

The carbonate rhombohedron

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Introduction

The successful modeling of the atomic structure of snowflakes required a triplet of O-atoms. The same is true of the carbonate rhombohedron. The results of this modeling is presented in the following drawings—

Figure 1. Assembling an O_3CCO_3 rhombohedron

Figure 2. O-atom to O-atom join between two O_3CCO_3 -groups

Figure 3. O_3CCO_3 -pair join

Figure 4. Three CO_3 -rhombohedral assemblies color-coded to differentiate the O-triplets so that they may be seen as layers within a larger rhombohedron.

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Figure 6. Rhombohedron assembly of O_3CCO_3 -rhomboheda—Step 2: the green layer joins the blue and violet layers.

Figure 7. Rhombohedron assembly of O_3CCO_3 -rhomboheda—Step 3: the blue layer joins the blue, violet, and green layers.

Figure 8. Extended rhombohedral layers—blue and violet

Figure 9. Extended rhombohedral layers—violet and green.

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Figure 11. Three Ca-atoms cleftly joined to the C-atom of a CO_3 -group.

Figure 12. Inverse view of three Ca-atoms cleftly joined to the C-atom of a CO_3 -group.

Figure 13. Planar assembly of Ca_3CO_3 -groups

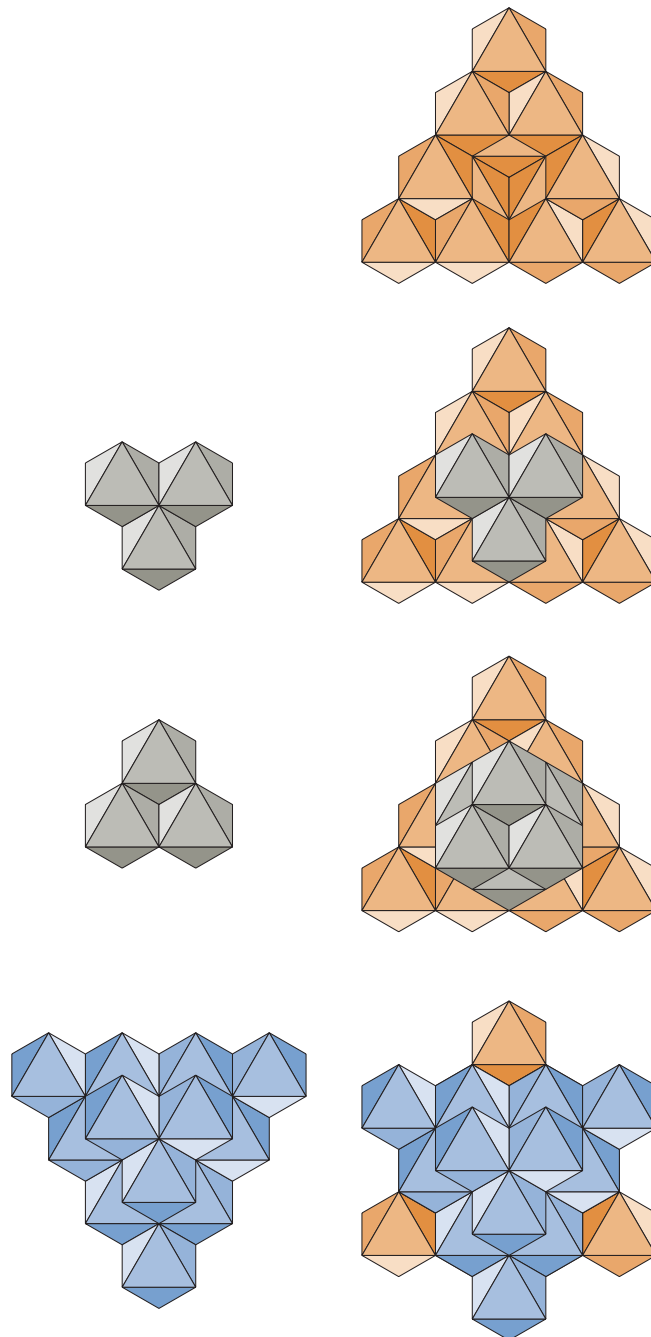


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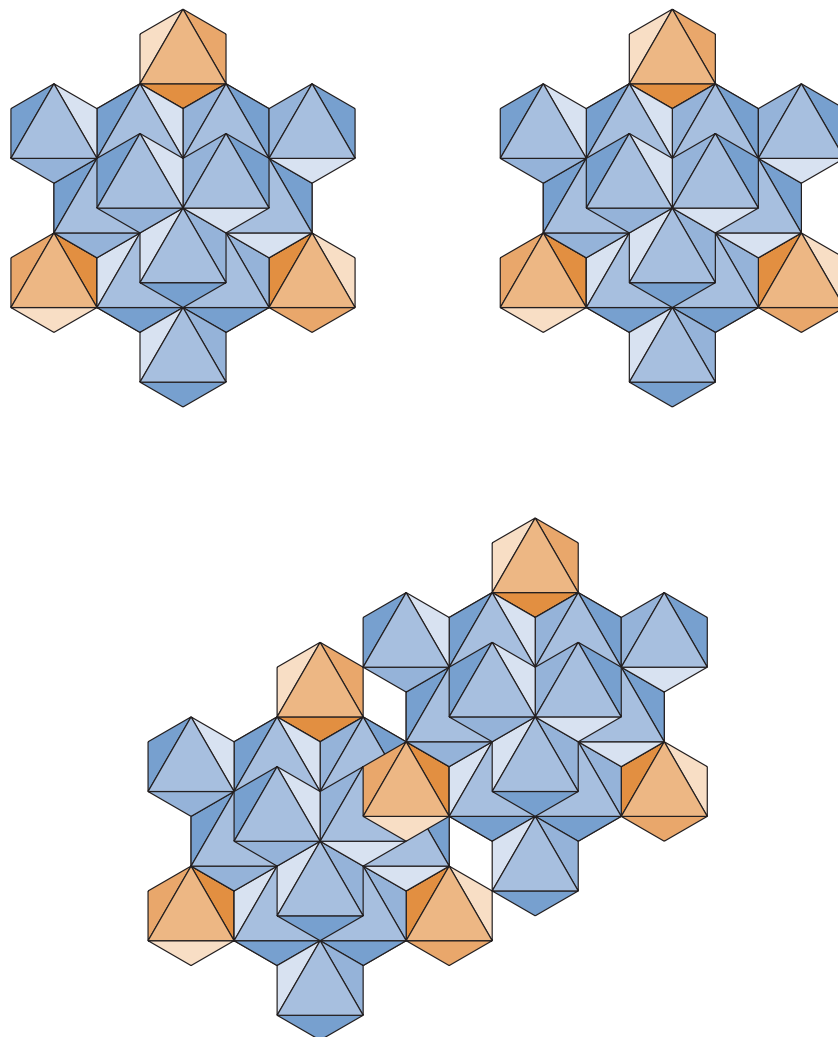


Figure 2. O-atom to O-atom join between two O_3CCO_3^- groups.

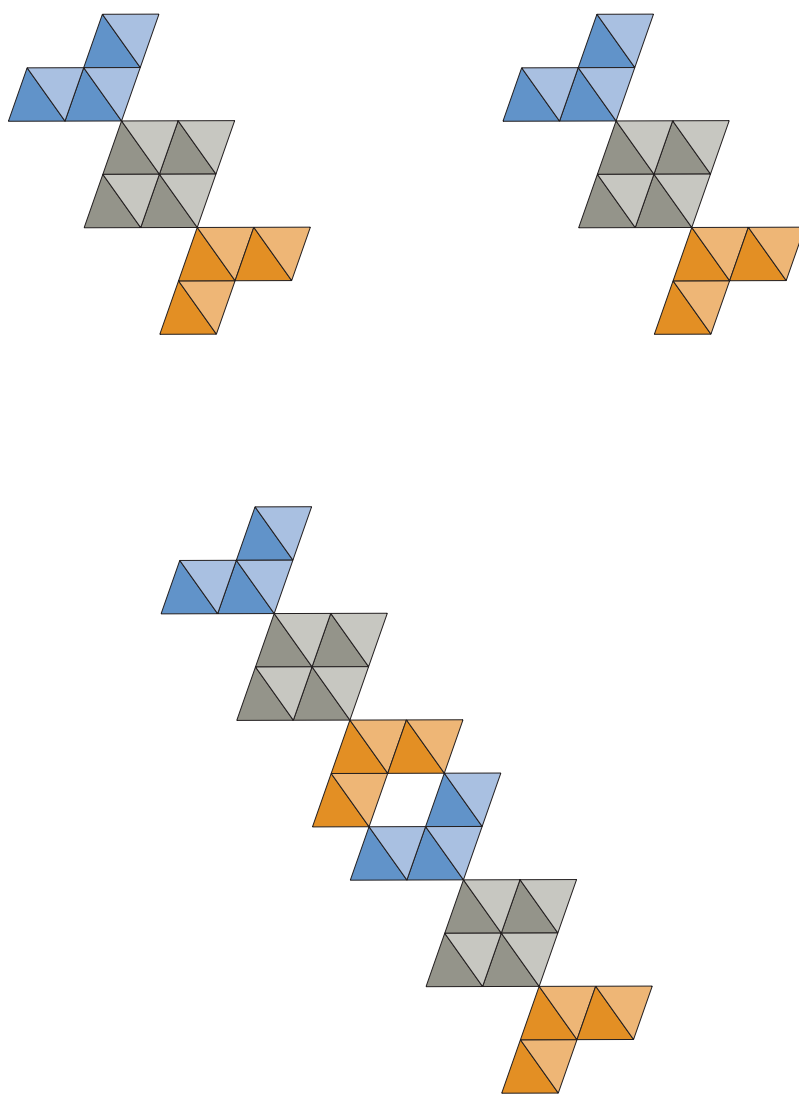


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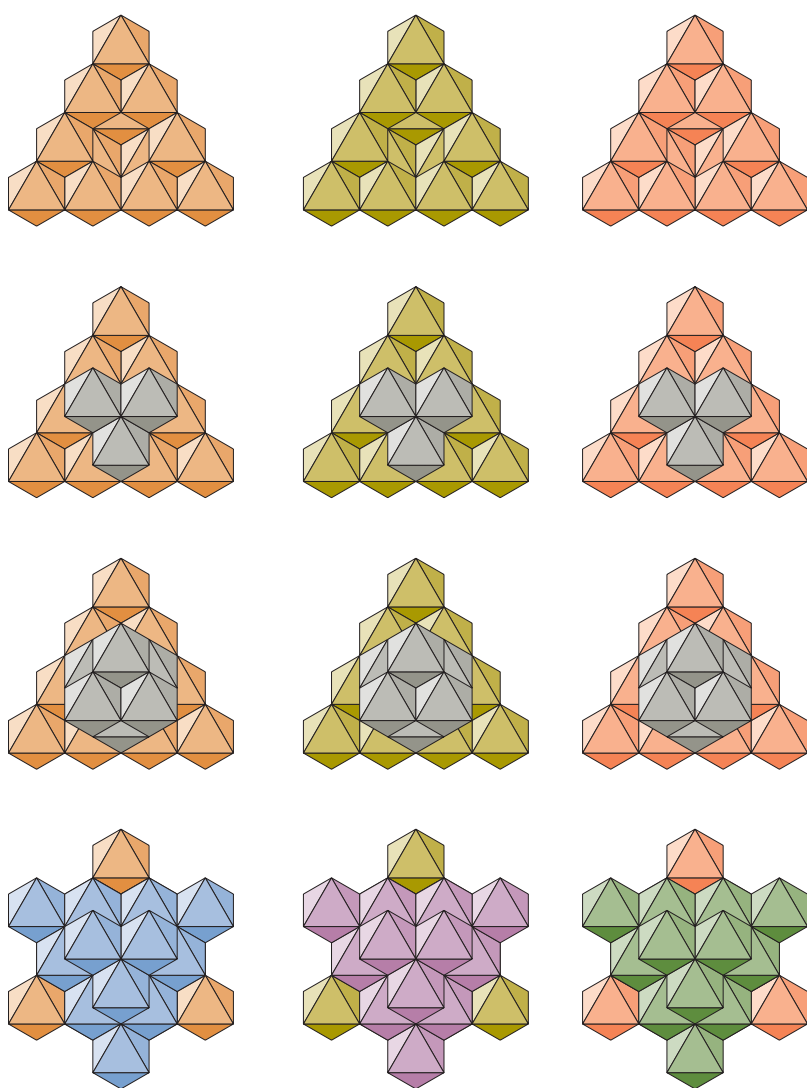


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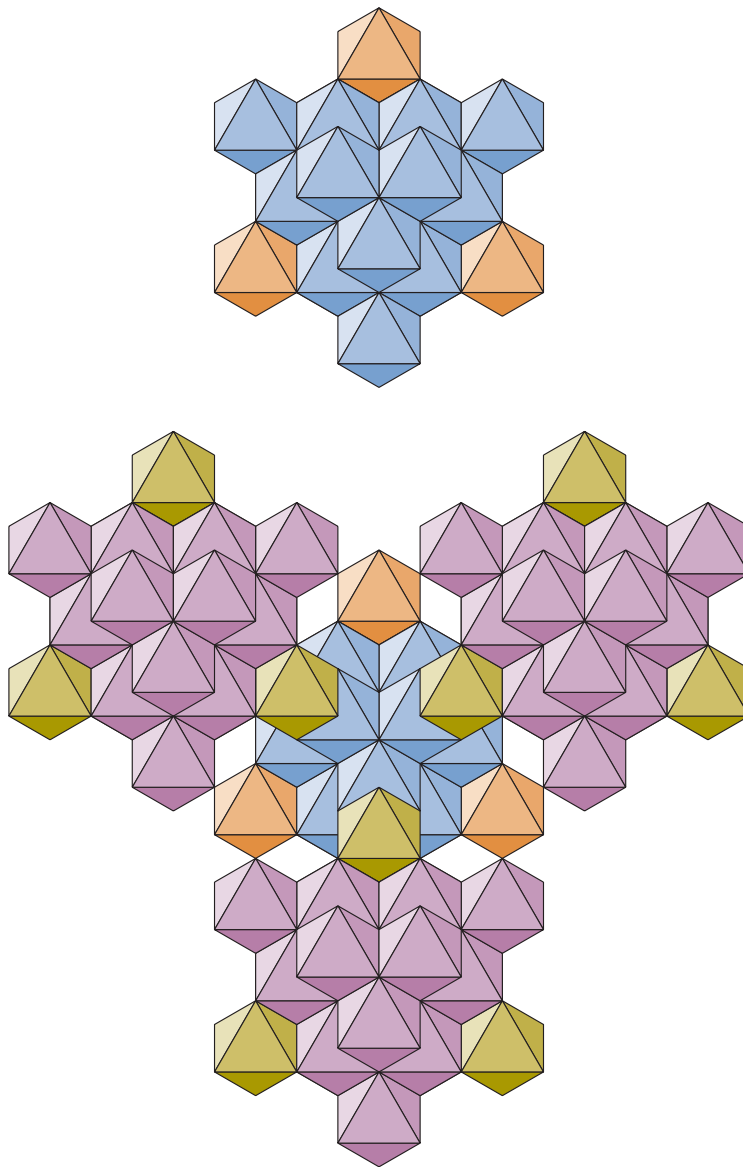


Figure 5. Rhombohedron assembly of O_3CCO_3 -
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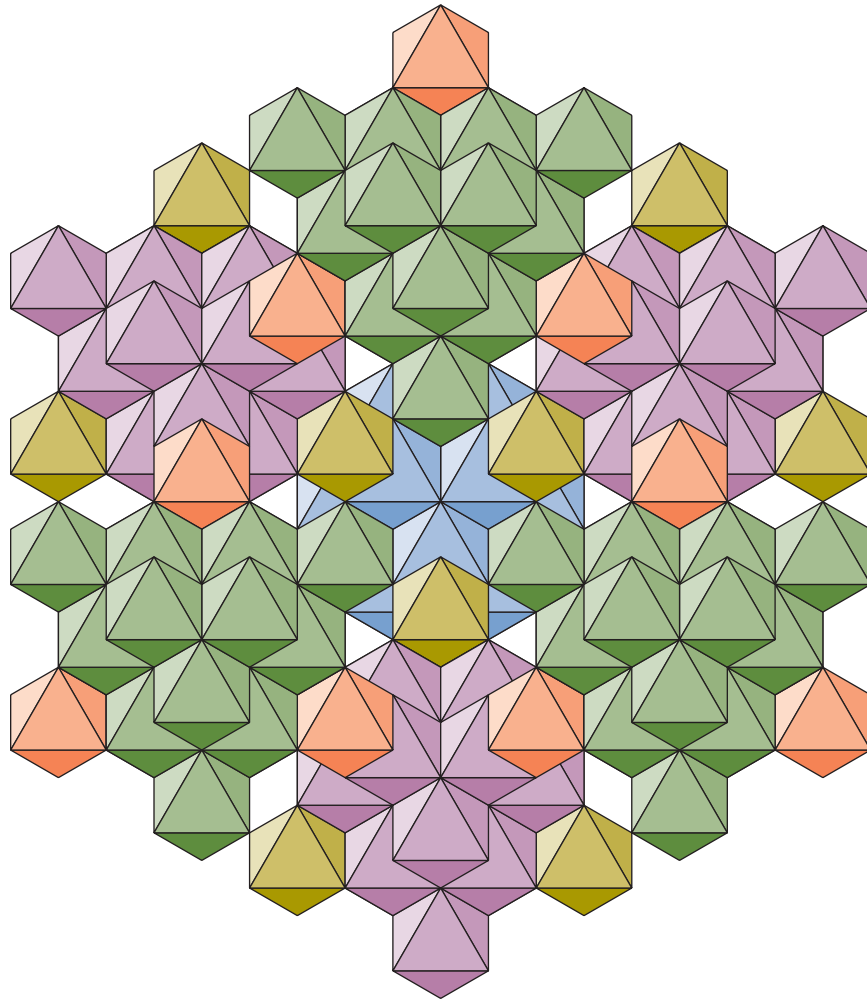


Figure 6. Rhombohedron assembly of O_3CCO_3 -rhombohedra—Step 2: the green layer joins the blue and violet layers.

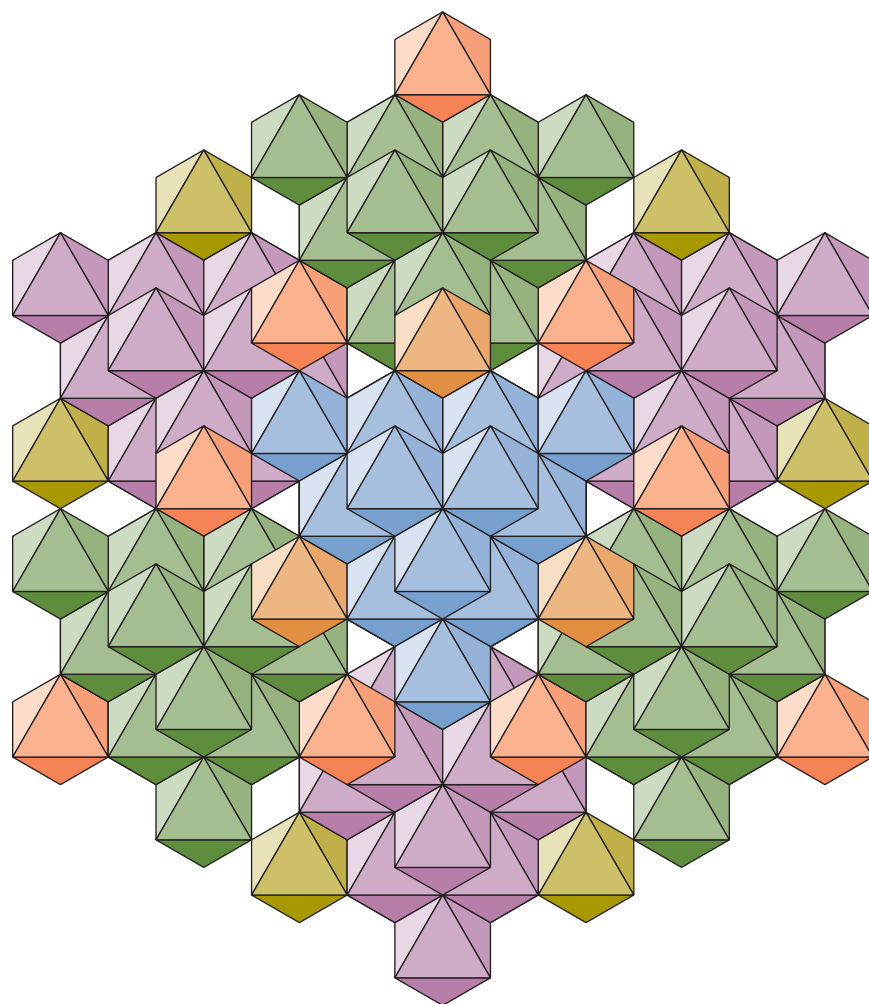


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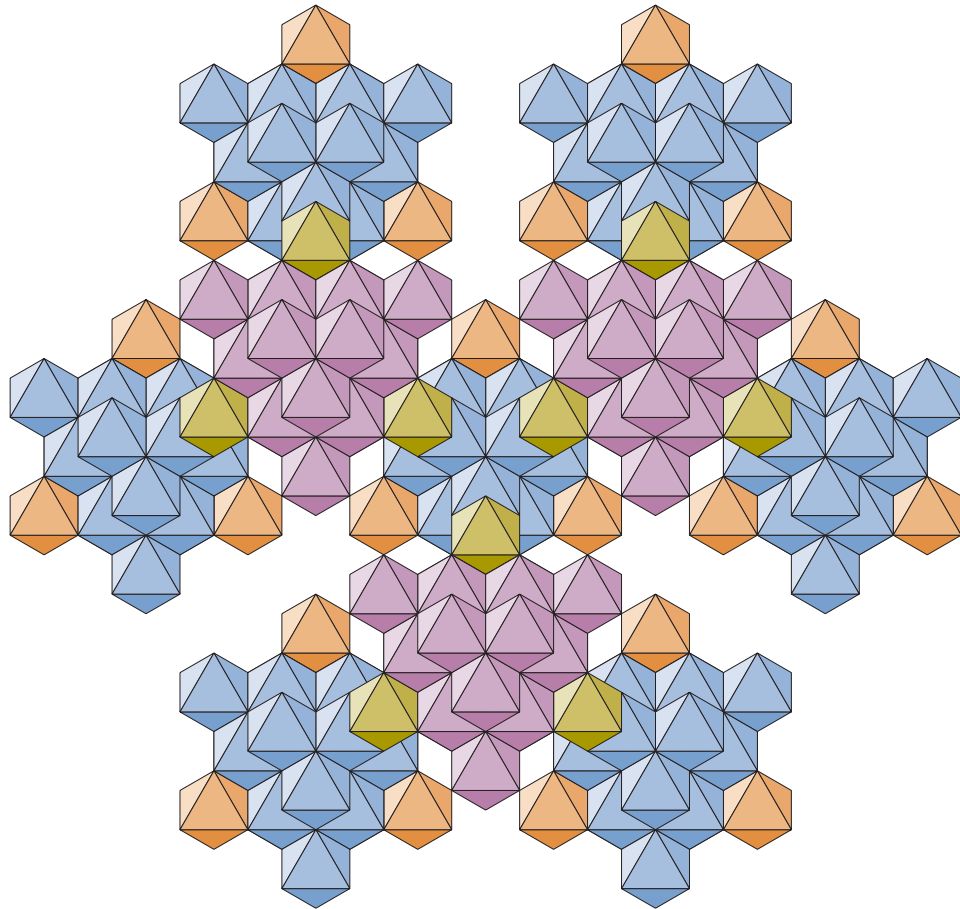


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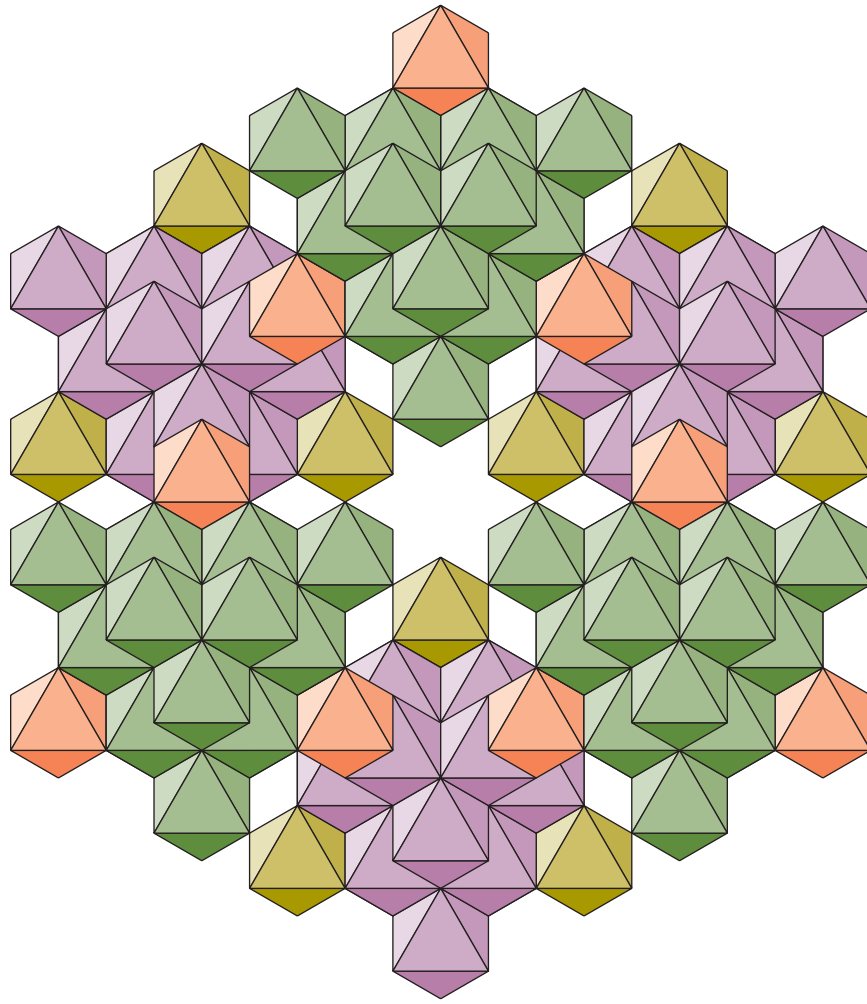


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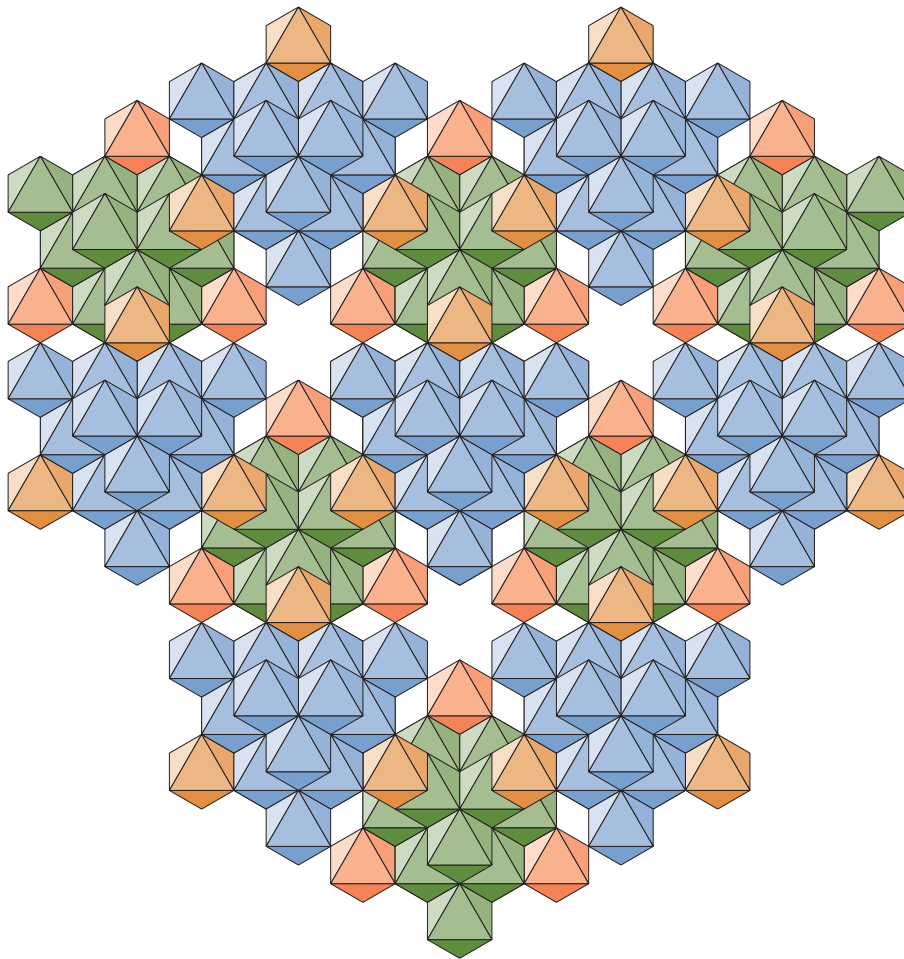


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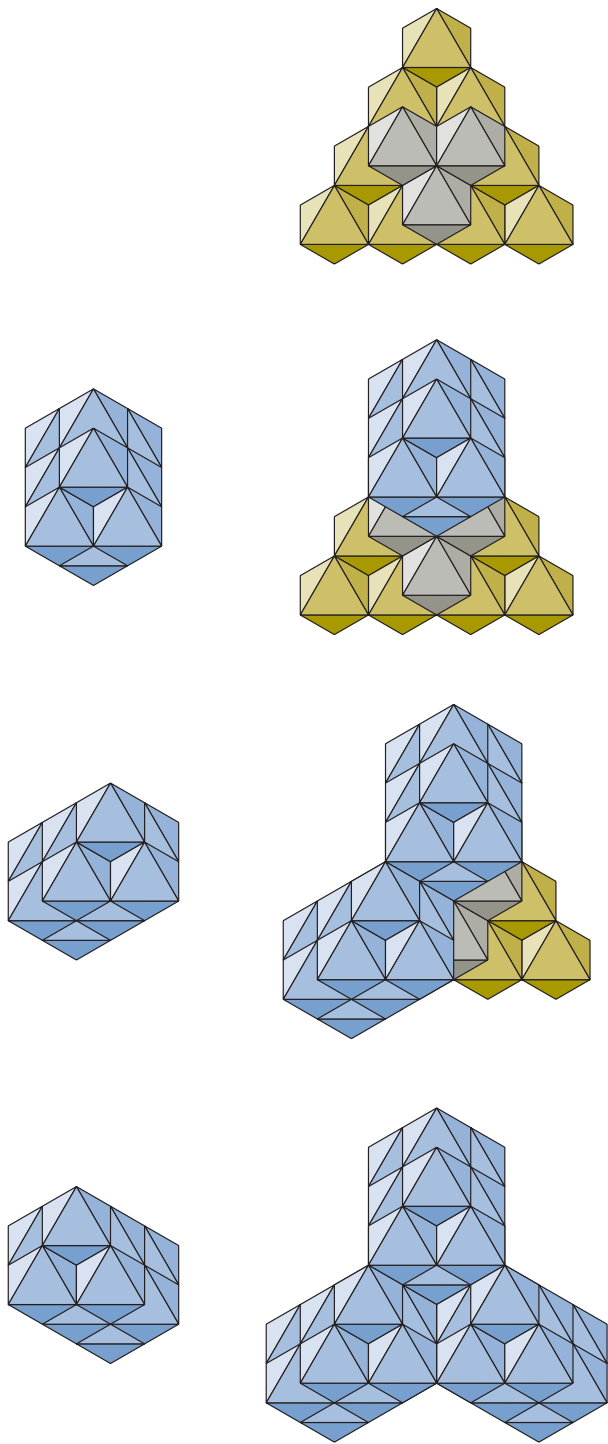


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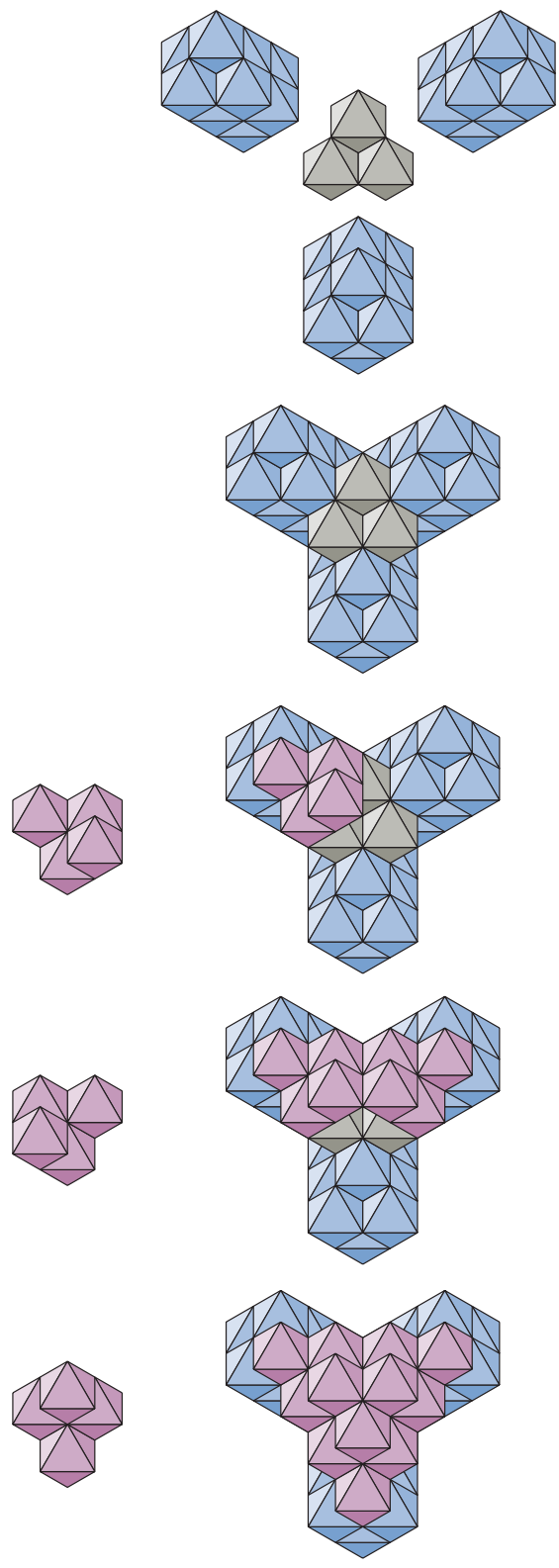


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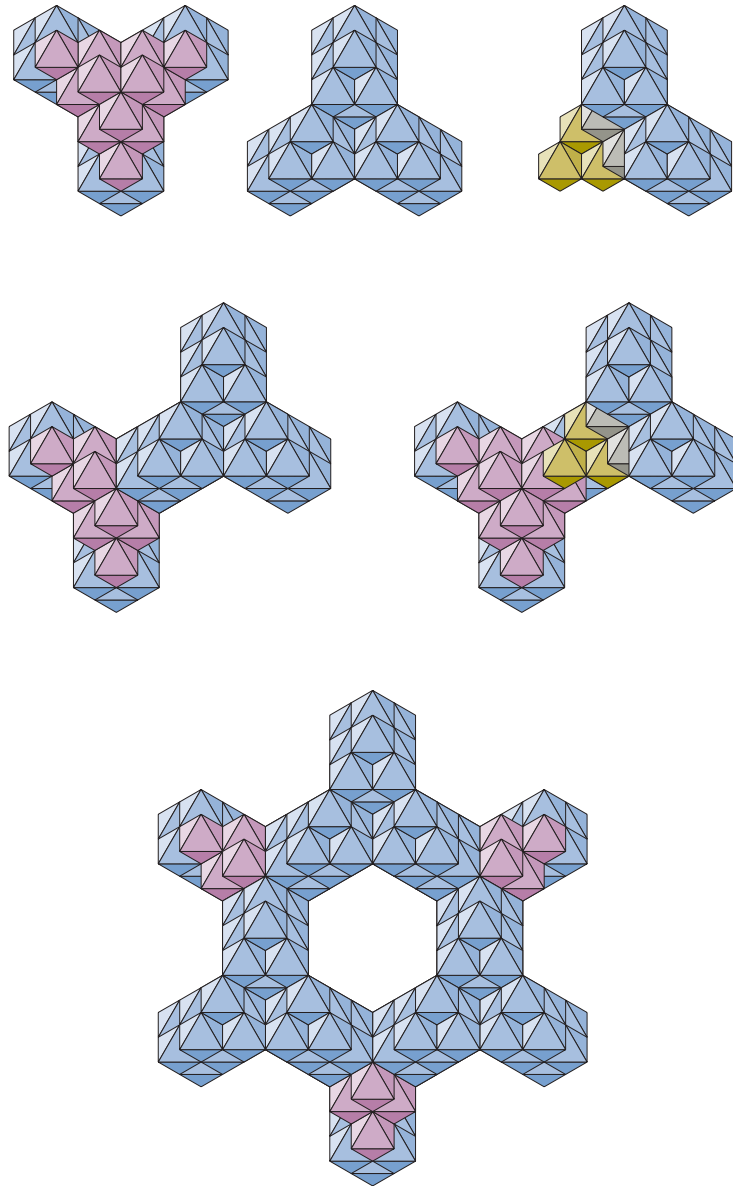


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