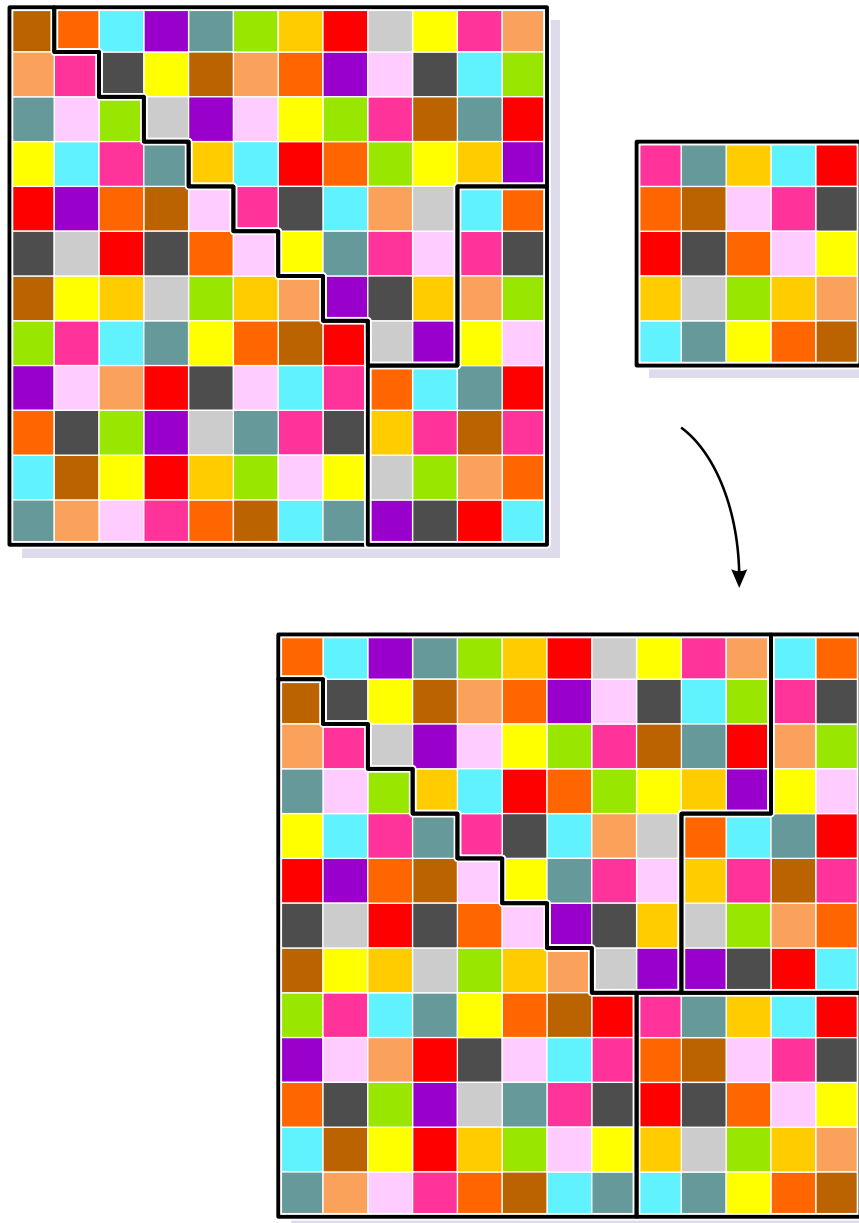


Suppose you have two silk patchwork quilts, each made up of the same-sized squares - one 12x12 and the other 5x5 - as is shown in the illustration. Imagine one day you decided to join them together to make one square patchwork quilt, size 13x13.

What if we would claim that the task is quite possible and that there is no need to cut any of the small squares - all cuts can be done along the stitches? Moreover, it is enough to produce four pieces in total from the two quilts in order to join up for the new one. The question is: would you be bold enough for such a needlework?

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The solution is shown in the illustration.