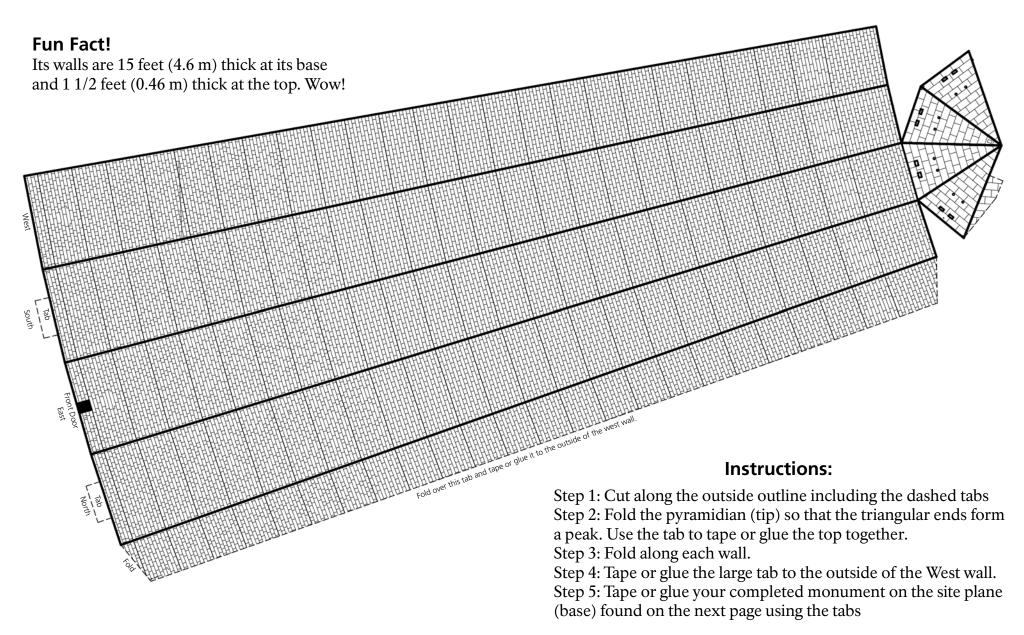
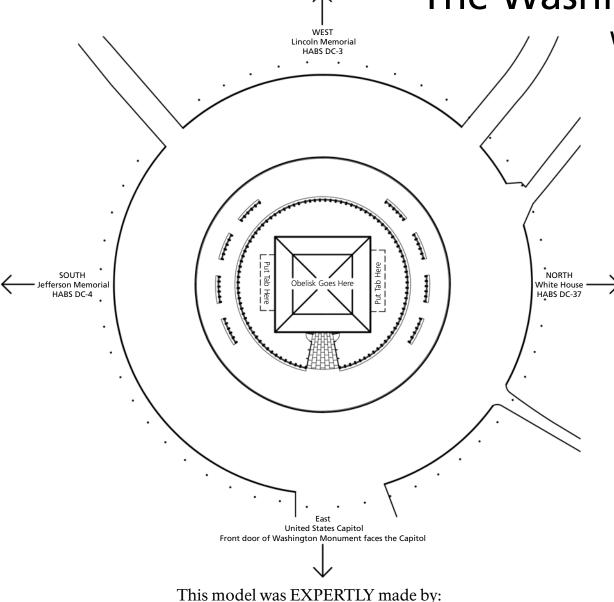
Build Your Own Washington Monument!

Built to honor George Washington, the United States' first president, the 555 foot (169 m) marble obelisk towers over our Nation's Capital, Washington, D.C. The monument was designed by American Architect. Robert Mills and completed by Thomas Casey and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



The Washington Monument



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What's Inside?

The interior has iron stairs that spiral up along the walls to the top. There is also an elevator in the center.

Whew! Imagine climbing all those stairs.

Did You Notice?

The pattern and lengths of many of the stones on the each side of the obelisk change. We know, we measured the whole building to make this drawing.

Super Fun Fact!

At the tippy top of the outside pyramidion (tip) is a large marble cap made of stone with a smaller aluminum pyramid on top of it! Neat!

Who's Ready to Learn More?

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