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50 baked pieces for three monuments over 6 pages. Check the red bar on every page first.

What is on each page

Page 1 This index, the board plan and the test bar

Page 2 Capitol: front wall, back wall, end walls and roof

Page 3 Capitol dome: plinth, 12 drum panels and the 4 stacked dome tiers

Page 4 Washington Monument: 4 shaft panels, 4 tip triangles and 2 base slabs

Page 5 Lincoln Memorial: the six-column front, back wall and roof

Page 6 Lincoln Memorial: base slabs, 3 front steps, 2 side walls and the attic blocks

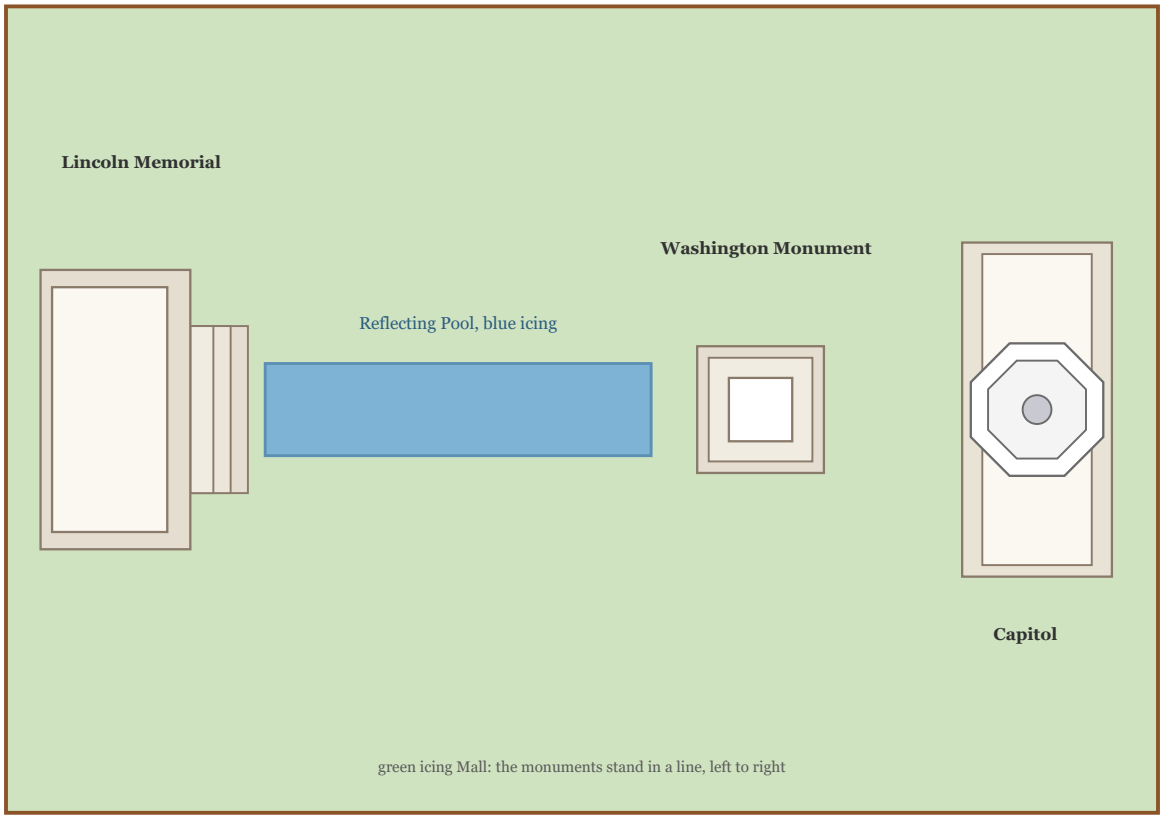
The finished scene

A 20 x 14 in board. Spread the green Mall and the blue Reflecting Pool first, then set each monument where the plan shows.

Heights: Capitol dome about 4 1/8 in, Washington Monument about 5 3/4 in, Lincoln Memorial about 3 7/8 in.

About 169 square inches of dough: one batch, rolled 1/4 inch thick, baked in rounds.

Board plan, from above, not to scale with the pieces



1 inch test bar
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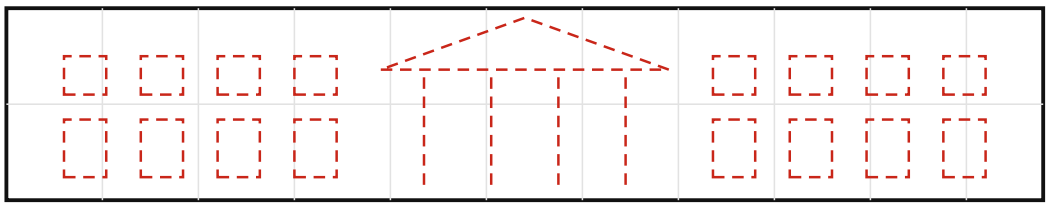
Each monument is built and dried on its own,
then carried to the board by its base.

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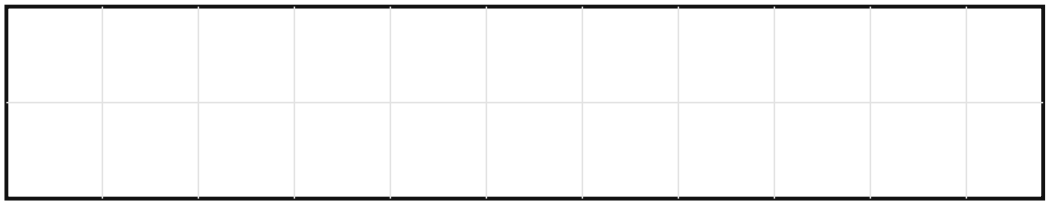
Capitol: the long low building the dome stands on.

Capitol front wall, cut 1

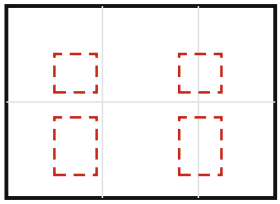


flood white, pipe 2 rows of windows, 4 portico columns and the triangle above them

Capitol back wall, cut 1



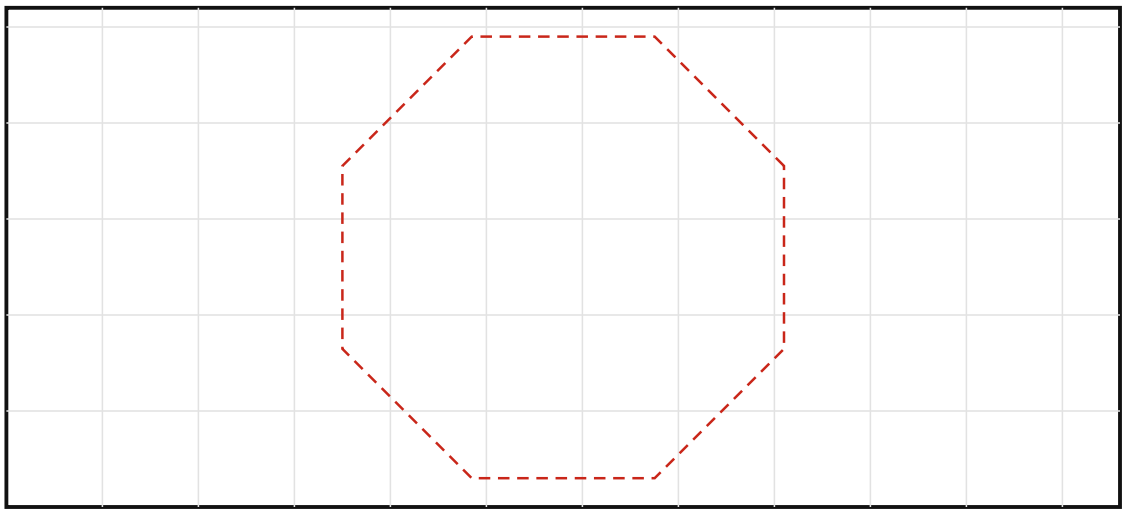
Capitol end wall, cut 2



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The end walls stand between the front and back walls. The roof overhangs all round. Red octagon on the roof: where the dome plinth goes. The portico is piped, not built out.

Capitol roof, cut 1



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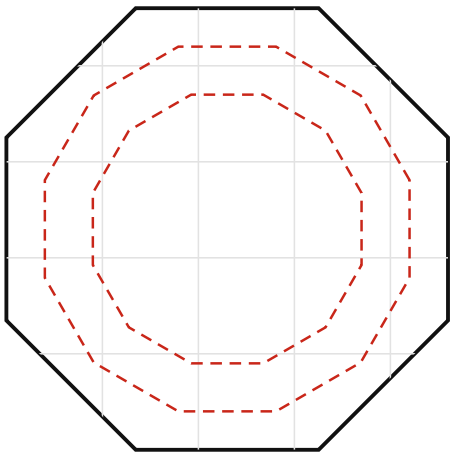
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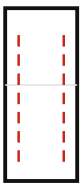
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Capitol dome: plinth, drum panels and four stacked tiers.

Dome plinth, cut 1

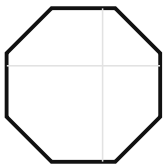


Drum panel, cut 12

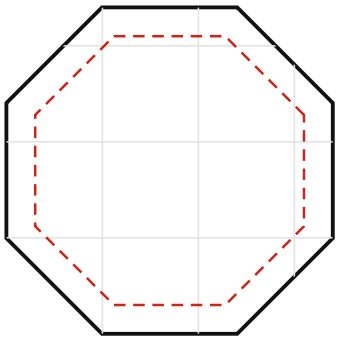


flood white, no window

Dome tier 4, cut 1

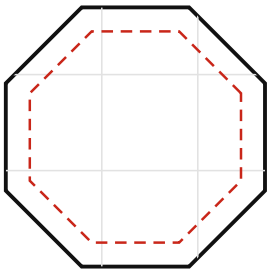


Dome tier 1, cut 2

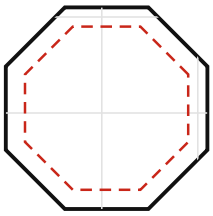


cut 2 and stack: a thick wide first tier

Dome tier 2, cut 1



Dome tier 3, cut 1



Plinth: red dashes show the inside and outside of the drum ring.

Stand the 12 panels in a ring with their inside corners on the inner line.

Stack the two tier 1 slabs on the drum, then tiers 2 to 4, each on a bead of icing.

The red octagon on a tier shows where the next tier sits.

Smooth icing down the steps with a wet finger so they read as a curve.

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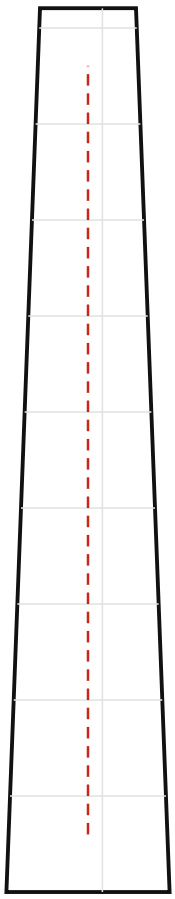
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Washington Monument: four tapered shaft panels, four tip triangles, two base slabs.

Obelisk panel, cut 4



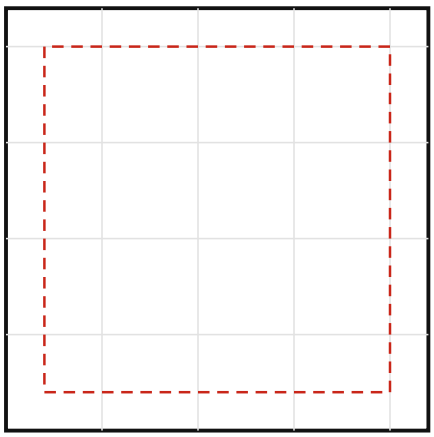
flood white, pipe one faint seam line

Obelisk tip, cut 4

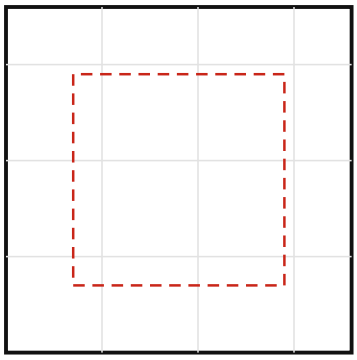


trim the point flat, 1/8 in

Monument base, lower, cut 1



Monument base, upper, cut 1



Stand the four shaft panels in a pinwheel: each panel overlaps the edge of the next, and the narrow end goes up. Set the four tip triangles the same way on top, trim the point flat and cap it with a dot of icing. The base slabs stack, with the red squares showing where the next goes.

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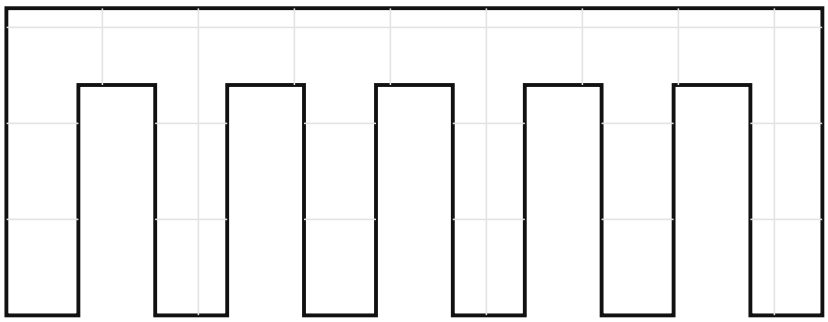
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Lincoln Memorial: the six-column front, back wall and roof.

Memorial front, six columns, cut 2



cut 2: one is a spare, the columns are the thinnest pieces

1 inch test bar
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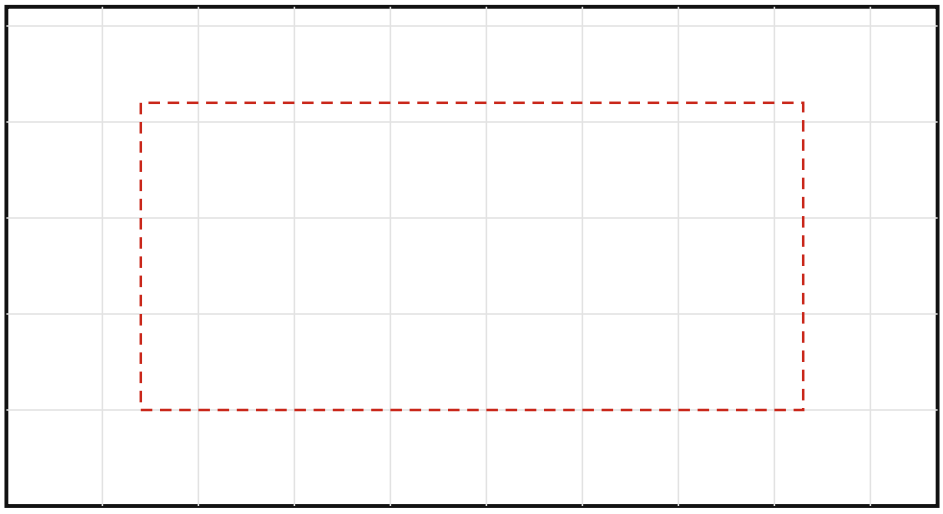
The dashed openings are gaps between columns: cut them out before baking. Bake the front flat on its own pan and move it with a spatula under it.

Red rectangle on the roof: where the wide attic block sits.

Memorial back wall, cut 1



Memorial roof, cut 2



cut 2 and stack for a thick roof

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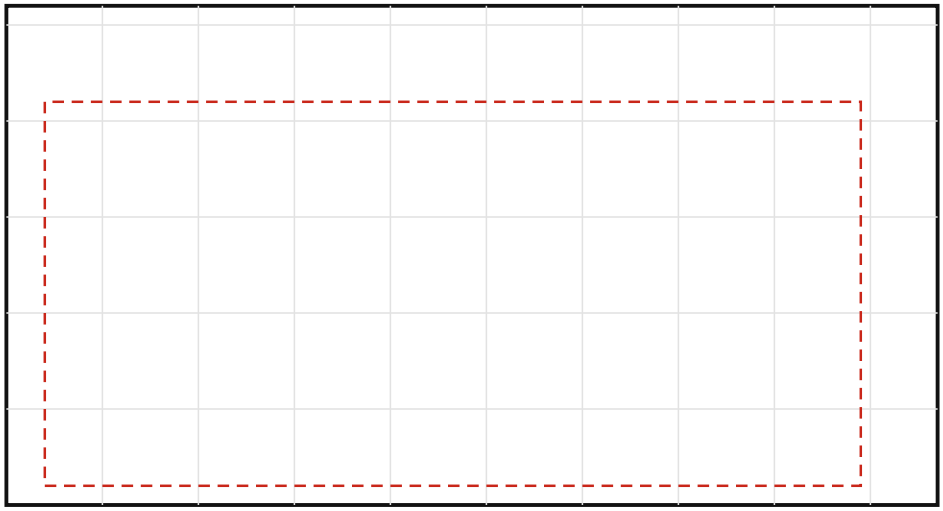
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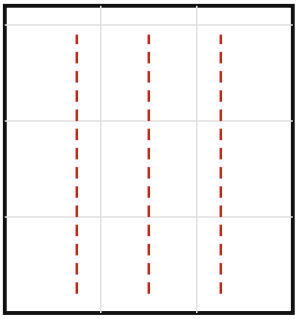
Lincoln Memorial: steps, side walls and attic slabs.

Memorial base slab, cut 3



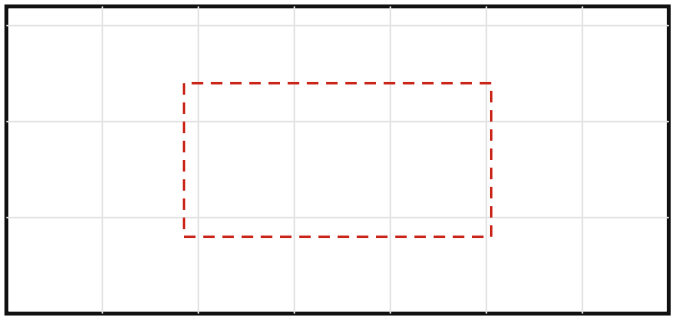
cut 3 and stack; red rectangle: where the walls stand, set toward the back

Memorial side wall, cut 2

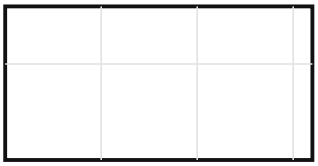


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Attic block, wide, cut 2



Attic block, small, cut 2

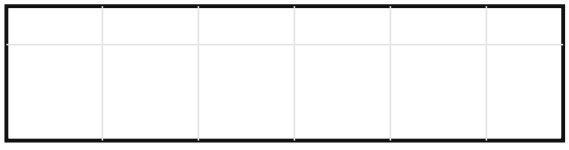


Front step 1, cut 1



Stack the 3 base slabs, then stand the walls inside the red rectangle.
The 3 steps stack in front, deepest at the bottom, at the center.

Front step 2, cut 1



Front step 3, cut 1



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