



Make a Mini in March . . .

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Challenge yourself to make a small quilt using scraps of your favorite reproduction prints. Use one or all of the blocks in your quilt. Scrappy is good!

Materials

Scraps of assorted colors of reproduction prints to make the blocks. Your choice of fabric for borders, backing, binding.

Make the Blocks

Little House block (3" finished)

Cutting:

1 rectangle, 1 ½" x 2" for door

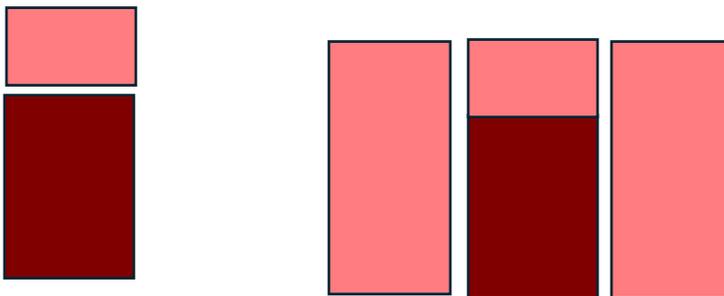
1 rectangle, 1 ½" x 1" for top door frame (matches house sides)

2 rectangles, 1 ½" x 2 ½" for house sides

1 rectangle 1 ½" x 3 ½" for roof

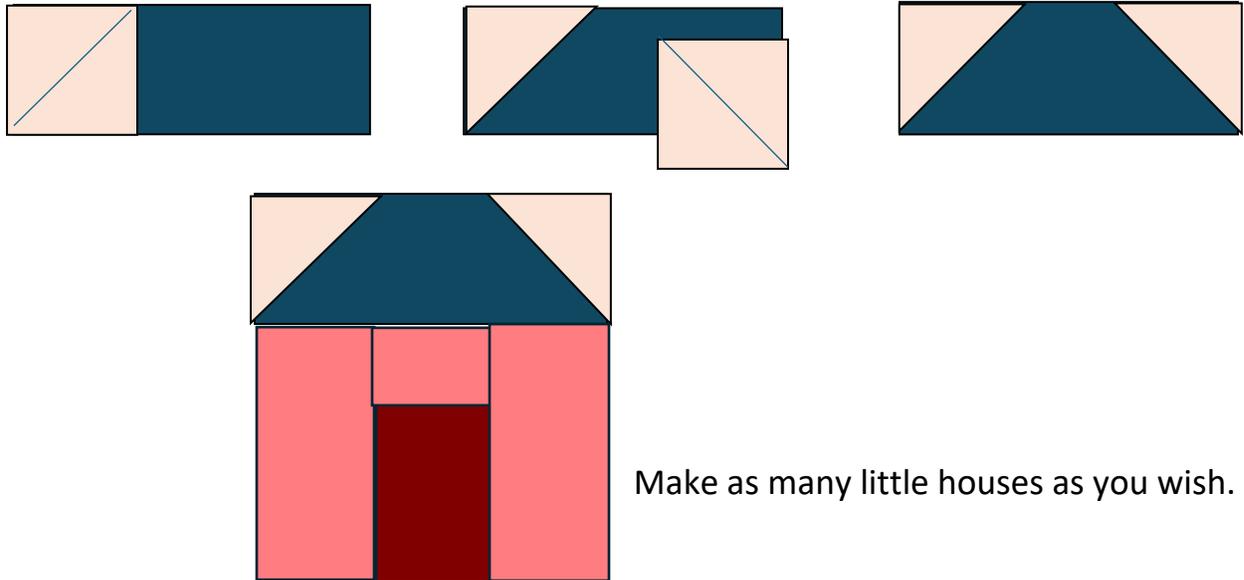
2 squares of a light fabric for roof background

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1. Begin by making the door section. Sew the 1" x 1 ½" rectangle that matches the pieces cut for the sides of the house to the top of the 1 ½" x 2" door rectangle. Press.



2. Sew the 2 side rectangles (1 ½" x 2 ½") to the door section from step 1.

3. Make the roof section by drawing a diagonal line across the wrong side of each 1 ½" light print square. Place a square on one end of the 1 ½" x 3 ½" roof rectangle, right sides together. Sew on the marked line. Trim ¼" away from the seam. Flip up and press the triangle open. Repeat on the other end.
4. Sew the roof section to the main house section. Press. I suggest pressing this seam open for less bulk. Use a couple of dabs of water along the seam as you open and press. Trim the block to 3 ½" x 3 ½".



Make as many little houses as you wish.

Four-Patch Block (3" finished)

Cutting

To make the nine-patch block to use in your little quilt setting, cut four squares 2" x 2" from a variety of scraps. Sew two squares together into a row. Make another row and sew the two rows together to make the simple block. Trim to 3 ½" x 3 ½". Make as many blocks as you wish and combine them with the other blocks.



Hourglass Block (3" finished)

Cutting

To make the hourglass block to use in your little quilt setting, cut two squares $4\frac{1}{4}'' \times 4\frac{1}{4}''$ from a light and medium or dark fabric. Cut each square twice on the diagonal for 8 triangles. These will make 2 blocks. Sew a light triangle to a darker triangle **as shown in Fig. 1**. Make 4 pairs. Sew the triangle pairs together **as shown in Fig. 2** to make the blocks. Trim the block to $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. Make as many blocks as you like to set in your quilt.

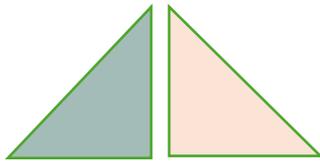
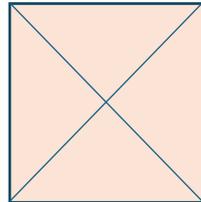
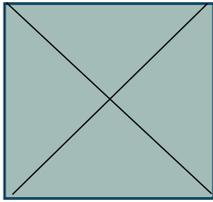


Fig. 1

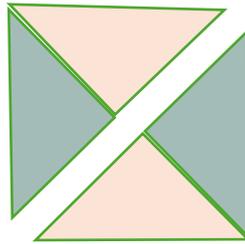
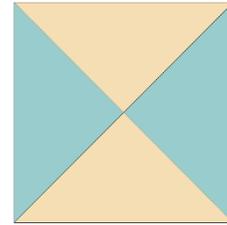


Fig. 2



Use one block or combine blocks to make a small quilt. Play around with some fabric scraps to make a few blocks and see what you come up with. It does not have to be a large quilt (unless you have the time and inclination) – even a small runner using 3 or four blocks would be cute.

