

Barbara Brackman's Civil War Sampler

Month 5 (Month 17-20)

General Tips:

1. When following the book, an accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is needed. Check you seams to make sure they are  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". I found a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to help many of the blocks measure  $3\frac{1}{8}$ ".
2. The cutting instruction in the book is based on the diagonal cuts and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam being accurate. Due to this, I have added instructions to some to cut slightly bigger and trim as an optional alternative. If you have trouble with points, I suggest cutting bigger and trimming. It will take longer, but I think you will be happier with the results.
3. If you follow the instructions in the book, you are cutting on a bias edge. I suggest using spray starch to reduce the stretching.

Block #17 Calico Puzzle (Parenthesis shows what used in example)

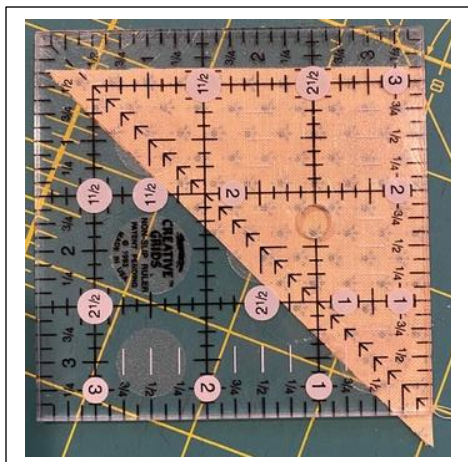
Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
Brown triangles (Light yellow)	(2) $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ cut diagonally	(2) $3\frac{3}{4}$ x $3\frac{3}{4}$
Yellow triangles (Gold)	(2) $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ cut diagonally	(2) $3\frac{3}{4}$ x $3\frac{3}{4}$
Yellow Square (Lightest yellow)	(1) $3\frac{1}{8}$ x $3\frac{1}{8}$	(1) $3\frac{1}{8}$ x $3\frac{1}{8}$
Pink (Dark Brown)	(4) $3\frac{1}{8}$ x $3\frac{1}{8}$	(4) $3\frac{1}{8}$ x $3\frac{1}{8}$



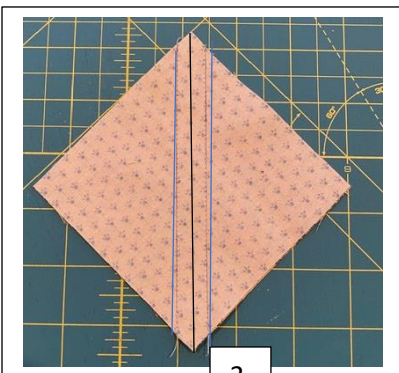
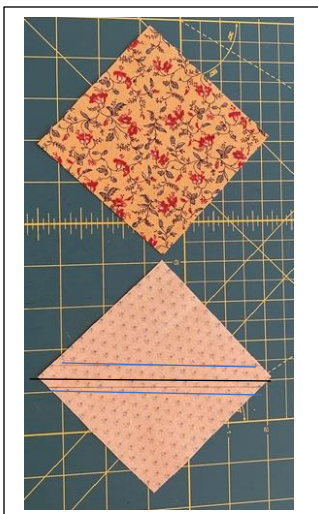
For the HST according to the pattern:

1. Take (4) Brown triangle and (4) Yellow triangle and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the diagonal line.
2. Block should be  $3\frac{1}{8}$  x  $3\frac{1}{8}$ . If it is not, check to make sure the seam allowance is  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

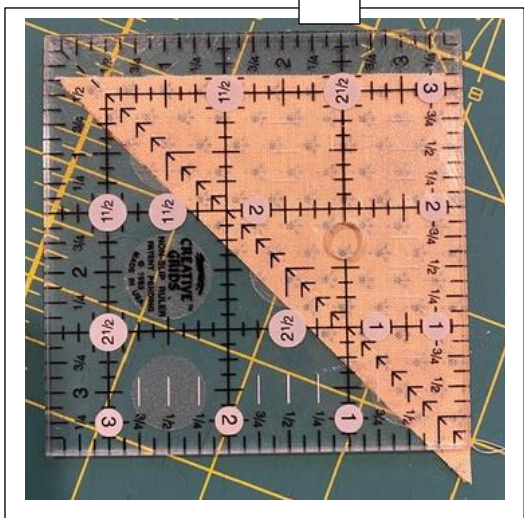
See next page for alternative option.



Alternate method of cutting block bigger and trimming down.

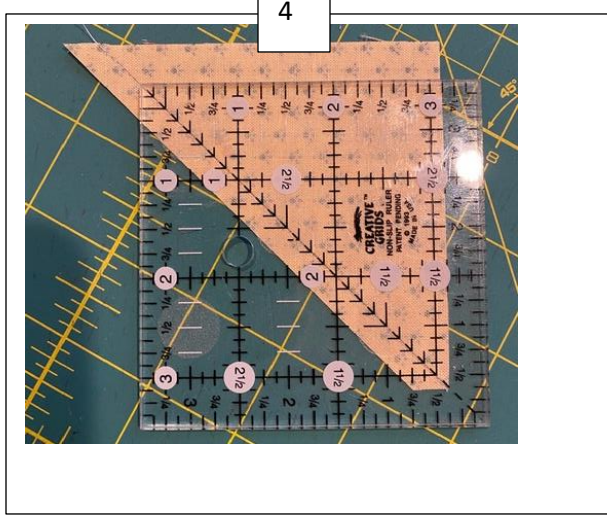


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1. Take (2)  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  x  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  Brown and (2)  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  x  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  Yellow and put right sides together.
2. On one side, draw a diagonal line and then  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal line. The middle line (black) is the cut line and the two lines  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the middle line is the sew lines (blue).
3. To trim, place the diagonal on the sew line. Make sure the piece is within the  $3 \frac{1}{8}$ " line. Trim the first side.
4. Move the ruler so that the diagonal line is on the sew line and the previously trimmed edge is on the  $3 \frac{1}{8}$ " line.

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1. Place blocks as shown.
2. Sew into rows.
3. Sew the rows to complete the block.



**Block #17 Calico Puzzle**



Block #18 Tea Leaf (Parenthesis shows what used in example)

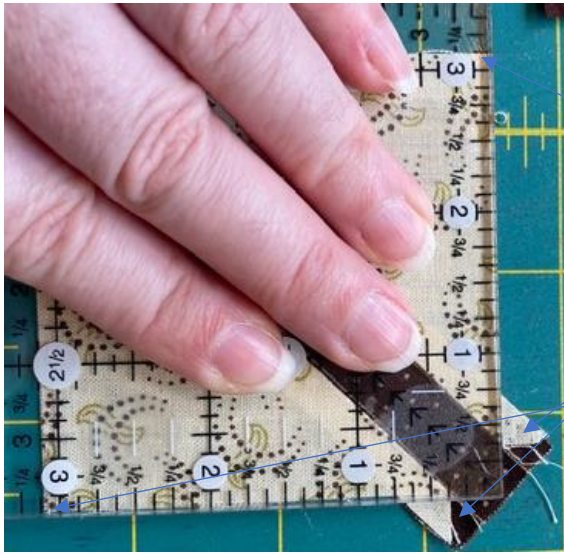
Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
Green (Pink) (Burgundy)	(2) 3 1/8 x 3 1/8 (1) 3 1/8 x 3 1/8 & (1) 3 1/2 x 3 1/2 cut diagonally	(2) 3 1/8 x 3 1/8 (1) 3 1/8 x 3 1/8 & (1) 3 3/4 x 3 3/4 cut diagonally
(Brown)	(1) 3 1/2 x 3 1/2 cut diagonally	(1) 3 3/4 x 3 3/4 cut diagonally
Brown (Brown)	(1) 1 x 4 1/2	(1) 1 x 4 1/2
Yellow (Yellow)	(1) 3 1/8 x 3 1/8; (2) 3 1/2 x 3 1/2 cut diagonally (HST); 3 1/8 x 3 1/8 cut diagonally (for stem)	(1) 3 1/8 x 3 1/8; (2) 3 3/4 x 3 3/4 (HST); 3 1/8 x 3 1/8 cut diagonally (for stem)



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1. **For the HST according to the pattern:** Sew (2) Yellow triangles to (2) Green (Burgundy) triangles and (2) Yellow triangles to (2) Green (Brown) triangles along the diagonal as shown. Block should measure 3 1/8 x 3 1/8. **For trimming,** following instructions in Block 17 using (1) Green (Burgundy) 3 3/4" square with (1) Yellow 3 3/4" square and (1) Green (Brown) 3 3/4" square with (1) Yellow 3 3/4" square.
2. (Stem) Sew the 3 1/8 x 3 1/8 triangles onto each side of the 1 x 4 1/2 as shown.
3. Trim the stem of the leaf to 3 1/8 x 3 1/8. The triangles won't need trimming but the rectangle will need to be trimmed to make the corner of the block. (See next page)

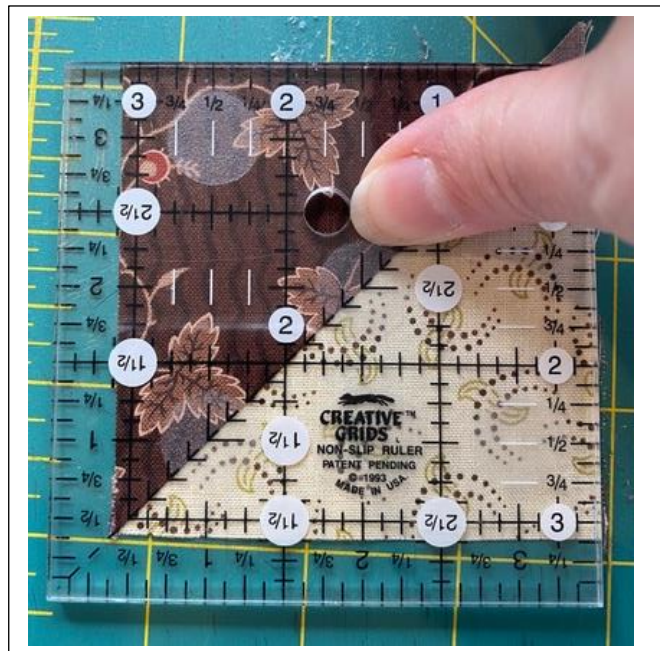
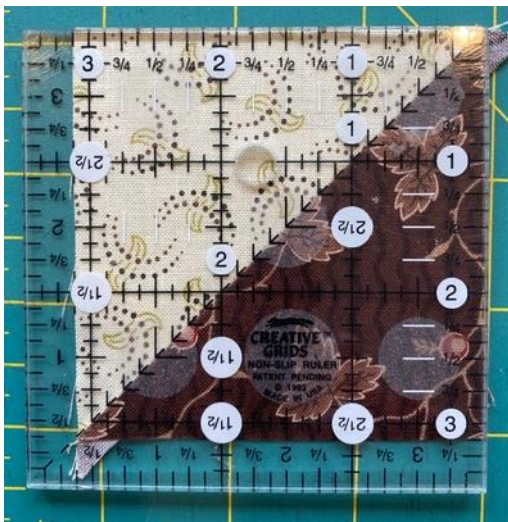




**Stem Trimming:**

1. Block should measure  $3 \frac{1}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$ .
2. Trim the rectangle.

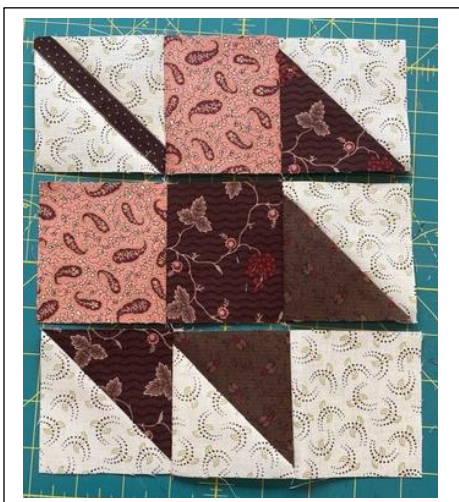
The HST will measure  $3 \frac{1}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$ . If you are trimming, trim to  $3 \frac{1}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$ .







1. Sew into 3 rows.
2. Sew the rows together.



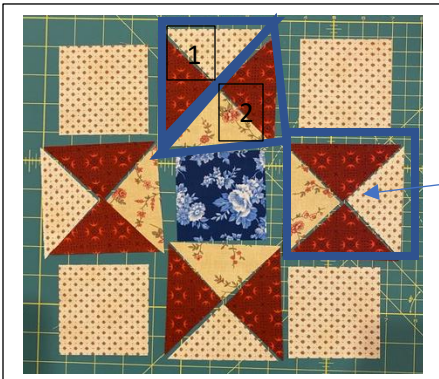
**Final Block #18 – Tea Leaf**



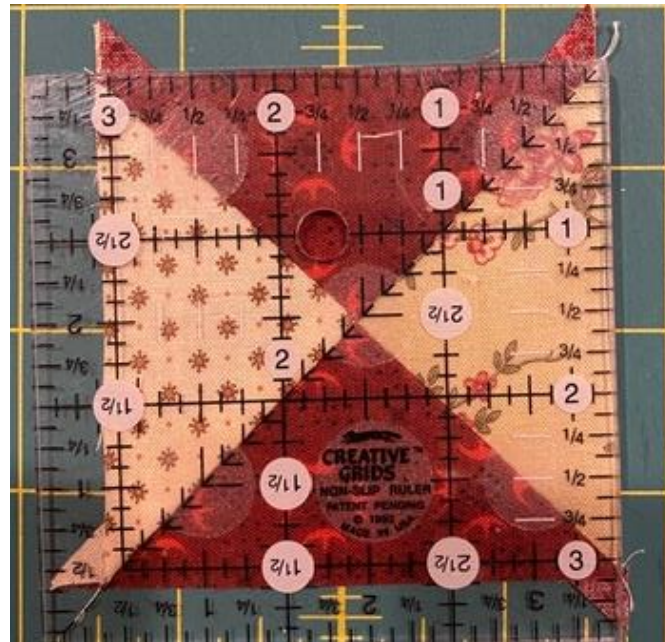
Block #19 Ohio Star

Cutting blocks	Based on pattern
Tan (Yellow)	(4) 3 1/8 x 3 1/8
(Blue center)	(1) 3 1/8 x 3 1/8
(Yellow triangles)	(1) 3 7/8 x 3 7/8 cut diagonally twice
Blue (Yellow w/larger flowers)	(1) 3 7/8 x 3 7/8 cut diagonally twice
Light yellow (Red)	(2) 3 7/8 x 3 7/8 cut diagonally twice

Sections from step 1



1. Sew (4) Light yellow and (4) tan triangles along the side of the triangle and (4) Light yellow triangles and (4) blue triangles along the side of the triangle.
2. Sew the first part to the second part of step 1. Refer to picture for placement.
3. Block measures 3 1/8 x 3 1/8.







1. Sew into 3 rows.
2. Sew the rows together.

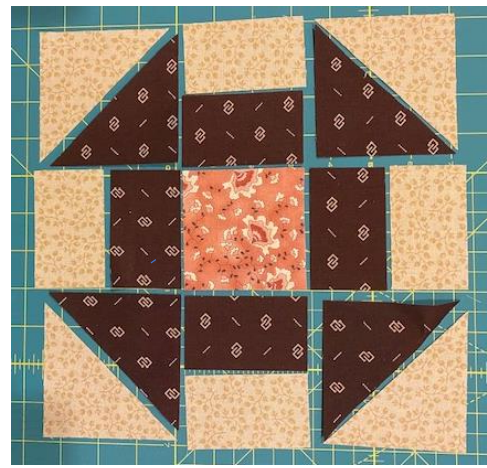
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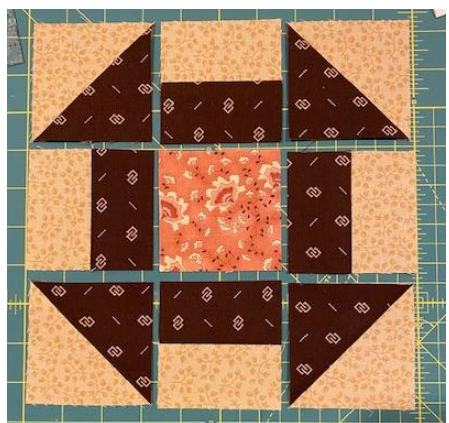
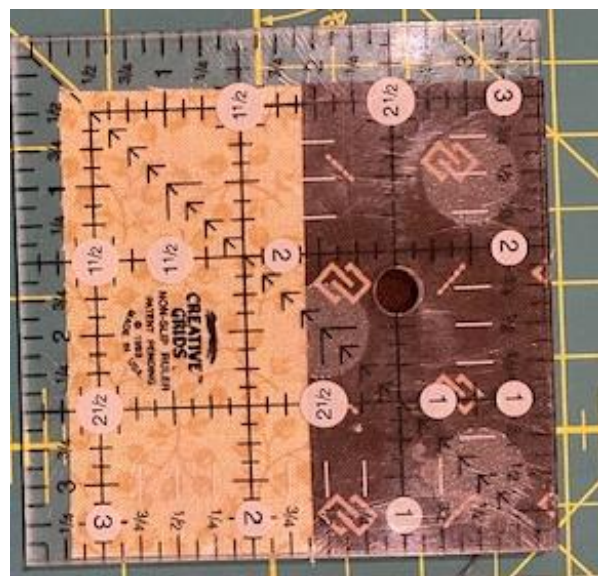
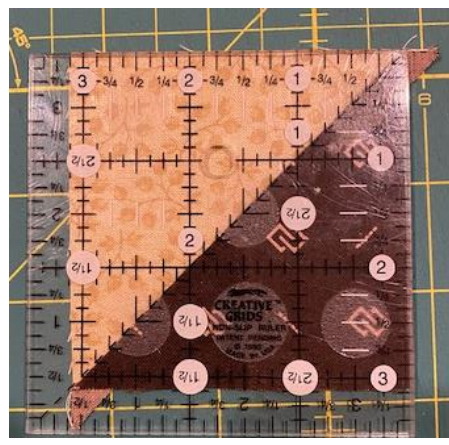


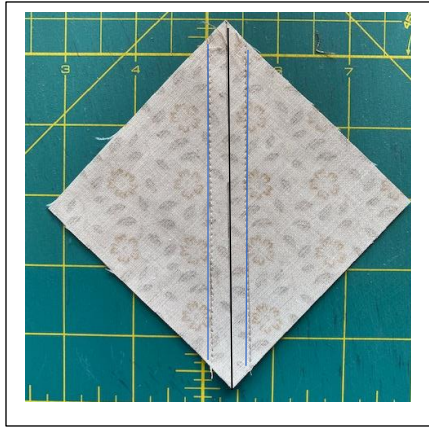
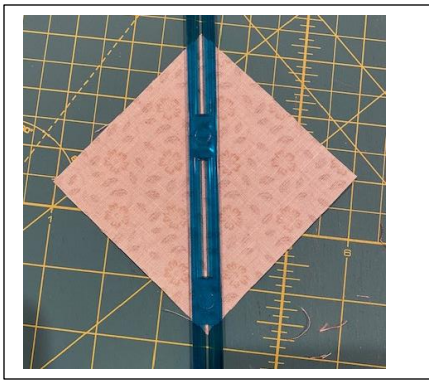
## Block #20 Lincoln's Platform

Cutting blocks	Based on pattern	Based on trimming
Pink (Pink center square) (Brown Triangles)	(1) $3 \frac{1}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$ (2) $3 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$ cut diagonally	(1) $3 \frac{1}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$ (2) $3 \frac{3}{4} \times 3 \frac{3}{4}$
Green (Brown)	(4) $1 \frac{7}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$	(4) $1 \frac{7}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$
Yellow (Yellow)	(4) $1 \frac{7}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$ (2) $3 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$ cut diagonally	(4) $1 \frac{7}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$ (2) $3 \frac{3}{4} \times 3 \frac{3}{4}$



1. Sew (4) Yellow triangles and (4) Pink triangles along the diagonal side. Block should measure  $3 \frac{1}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$ . (See next page for trimming option)
2. Sew (4) Green rectangle and (4) Yellow rectangles along long side. Block should measure  $3 \frac{1}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{8}$ .

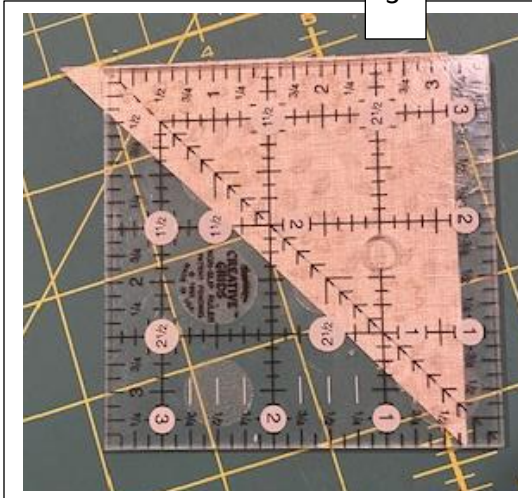




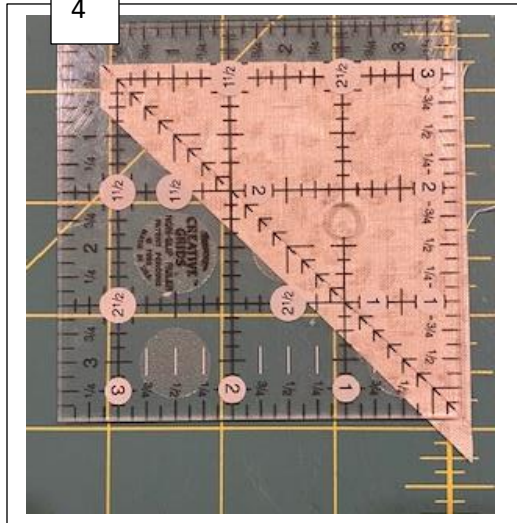
For the alternative method of cutting the blocks bigger (HST) and trimming down, follow these steps:

1. Take (2)  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  x  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  Pink and (2)  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  x  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  Yellow and put right sides together.
2. On one side, draw a diagonal line and then  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal line. The middle line (black) is the cut line and the two lines  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the middle line is the sew lines (blue).
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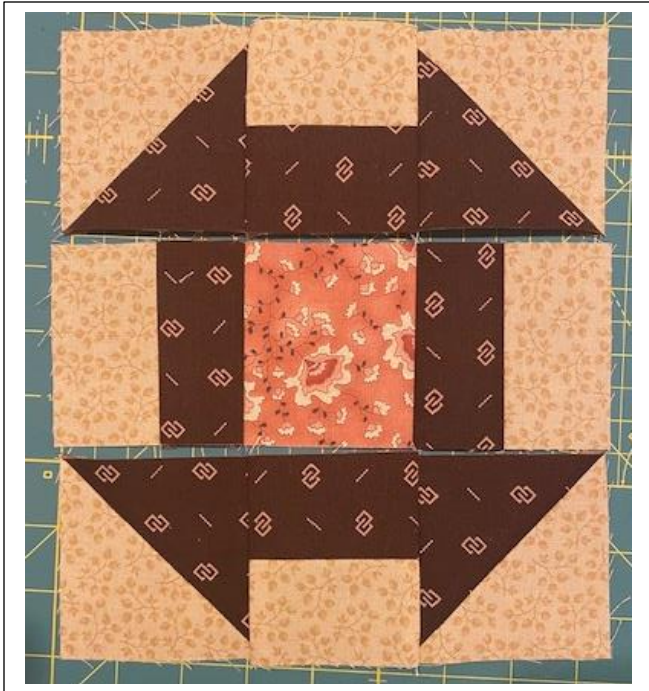
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1. Sew into 3 rows.
2. Sew the rows together.

**Final #20 – Lincoln's Platform**

