Solid state - Primitive Lattice and Basis vectors - Reciprical Lattice and Diffraction

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A 2-d lattice has the primitive lattice vectors:

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = a\hat{x} \text{ and } \mathbf{A}_2 = b\hat{y}$$

and the atomic basis vectors of

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = 0$$
, $\mathbf{B}_2 = \frac{b}{2}\hat{y}$, and $\mathbf{B}_3 = \frac{a}{2}\hat{x} + \frac{b}{2}\hat{y}$.

Draw the lattice. Draw the primitive lattice vectors black and the atomic basis vectors red. Then draw the crystal stucture repeated 3 times in both directions with atom \mathbf{B}_1 green and the other two blue.