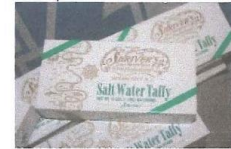




BRANDYWINE VALLEY QUILTERS

August 2019 Block of the Month

Salt Water Taffy



Theory 1: Salt Water Taffy is a variety of soft “taffy” originally produced and marketed in Atlantic City, New Jersey, beginning in the late 19th century because of its proximity to the Atlantic Ocean. Or, **Theory 2:** In 1883, a major storm flooded the shop of candy maker, David Bradley and his entire stock of taffy was soaked with salty Atlantic Ocean water. One day Mr. Bradley called it “Salt Water Taffy” to a customer and the name remained.

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12 ½ inch unfinished

12 inch finished

This month you have a choice. A girl’s quilt block or a boy’s quilt block. You may sew one and not the other or both blocks. Sew as many as you want. There will be **two different winners** this month. One for the girl’s quilt block and one for the boy’s quilt block.

Fabrics:

One solid white for both quilt blocks

One bright and large green, orange, pink, red, yellow, etc. bold print or solid fabric for the center of the block and a **one different** bright green, orange, pink, red, yellow, etc. large bold florals, geometric, mod, or stripes for the **girl’s quilt block**.

or

One bright and large green, brown, blue, gray, gold, etc. bold print or solid fabric for the center of the block and **one different** bright green, brown, blue, gold, etc. large bold, geometric, stripe, etc. print for the **boy’s quilt block**.

Note: Do not use animals and theme prints for both quilt blocks

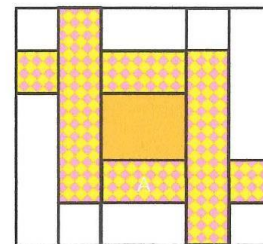
Cutting for girl or boy block:

- 2 2 ½ inch x 2 ½ inch squares from print for letter A
- 2 2 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch rectangles from print for letter B
- 2 2 ½ inch x 10 ½ inch rectangles from print for letter C
- 1 4 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch square solid for letter D
- 4 2 ½ inch x 2 ½ inch squares from white fabric for letter E
- 2 2 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch rectangles from white fabric for letter F
- 2 2 ½ inch x 8 ½ inch rectangles from white fabric for letter G

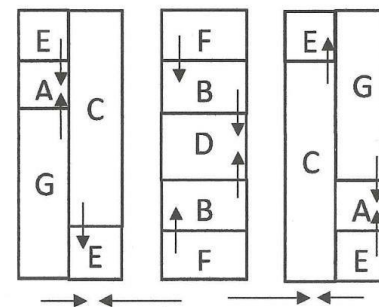
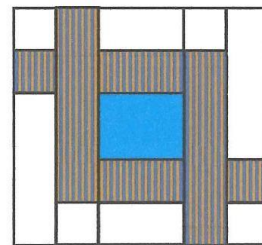
Sewing:

From left to right, sew each strip from top to the bottom and press according to the arrows. Then sew the strips together and press according to the arrows. If using a stripe fabric, make sure the stripes are positioned in the proper direction according to the boy’s quilt block at the right. Not some pieces horizontal and others vertical.

Girl’s Quilt Block



Boy’s Quilt block



Anne Marie’s Scrap Tip Watch for the effect that one-way designs can have on quilt block pieces. Haphazardly cut directional prints, for example stripes, will make blocks look crooked or unpleasing. Handle stripes uniformly by running the stripe in the same direction on each piece or as the pattern cutting directions specify.