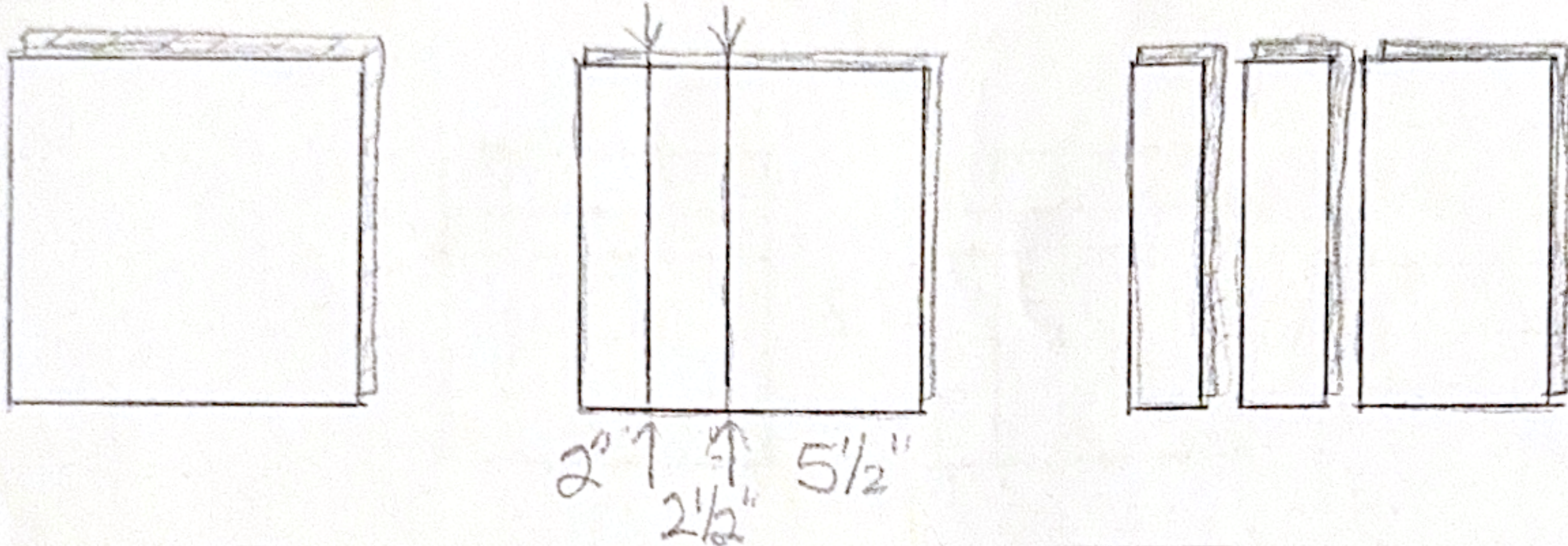


## Layer Cake Block - aka "Marilyn's Block"

You will need two 10" squares with good contrast between them to make two \_ blocks.

1. Layer the raw edges of two squares both with right sides up (below left).



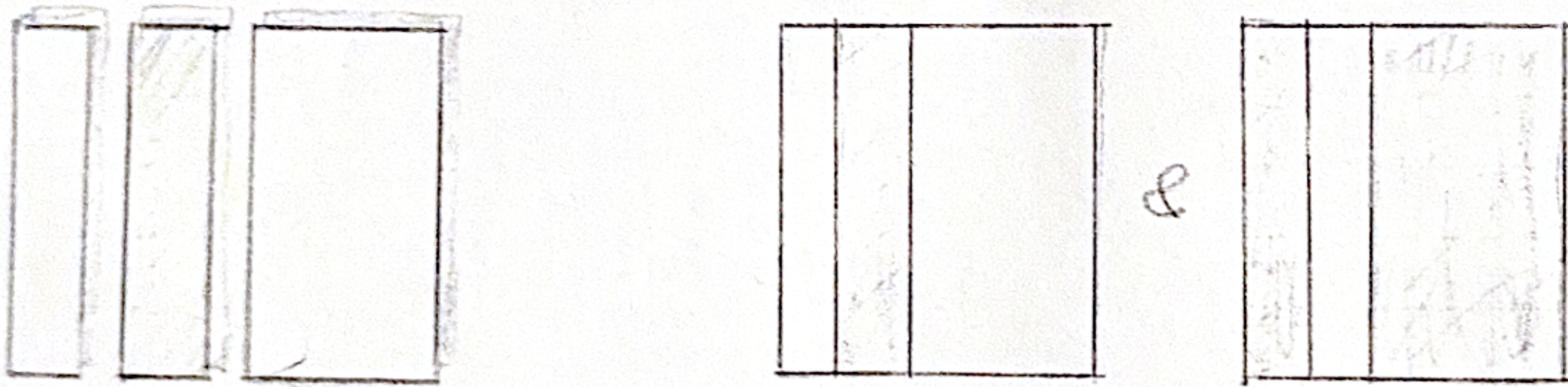
2. Make two vertical cuts through both fabrics as follows:

> first cut 2" from LEFT EDGE

> second cut 2-1/2" from FIRST CUT

When you separate the columns slightly, you will have three strips 2", 2-1/2" and 5-1/2" (above center and right).

3. Shuffle the 2-1/2" strips by moving the bottom strip to the top and the top strip to the bottom. Sew the block back together using 1/4" seam allowance. You will be sewing the middle strip from the fabric on the bottom to the outer strips of the fabric on the top. Repeat for the other set of strips. Press seams to darkest fabric.

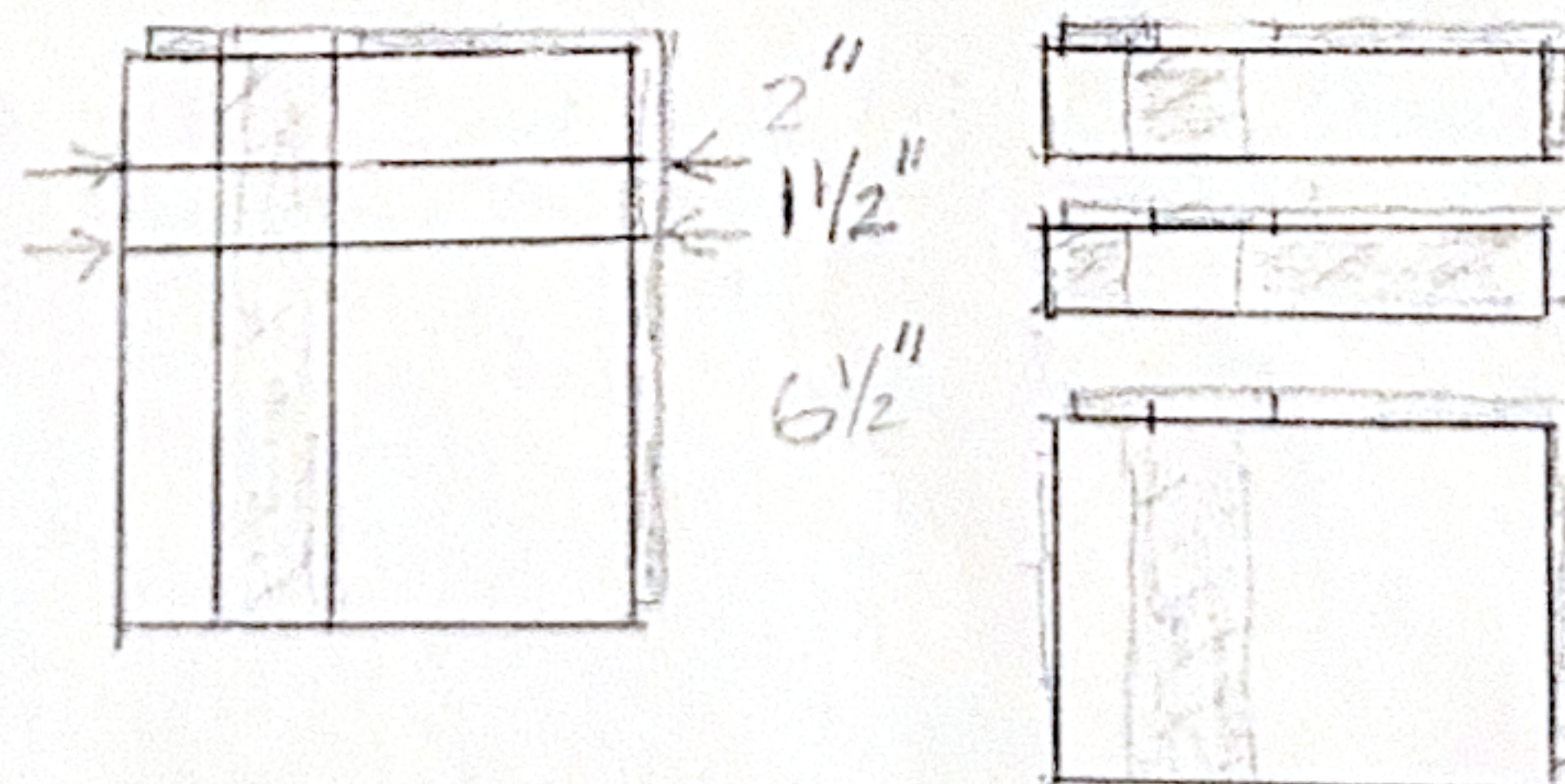


4. Carefully align the two blocks on top of each other, both with right sides up. Make two horizontal cuts through both blocks:

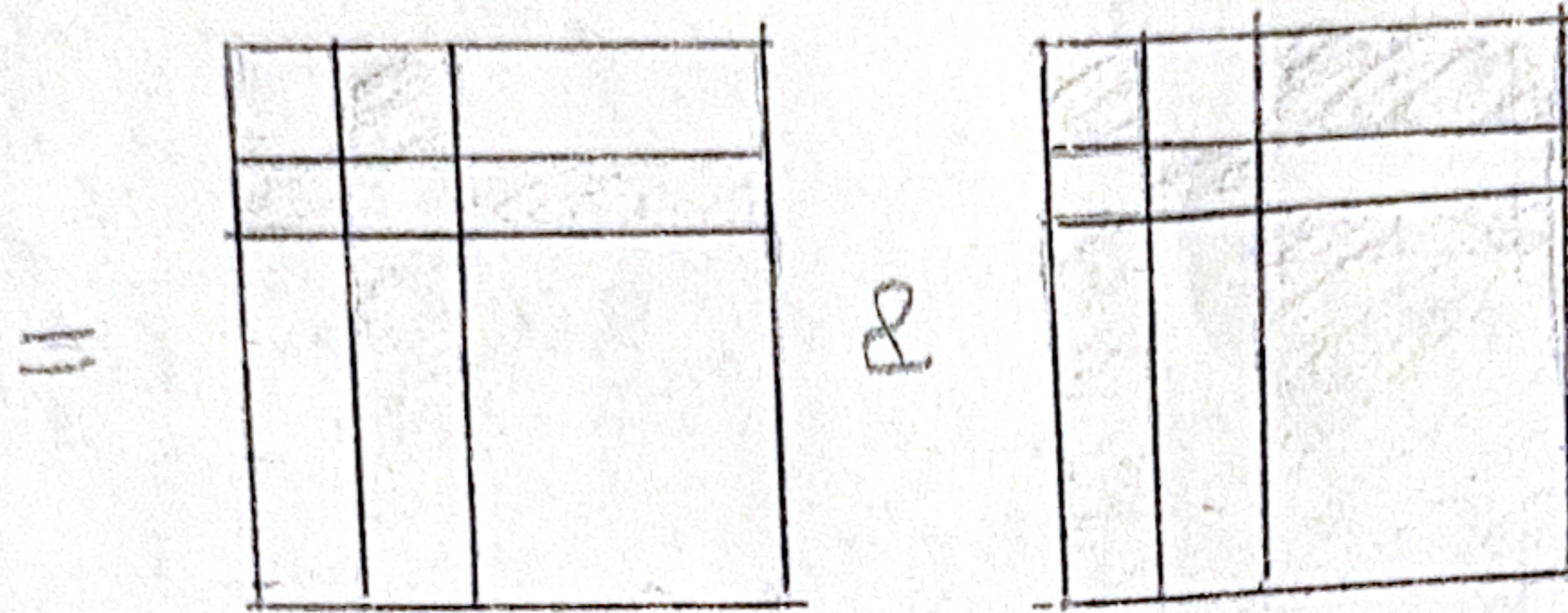
> first cut 2" from TOP EDGE

> second cut 1-1/2" from FIRST CUT.

When you separate the rows slightly, you will have three strips 2", 1-1/2" and 6-1/2".



5. Shuffle the 1-1/2" rows by moving the bottom strip to the top and the top strip to the bottom. Sew the block back together. You will be sewing the middle strip from the fabric on the bottom to the outer strips of the fabric on the top. Repeat for the other set of strips. Press seams to darkest fabric. Because the seams have been pressed to the darker fabric in both blocks, they should nest nicely. Press seams to the darker fabric or press open.



\* Pieced blocks should measure 9" unfinished.