

Candy Cascade

Give the Shoofly block a makeover with a sweet technique!

Quilt Designed & Made by Pooja Garg

"One of my children's favorite songs goes: If all of the rain-drops were lemon drops and gum drops, oh what a rain that would be..." Pooja said. "Cutting up the Shoofly block and putting it back together made it look like falling candy to me, completely appropriate for the autumn version of my kids' favorite song—after all, if falling leaves were candy, what a fall that would be!"

SKILL LEVEL Easy

FINISHED SIZE 421/2" × 421/2"

FINISHED BLOCKS 25 Blocks 8½" x 8½" Planning

"This is so versatile, just like the original Shoofly block," she continued. "I can imagine this in patriotic colors, Christmas colors, even a cascading rainbow of candy!" It would be great for using up scraps and is easily altered to make any size quilt you'd like. After trimming the Shoofly blocks, you could even consider mixing up the quadrants from different blocks to give your version even more variety.

Use a consistent ¼" seam allowance throughout so all elements of the quilt fit together well.

Fabric Requirements

Fabric yardage assumes 40" usable width of fabric (WOF) unless otherwise noted.

Assorted green prints

1 yd. total for blocks

Assorted white prints

· 1¾ yds. total for blocks

Green plaid

½ yd. for binding

Backing

2% yds.

Batting

47" × 47"

NOTE: Fabrics in the quilt shown are from the Bee Basics collection by Lori Holt for Riley Blake Designs.

Cutting Instructions

Patches are lettered in order of use. Measurements include ¼" seam allowances.

Assorted green prints

cut 25 sets of:

- 2 matching squares 3%" (A)
- 1 matching square 3½" (B)

Assorted white prints

cut 25 sets of:

- * 2 matching squares 3%" (A)
- 4 matching squares 3½" (B)

Green plaid

5 strips 2½"-2½" (as preferred) ×
WOF for binding

Piecing the Blocks

Referring to Triangle-Squares in Quilt Basics and to Diagram I, matching pairs of assorted gree print A's with assorted white pr to make 25 sets of 4 matching u as shown.

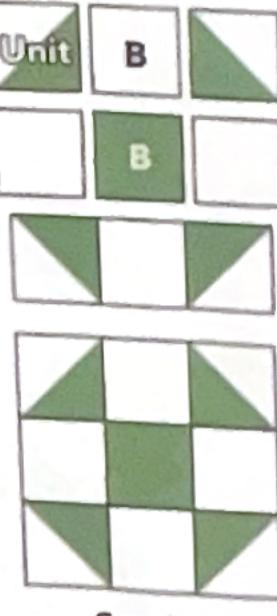


Unit Make 25 sets of 4 matching

Diagram I

2 Referring to Diagram II, sew to er 4 matching units, 4 matching white print B's, and 1 coordinat green print B as shown to make section. Make 25 sections total

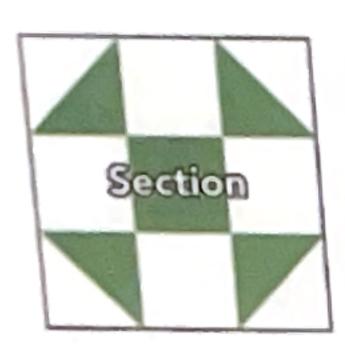


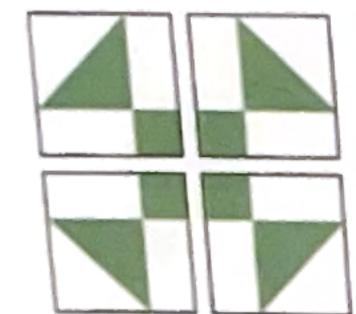


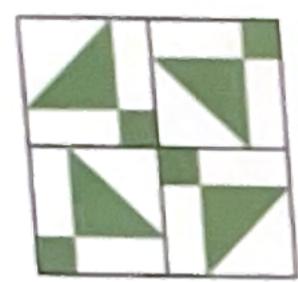
Section Make 25

Diagram II

3 Referring to Diagram III, mark center point on all sides of section (434" from raw edges on each side). Using center marks, trim section into 4 equal quadrants as shown. Rotate top right and bottom left quadrants as shown then sew quadrants together to make block. Make 25 blocks total.







Block Make 25

Diagram III

Assembling the Quilt Top

NOTE: Refer to Assembly Diagram for following steps, watching block orientation.

4 Join blocks into 5 rows of 5 blocks each as shown; sew rows together to complete quilt top.

Quilting and Finishing

5 Layer, baste, and quilt. Pooja machine quilted an allover trefoil knot motif. Bind the quilt.



Assembly Diagram



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