Ordering Adjectives

Adjectives go before nouns. But did you know that when you have more than one adjective, that they must go in a particular order? The list below shows what order you should put adjectives in within a sentence, and provides examples.

1. Number (one)
2. Opinion (beautiful)
3. Size (big)
4. Shape (flat)
5. Age (new)
6. Condition (immaculate)
7. Color (green)
8. Pattern (striped)
9. Origin (Egyptian)
10. Material (cotton)
11. Purpose (bed)
12. Noun: sheet

Sentence: My mother gave me one beautiful, big, flat, new, immaculate, green, striped, Egyptian cotton bed sheet.

Directions: Read each sentence. Are the adjectives in the correct order? If yes, write Y on the line. If no, write N on the line.

1. I would like two, generous, gigantic slices of pie.
2. That new, lovely girl is in my class.
3. Mom is a beautiful, tall, Armenian woman.
4. Last year was the longest, worst year of my life.
5. That green, tiny, pretty gem is my favorite.
6. I like to have at least one, trustworthy, old friend.
7. We will eat off of the ugly, square plastic dishes.
8. France is a huge, graceful, old country.
9. I bought a cute, second-hand, purple dress.
10. That temperamental, small, Australian dog is mine.
11. I believe there are many, tiny garden fairies outside.
12. That wooden, big, lop-sided box is mine.
13. My first, tortoiseshell, fat cat is named Abby.
15. I ate gigantic, two all-beef hot dogs.