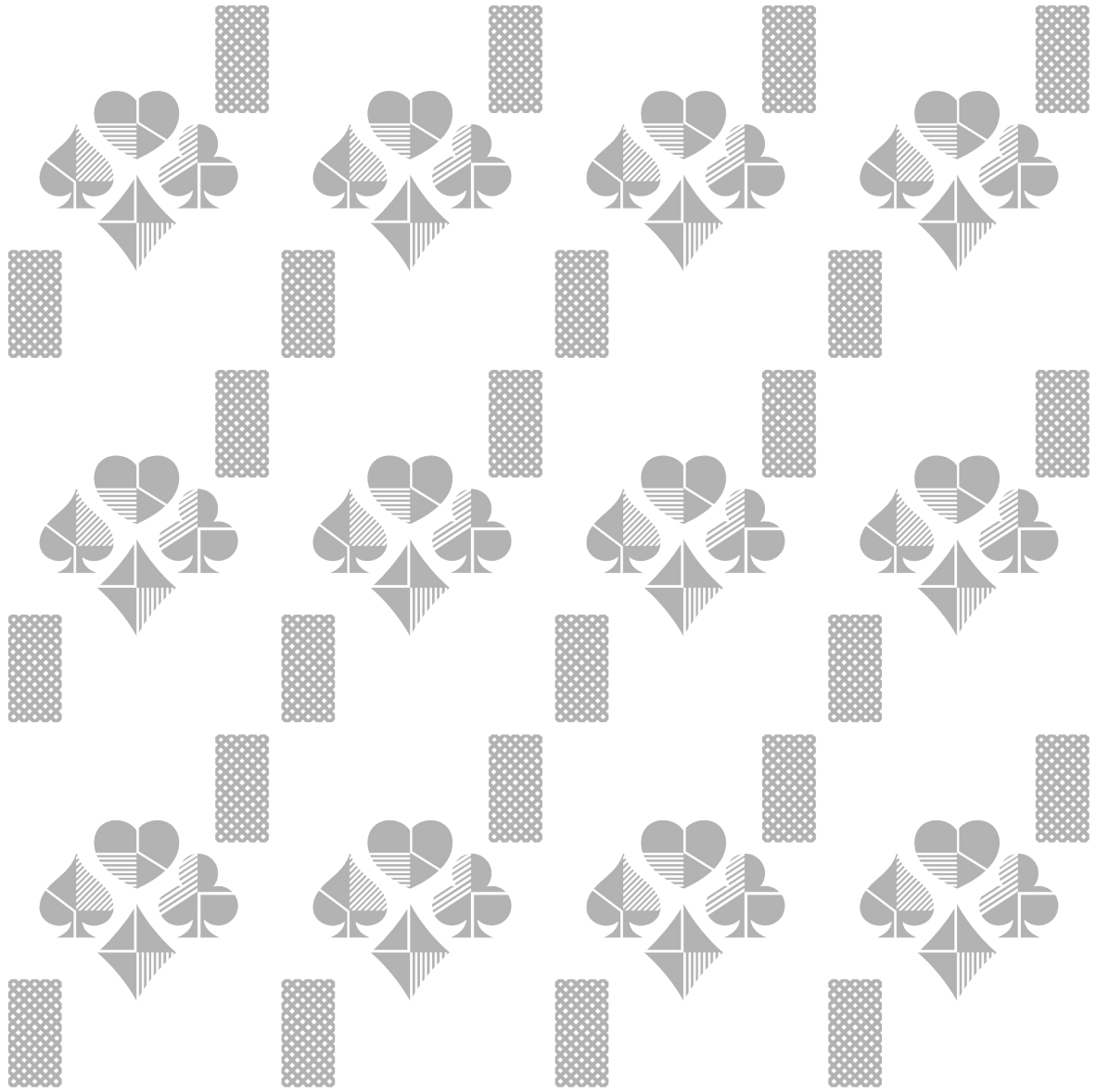








































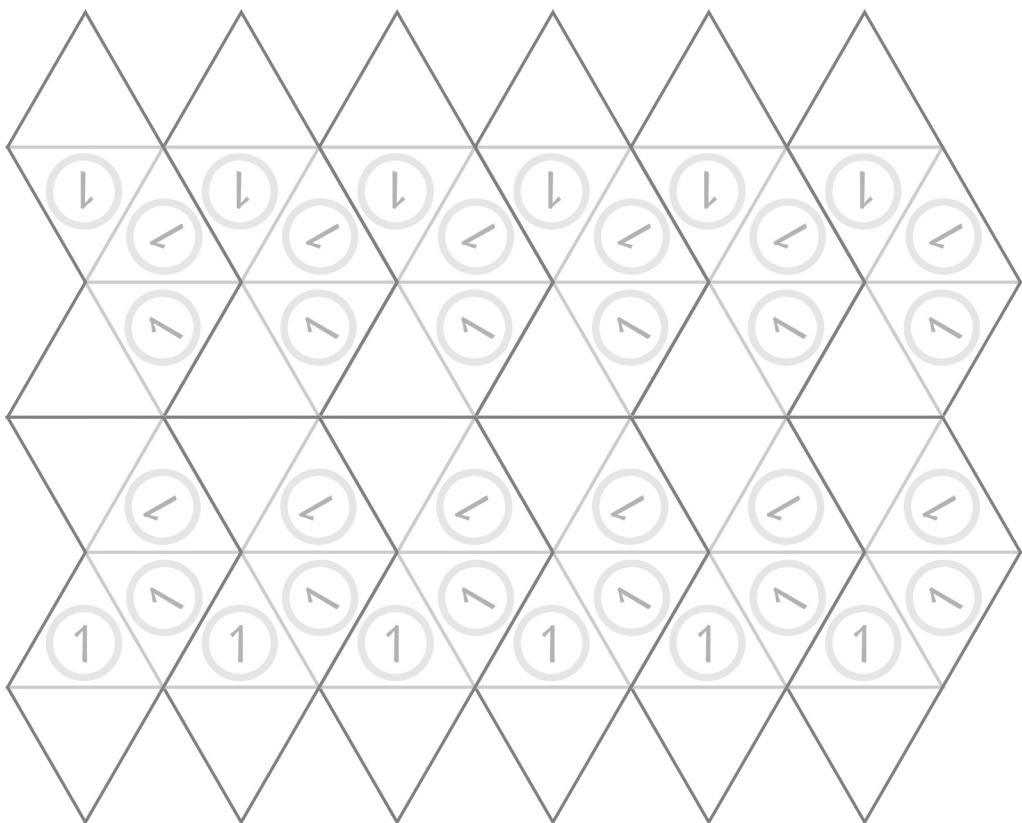


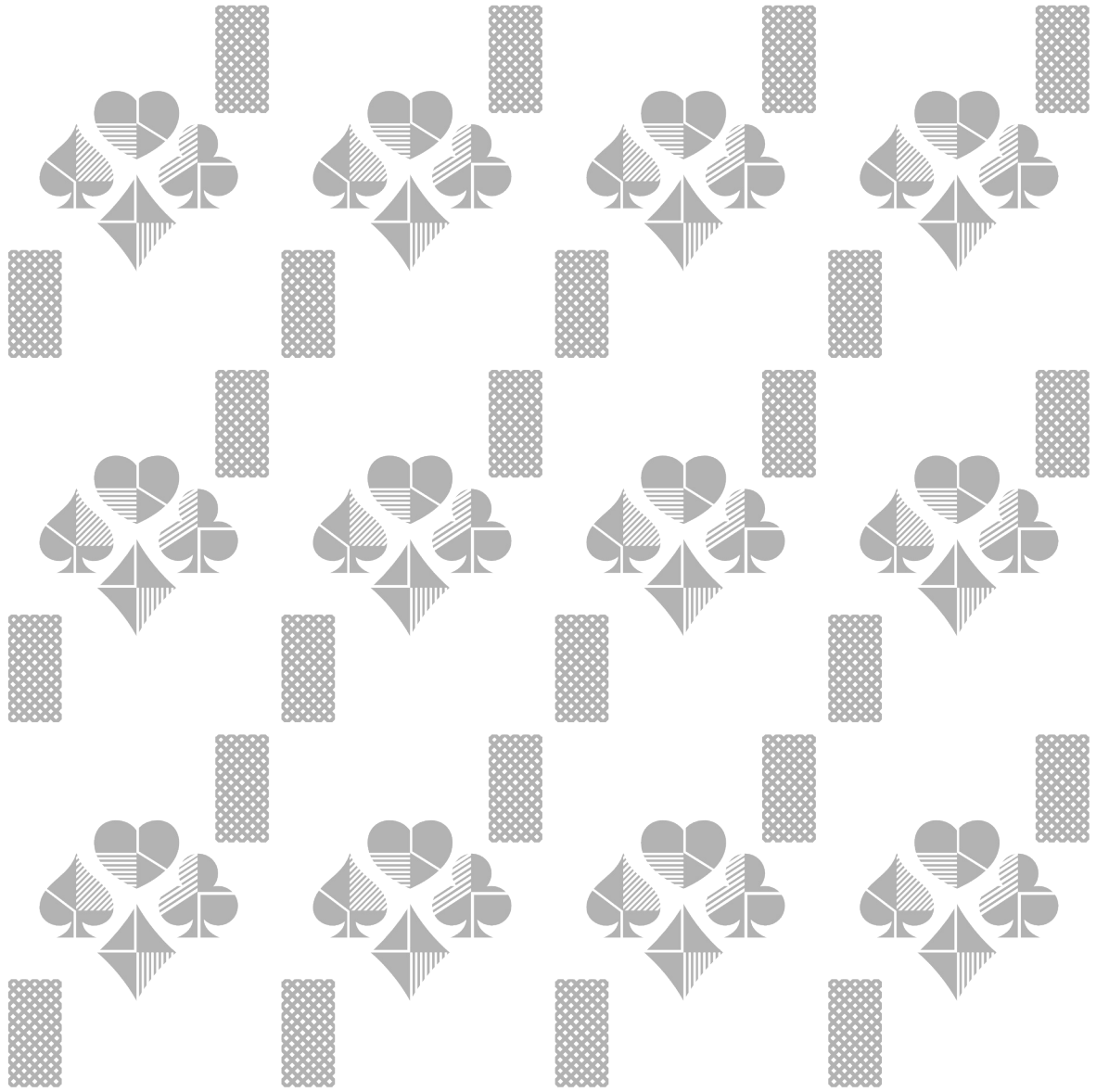


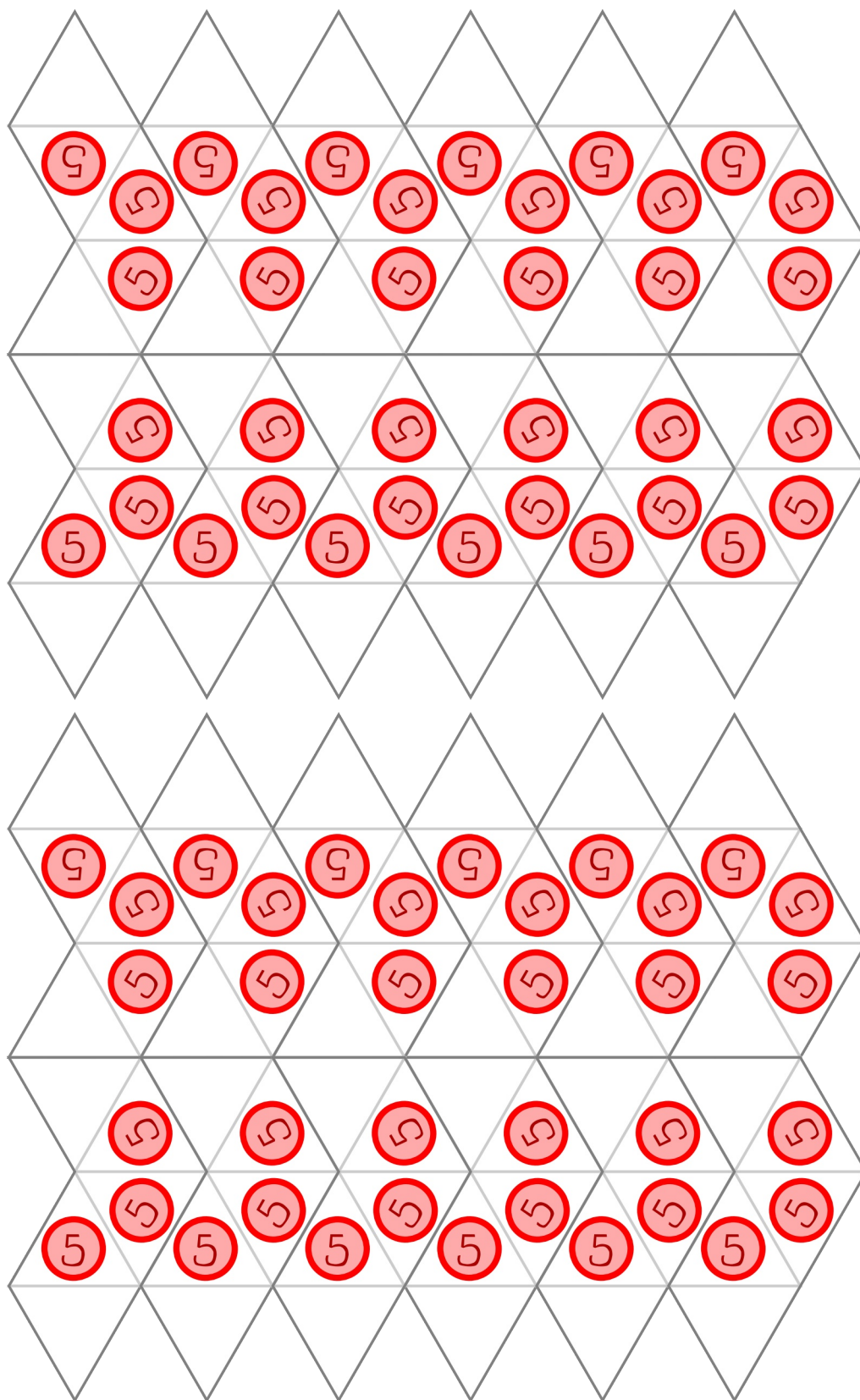
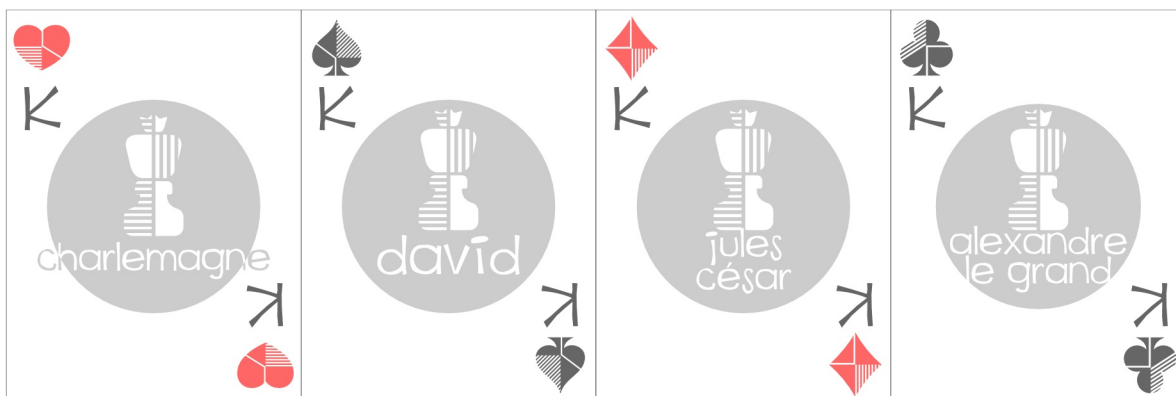


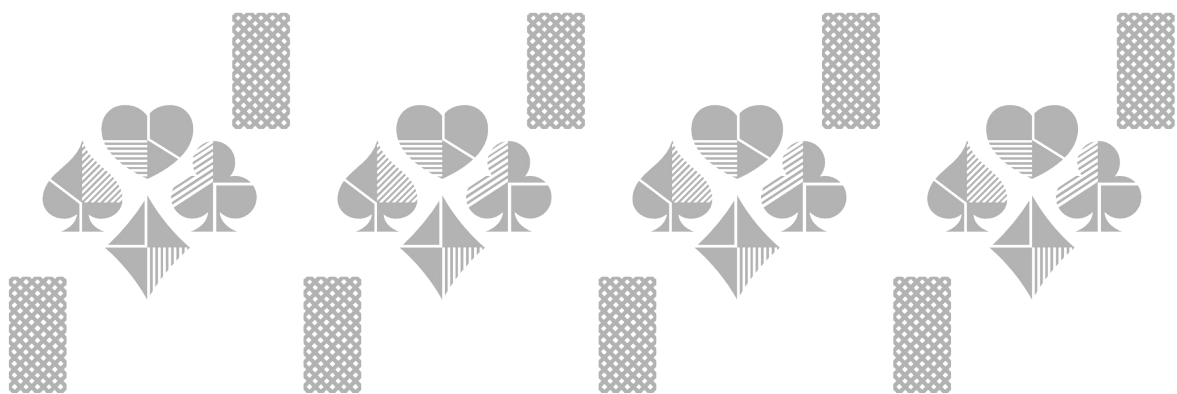


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