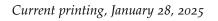
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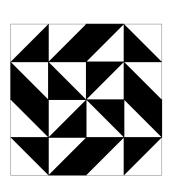
4X4 PATTERNS WITH ROTATIONAL SYMMETRY



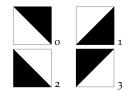
Introduction

Truchet tiles are, traditionally, square tiles that are divided by a diagonal line, and coloured with two colours with a different colour on either side of the diagonal. Each tile can be rotated to one of four positions. Patterns are formed by placing tiles next to each other, often rotating tiles to create repeated motifs. This booklet presents a complete listing of 4x4 Truchet tile patterns with rotational symmetry (256 patterns). tiles Treating these 4x4 tile patterns as tiles themselves allows for larger decorative patterns to be built. Interesting relationships among the 4x4 tiles patterns and within the larger patterns created with them can be observed.

Each 4x4 Truchet tile pattern with rotational symmetry has a core 2x2 pattern in one of its quadrants that is rotated to produce the overall pattern. In this booklet, the core pattern is assumed to be in the lower left. Each pattern can identified as a sequence of 4 digits *abcd* that list the rotational positions of each tile in the lower left quadrant.



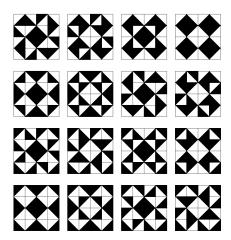
The 0011 pattern



а	ь	Э	я
С	d	р	q
b	d	р	C
a	С	q	а

Pattern families

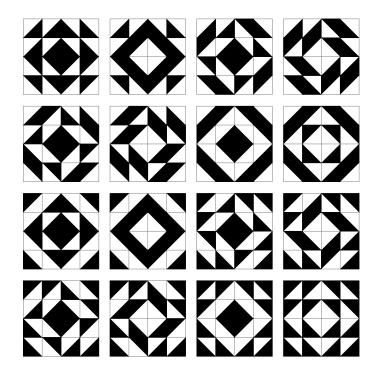
We can group the 4x4 Truchet tile patterns with rotational symmetry into families where tile patterns are considered to be in the same family if they would look the same without colour – if each corresponding tile shares the same diagonal direction. The sequence that represents the family of a tile pattern can be found by taking the sequence of the tile pattern *modulo* 2. So, for example, the 16 tile patterns below are all members of the o110 family.



The 0110 pattern family

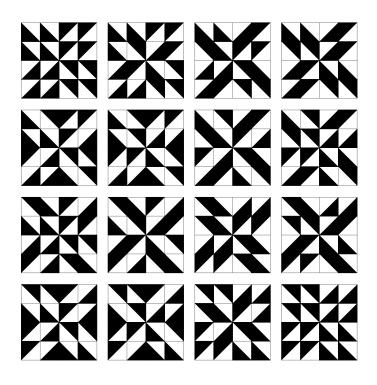


The 0110 family pattern



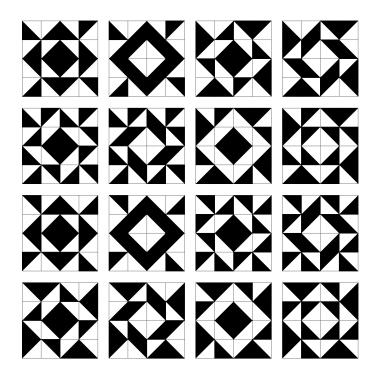


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2200	2202	2220	2222



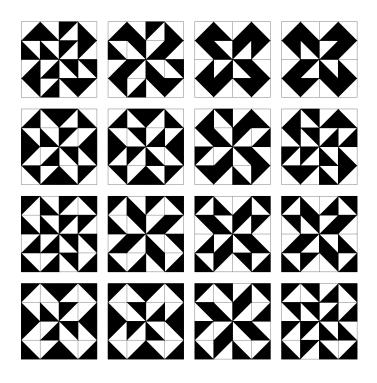


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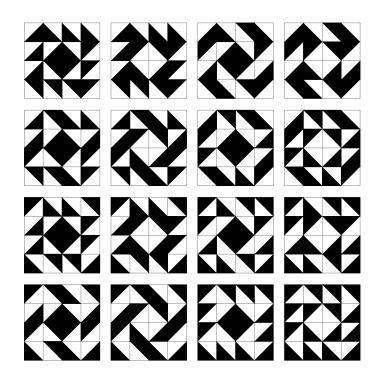


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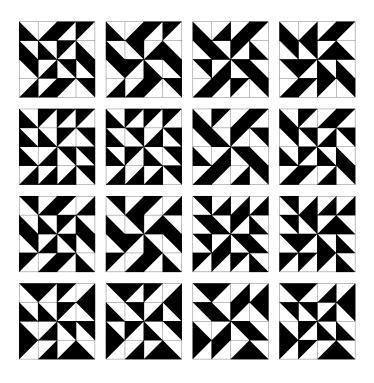


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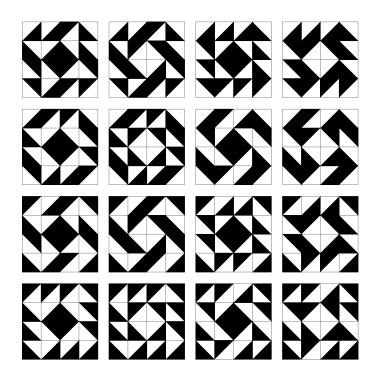


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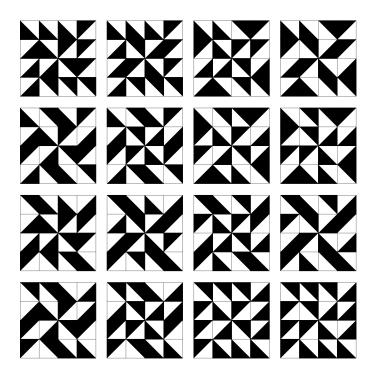


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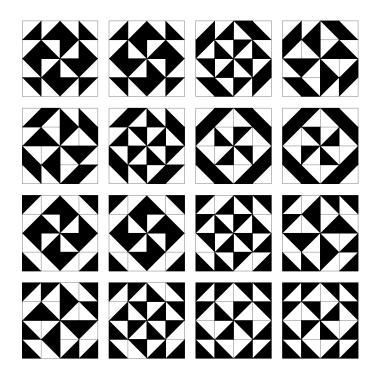


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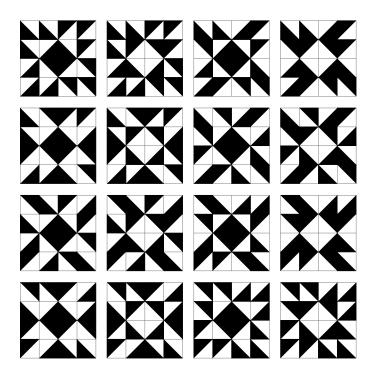


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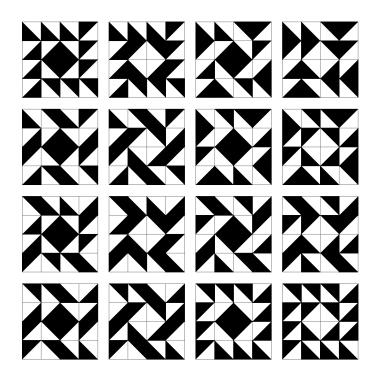


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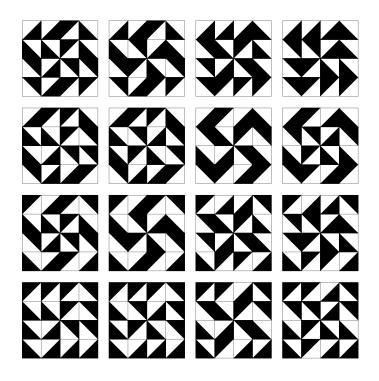


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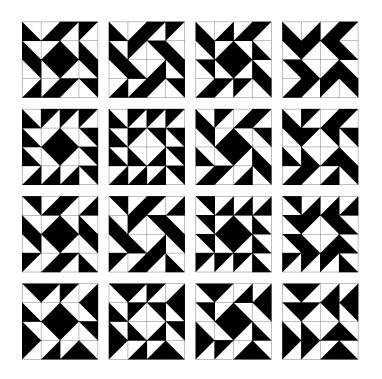


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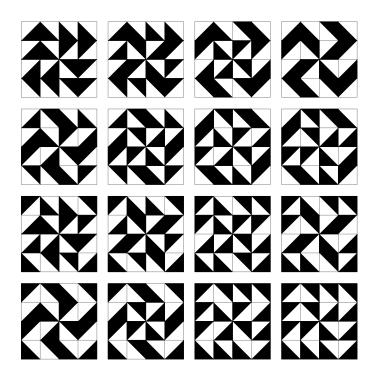


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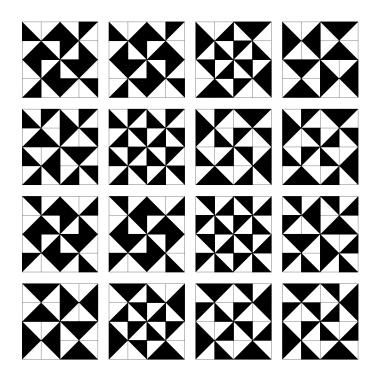


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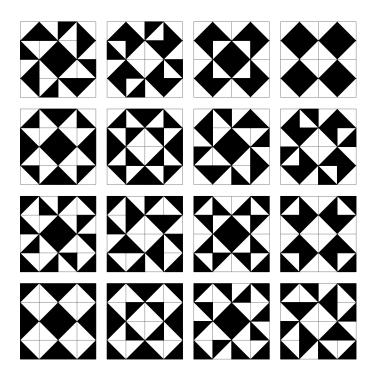


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1001	1003	1021	1023
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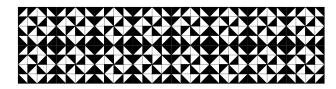


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Friezes of Truchet patterns

Each 4x4 Truchet pattern can be treated like a tile and used in a larger pattern. A *frieze* is a horizontal strip of the same tile pattern repeated. Friezes of 4x4 Truchet pattern tiles with rotational symmetry can be quite striking, and have some interesting characteristics.

In frieze of more than one row of a primary tile reveals a secondary tile pattern that appears as another horizontal strip of 4x4 Truchet tile patterns nestled between the rows of primary tiles. Below, a frieze of 2223 tiles has a secondary pattern of 1000 tiles.







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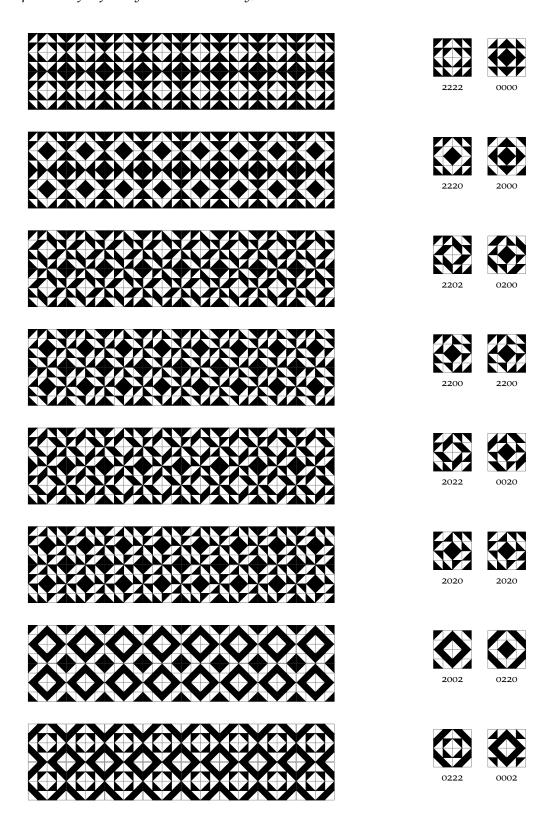
Frieze patterns made from tiles of a particular family will have secondary tiles that also have rotational symmetry and that are from the same family. For example, frieze patters from the family 0001 will have secondary patterns from the family 1000.

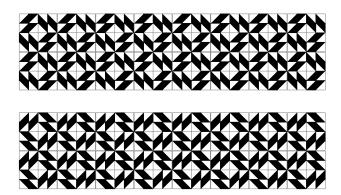
You can compute the secondary frieze tile pattern of a given tile by reversing the digits of the tile label and adding 2 to each digit, modulo 4. This is because the label of the secondary frieze tile pattern comes from the top right corner of the primary tile pattern.

If tile *t* is the primary tile in a frieze pattern and *s* is the secondary, then *t* will be the secondary tile in the frieze pattern formed by *s*. This effectively reduces the total number of unique frieze patterns to 136, these patterns are shown on the pages that follow.

а	b	Э	g
0	d	р	q
b	d	d	C
a	С	b	а

Frieze patterns for family 0000 (secondary, 0000)





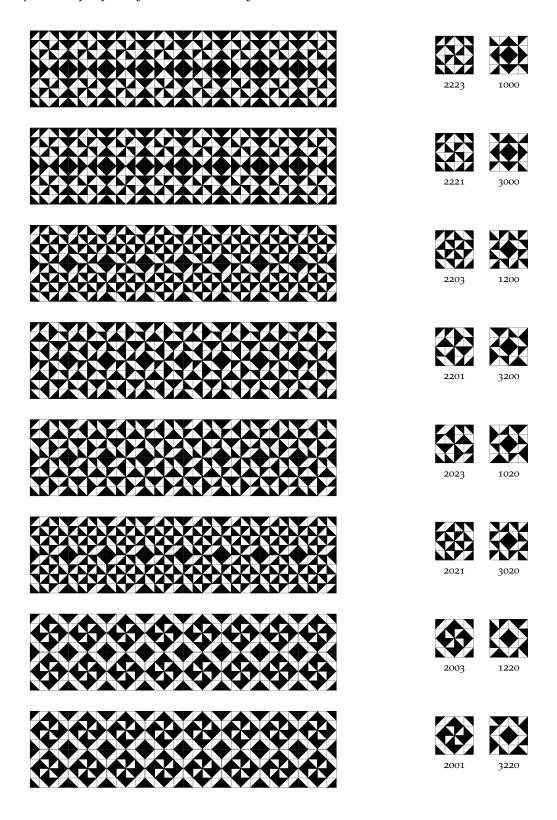


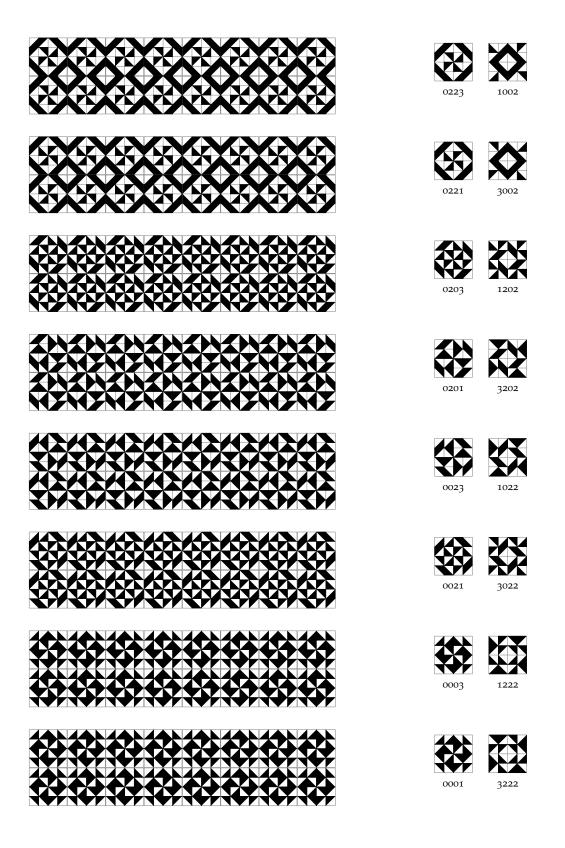




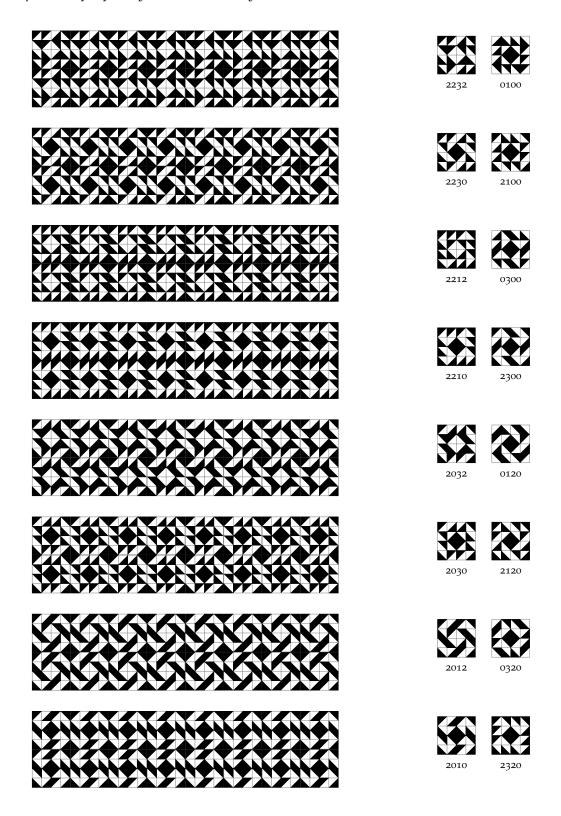


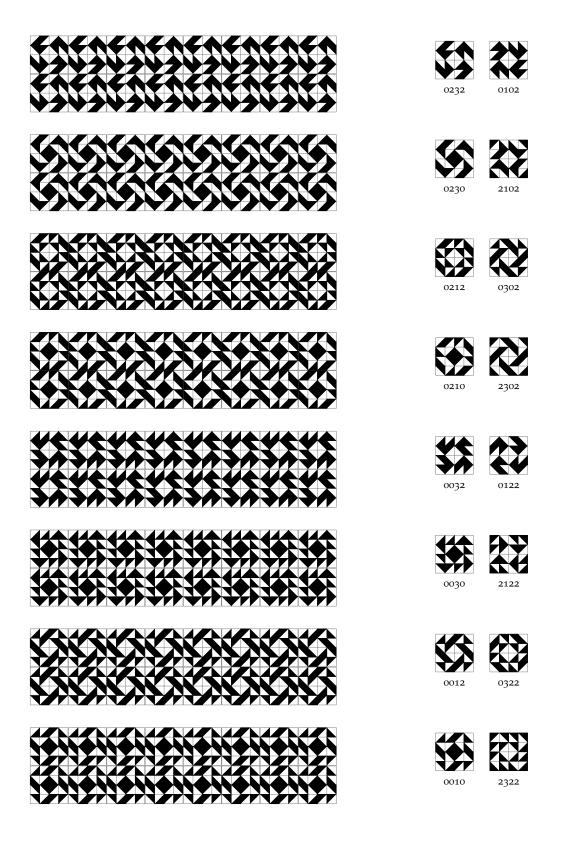
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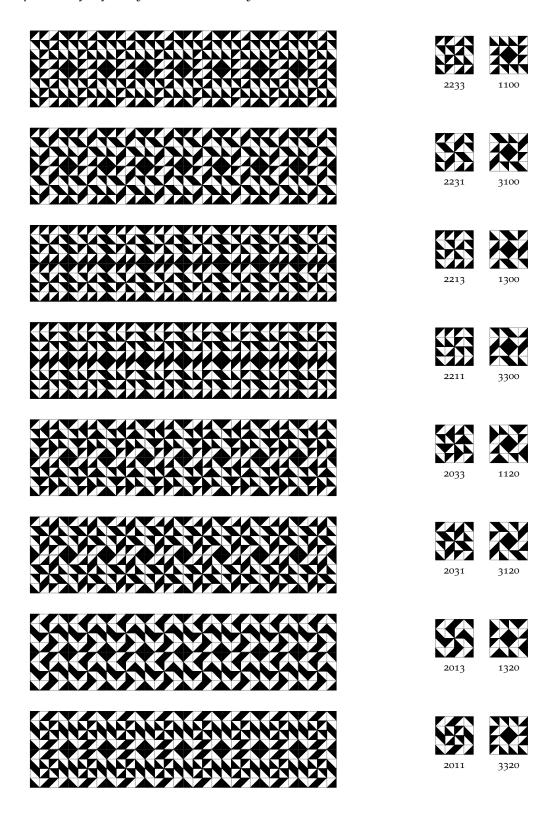


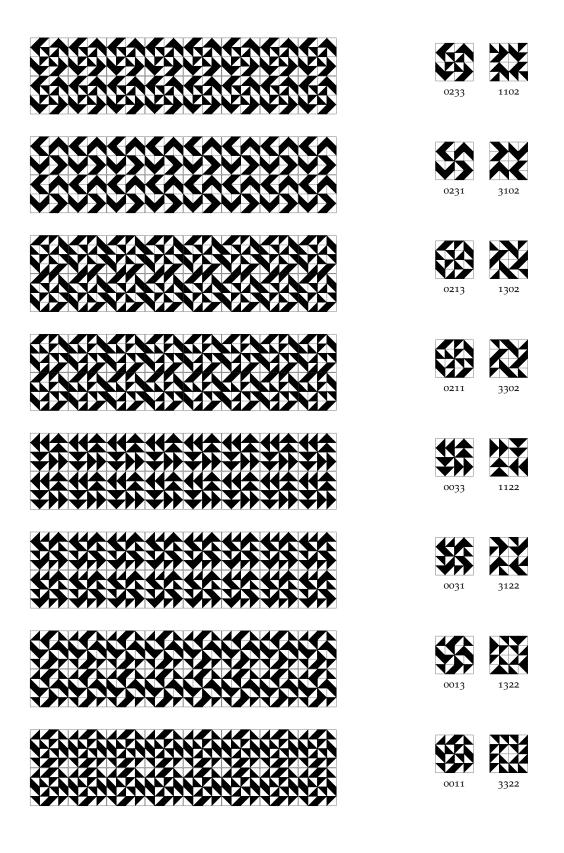
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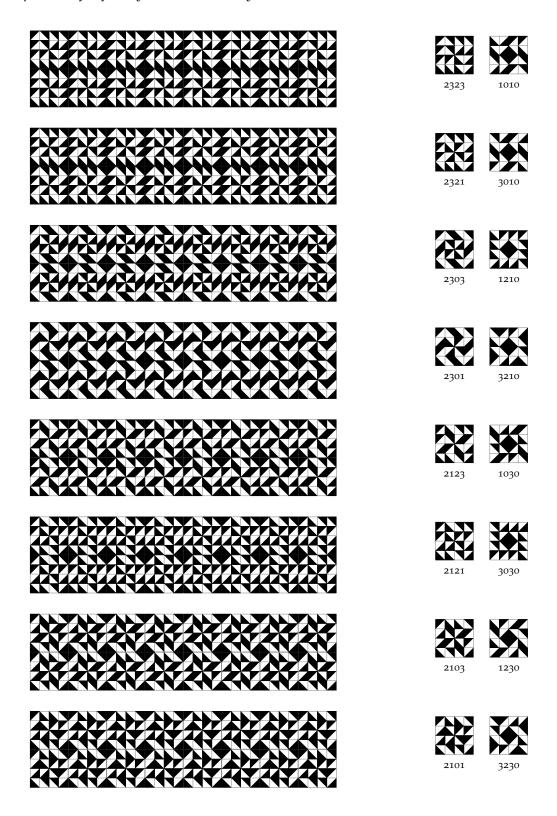


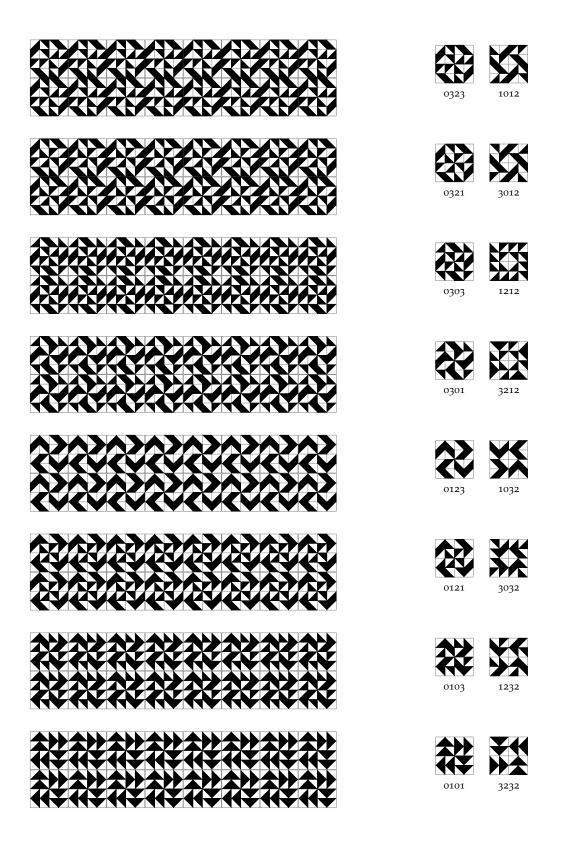
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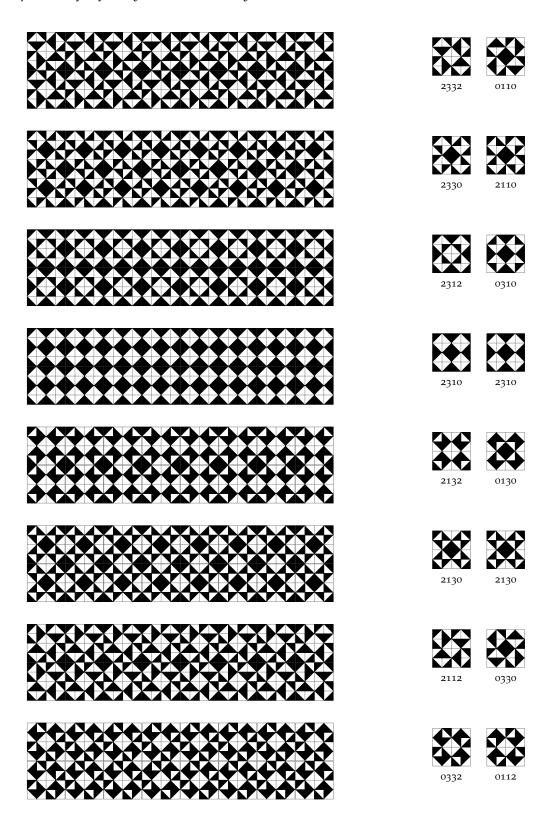


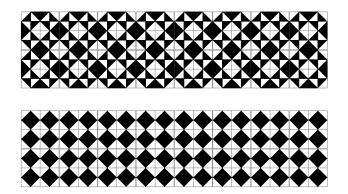
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Frieze patterns for family 0110 (secondary, 0110)









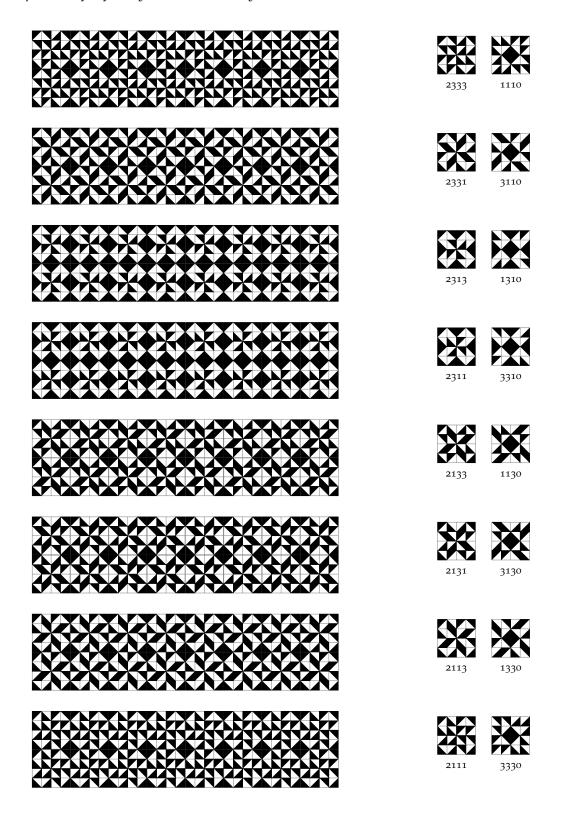


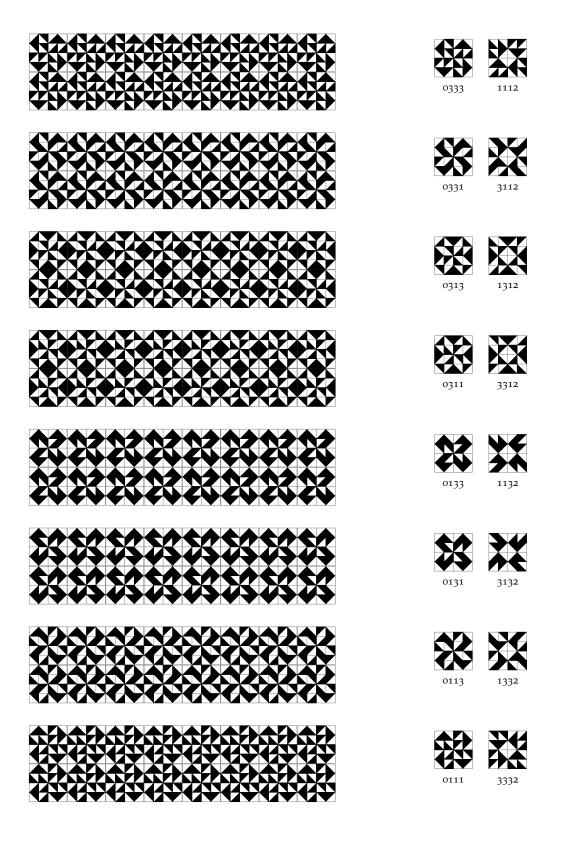




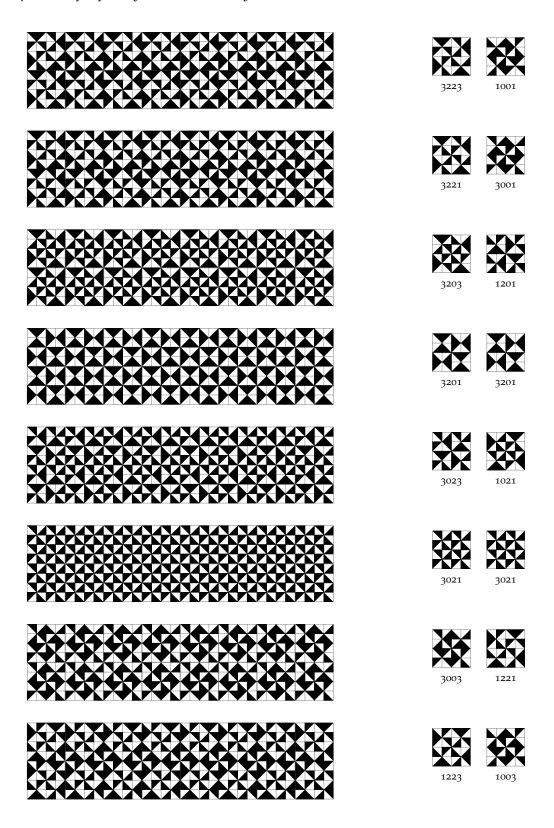


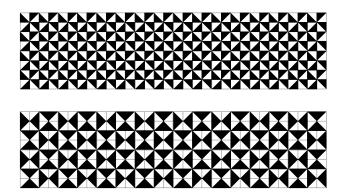
Frieze patterns for family 0111 (secondary, 1110)





Frieze patterns for family 1001 (secondary, 1001)







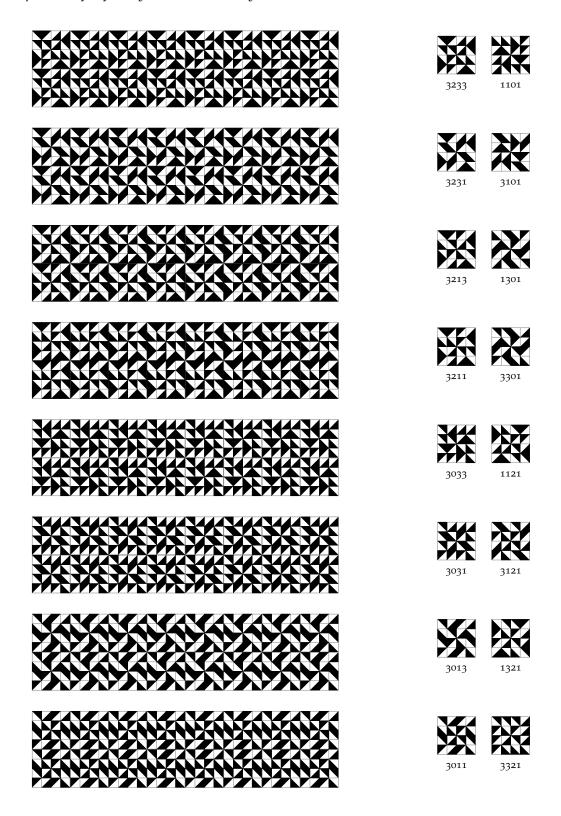


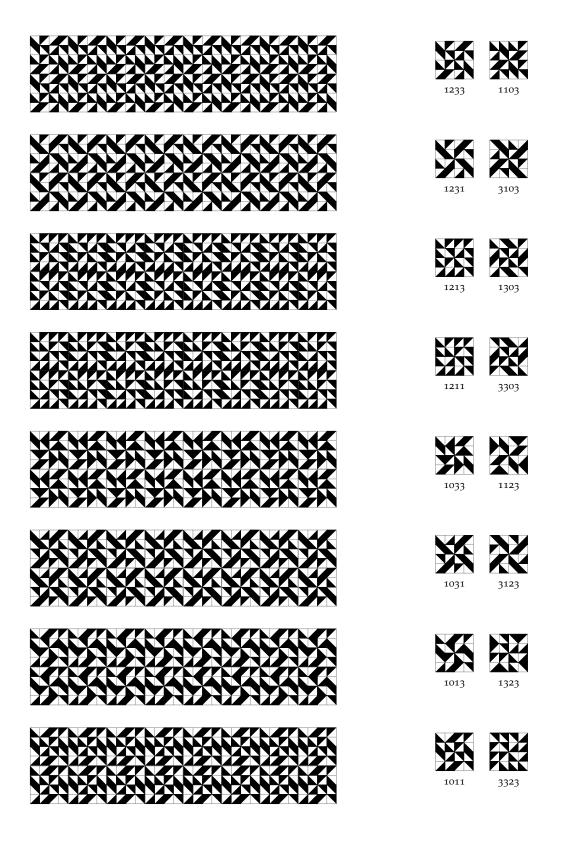




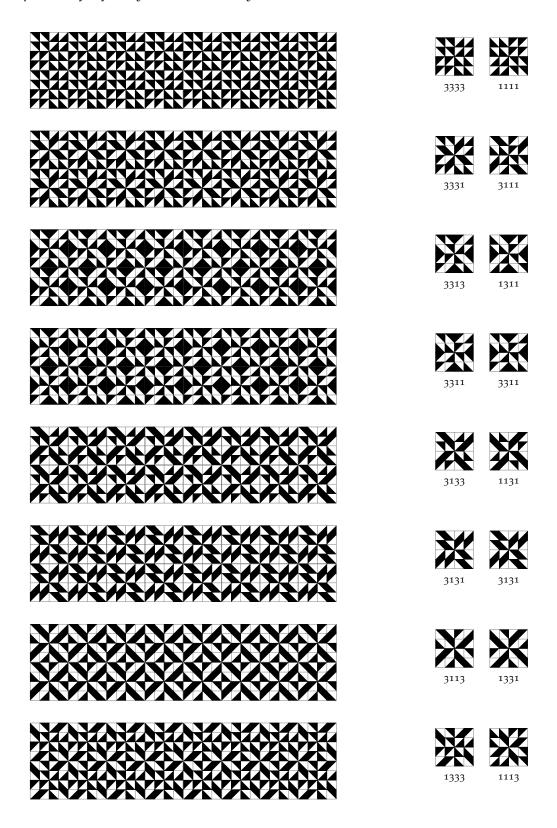


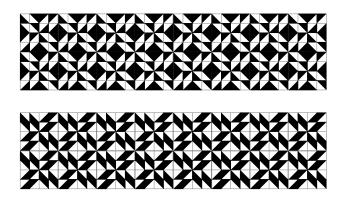
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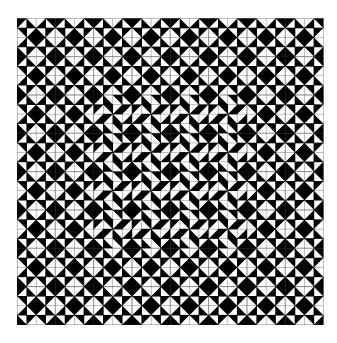




Some designs

This chapter shows some designs made using two types of 4x4 Truchet pattern tiles. One tile type is placed in the center of the design in a 4x4 square (so 16x16 in terms of the original triangle tiles) and a second tile type is used to create a 2-tile wide frame around the central square.

Design using 2123 and 2130



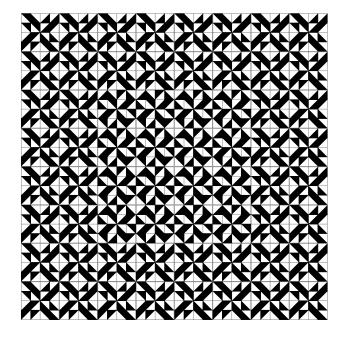


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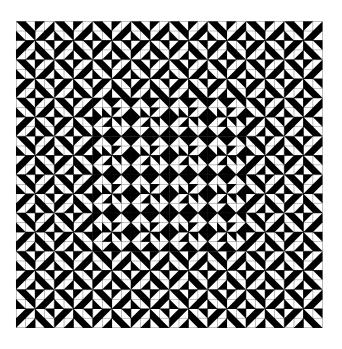
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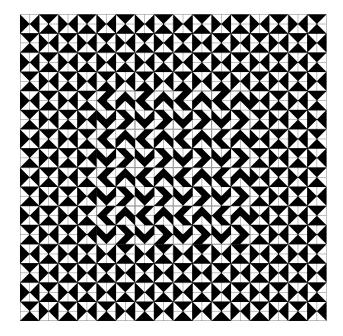
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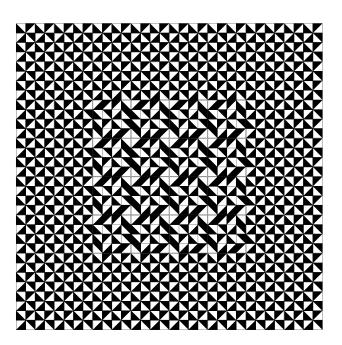








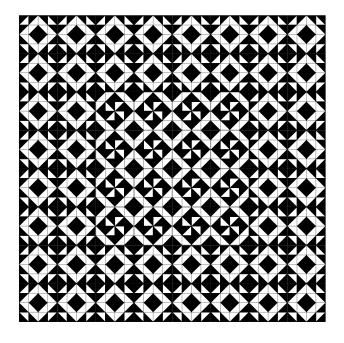
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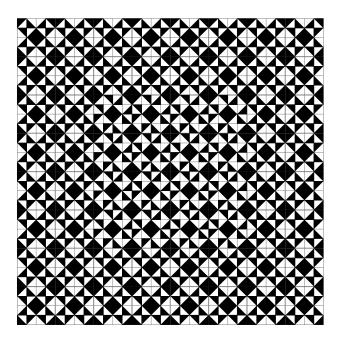
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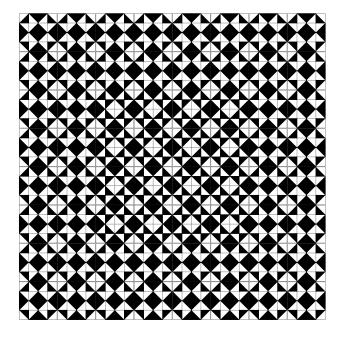
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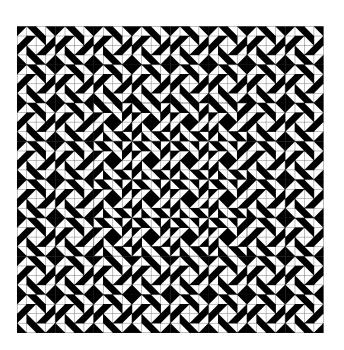
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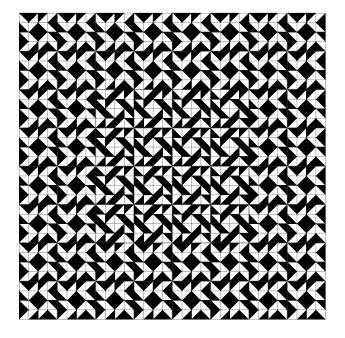
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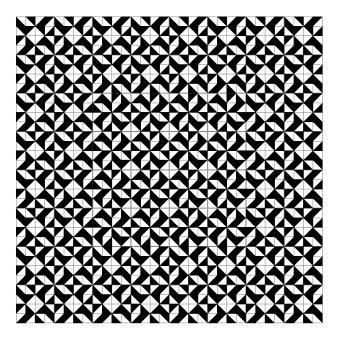
Design using 1012 and 3210







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