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Hello! It's Lisa Calle of [Vintage Modern Quilts](http://www.vintage-modern-quilts.com) here with a quick recipe using your favorite pieces of Moda Candy. I came up with this cute and fast little pincushion as a way to use some of my Moda twill tape. I've saved every piece of it since I started buying pre-cuts (Please tell me I'm not the only one who does this?!). They're just tucked away and looking lonely in a jar on the shelf.

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I just had to make use of them! Even with the small-scale piecing, this pincushion is a fast and simple project.

## Ingredients:



- 1 package of Moda Candy (I used Mama Said Sew by Sweetwater)
- 6 pieces of Moda twill tape from a Jelly Roll or Fat Quarter Bundle OR 108 inches of binding
- 12 charm squares OR 12 pieces of 5"x5" scraps
- 12 pieces of 5"x5" batting
- Filling (I used crushed walnut shells)

These instructions show you how to make 1 pincushion. A package of Moda Candy plus the ingredients listed above will yield 6 pincushions.

1. Choose seven pieces of Candy for your pincushion top: four pieces for the 4-patch, 2 sashing fabrics, and 1 center fabric

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2. Mark a line down the center of two of your 4-patch pieces. (I press a line with my iron). Place 1 marked piece and one unmarked piece right sides together and sew 1/4" away from the line.



Cut along the line and press. Repeat for your other two 4-patch pieces.

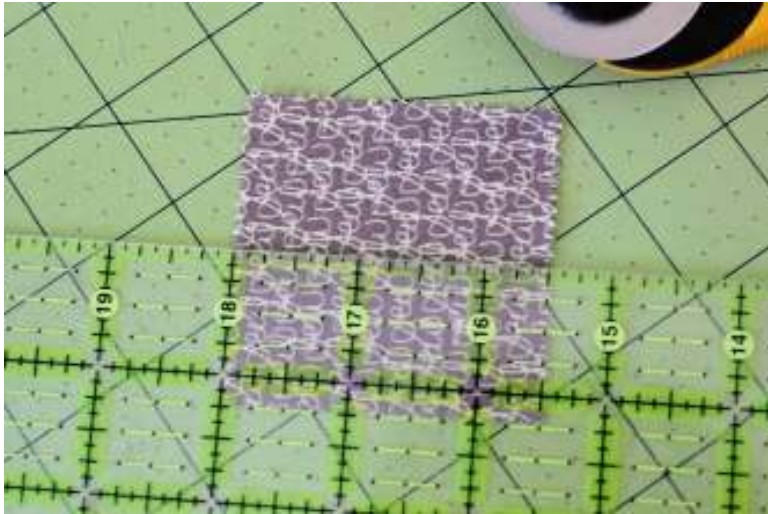
3. Mark or press a line down the center of the 4-patch strips you've sewn, going perpendicular to the seam. Repeat the process of sewing 1/4" from each side of the line, cutting, and pressing. You now have four itty bitty 4-patch blocks.



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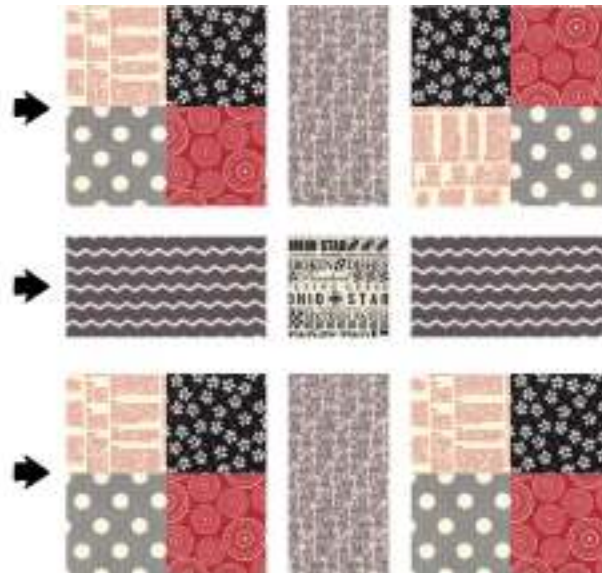
4. Cut your sashing squares in half: each sashing strip will measure 2.5" x 1.25" (with about 0.5" of the length as excess that you'll trim off later). Set aside.



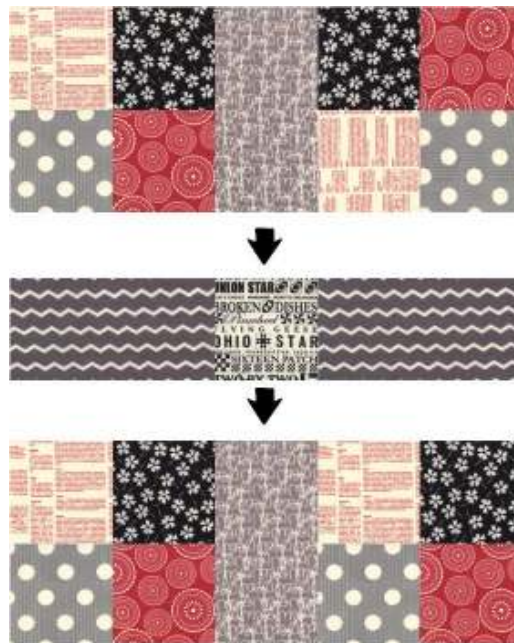
5. Cut your center square. I chose a cute portion of one fabric to fussy cut a star and some text. This center square measures 1.25" x 1.25."



6. Assemble your block in rows. Press your seams towards the sashing on the 4-patch rows and towards the center block on the middle strip.



7. Match points, pin, and sew your block together.



8. Layer up with one charm square, your batting piece, and your block on top. Quilt as desired. If you don't want any quilting, at least baste the edges together. Use your ruler and rotary cutter to square up to 4.25 inches.

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You now have a cute mini quilt pincushion top!

*Optional - sew a length of Moda twill tape that reads "Moda" on the backing square for your pincushion. I hand-stitched mine on because I only thought of this after I'd made the pincushion.*

9. Place your pincushion top wrong sides together with your backing charm square. Sew a 1/4" seam all around your pincushion, leaving a small opening for the filler. I like to mark my stopping point with a pin or Clover clip.



10. Sew a zig zag stitch at one end of your Moda twill tape. This will help prevent fraying. You can also use fray check if you have some on hand.

11. Attach your Moda twill tape as binding. Start just after the opening you've left and sew on just like bias tape, folding the twill tape at each corner to miter them.

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12. Fill the pincushion with crushed walnut shells. (NOTE: You can find these in the bird section of a pet store. The bag is huge so share with a couple of friends.)

13. Stitch the opening closed and finish adding your twill tape binding. Be sure to zig zag the end to prevent fraying. Overlap the beginning of the twill tape by an inch or so. It is helpful to use your zipper foot for this step.

One Sweet as Candy Pincushion! (That's my son's little hand in the photo. He just had to touch those yellow pins.)



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Repeat x 5 to use up your entire pack of Moda Candy. Each pincushion measures about 4.5" square. These can also be used as pattern weights. They make a great gift for your sewing friends and this pincushion looks sew stylish in solids (the Bella Solids 2012 colors are available as Moda Candy.) See what other Moda Candy is available [{here}](#) and check your favorite LQS to see which ones they have in stock.

Hope you enjoyed this recipe. If you make a pincushion, be sure to brag about it in the [{Moda Bake Shop group on Flickr}](#).

Happy sewing!

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