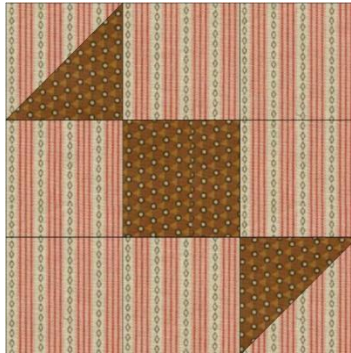


∞ Civil War Mini Quilt Sew Along, 2025 ∞

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Block 2 – Penny Candy



Finished block: 3" x 3"

Materials

Assorted reproduction fabric scraps

Cutting

From a light print, cut:

1 square, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"

2 squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

2 rectangles, 1 1/2" x 2 1/2"

From a medium or dark print, cut

1 square, 1 7/8" x 1 7/8"

1 square, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

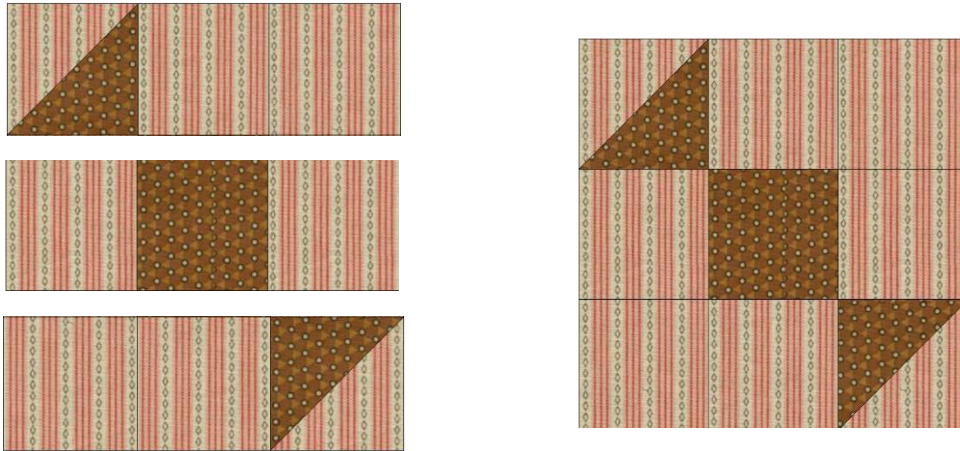
Directions

1. Make 2 half-square triangles from the light and the medium or dark 1 7/8" squares: Layer a light print square together with a medium or dark print square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner across the lighter square. Stitch 1/4" away from the line on either side. Cut on the drawn line. Flip open and press. Make 2 half square triangles in the same color.



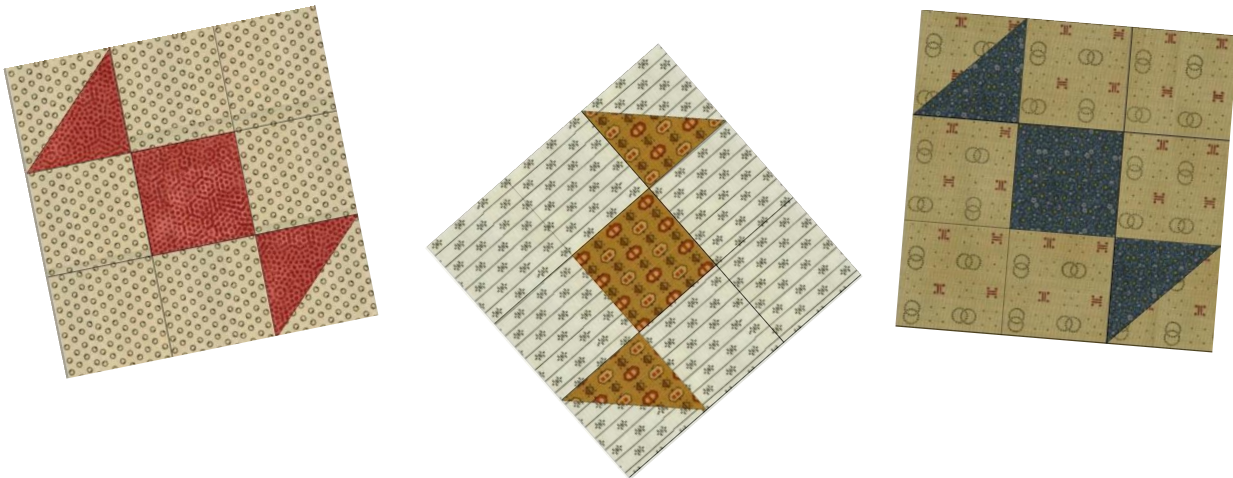
Make 2.

2. Sew the half-square triangles together with the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles as shown. Sew the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " medium or dark square together with two light print $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Sew the 3 rows together. Make 4 blocks. Your blocks should measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Make 4.

Yes, there was hard candy during the Civil War! By the mid-1800s, numerous factories in the U.S. were manufacturing candy, mostly producing individual hard candies which were then sold loose. Peppermints, lemon drops, jelly beans, rock candy and molasses twists were common sweets. Hard candies were also very popular among soldiers during the war because they were small treats that didn't spoil. They were often part of a soldier's rations. Enjoy making some penny candy blocks!



Block 3 will be posted on Friday, March 14, 2025.