



Hard Candy Christmas

Sparkling metallic thread, used for quilting and satin stitching, underscores the holiday cheer in a colorful Christmas candy runner.



Finished size: approximately 14" × 42"

Table runner made by Gary Rushton and Patrick

FABRIC AND SUPPLIES

Note: A 42" available width of fabric is assumed.

Blue: 1 yard for background and backing

Red: ½ yard for candy cane appliqué and binding

White: ½ yard for round mint candy and candy cane appliqué

Green: 13" × 16" rectangle (or a fat quarter) for round mint candy appliqué

Batting: 16" × 44"

Fusible web (18" wide): 1½ yards

CUTTING FABRICS

From Blue:

Cut 1 rectangle 14" × width of fabric for the background. Remove the selvages.

Cut 1 rectangle 16" × width of fabric for the backing. Remove the selvages.*

*Cut the backing in half, and add a coordinating inset to the backing as desired to make it larger than the background piece (see Backing Hints, page 8).

From Red:

Cut 4 strips 2½" × width of fabric for the binding.

CREATING THE APPLIQUÉS

All the appliqué template patterns are in the pullout section. They are printed actual size and are reversed for tracing onto fusible web.

Cut out the round mint candy appliqué and candy cane appliqué from white fabric. (Cut the complete candy cane shape.) Cut out the green fabric segments for the mint candies and the red segments (numbered 1–5) for the candy canes.

Refer to Fusible Appliqué Preparations (page 7) for additional instructions on creating the appliqué.

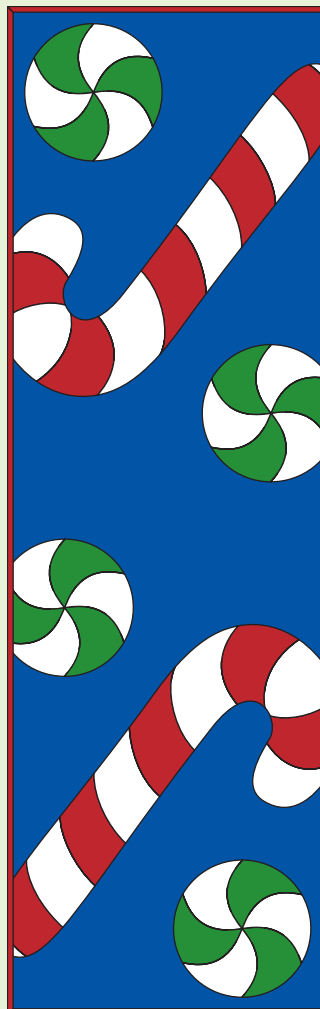
POSITIONING AND FUSING THE APPLIQUÉS

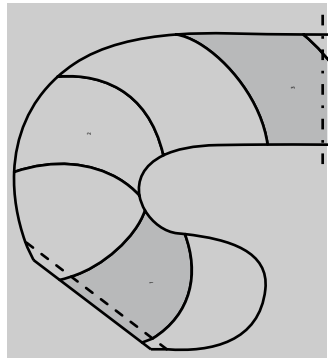
1. Remove the paper backing from the appliqué.
2. Refer to the project photo (page 36) and the illustration (page 38) for placement. Arrange the appliqué on the background, overlapping as desired. Place the green mint candy segments on top of the white circle appliqué, alternating with the white spaces. For the candy canes, place the red segments on top of the white appliqué as shown, alternating with the white spaces.
3. Be sure to place the fusible side of the fabric against the background. Finger-press the appliqué into place. Remember that there is a ¼"-wide seam allowance for binding on all sides of the background. Two of the round mint candy appliqué and both candy canes extend into this seam allowance.
4. When you're satisfied with the arrangement of all of the appliqué pieces, fuse them into place on the background, following the manufacturer's instructions for the fusible web you're using. Trim the excess appliqué fabric from the sides of the runner.

QUILTING AND FINISHING

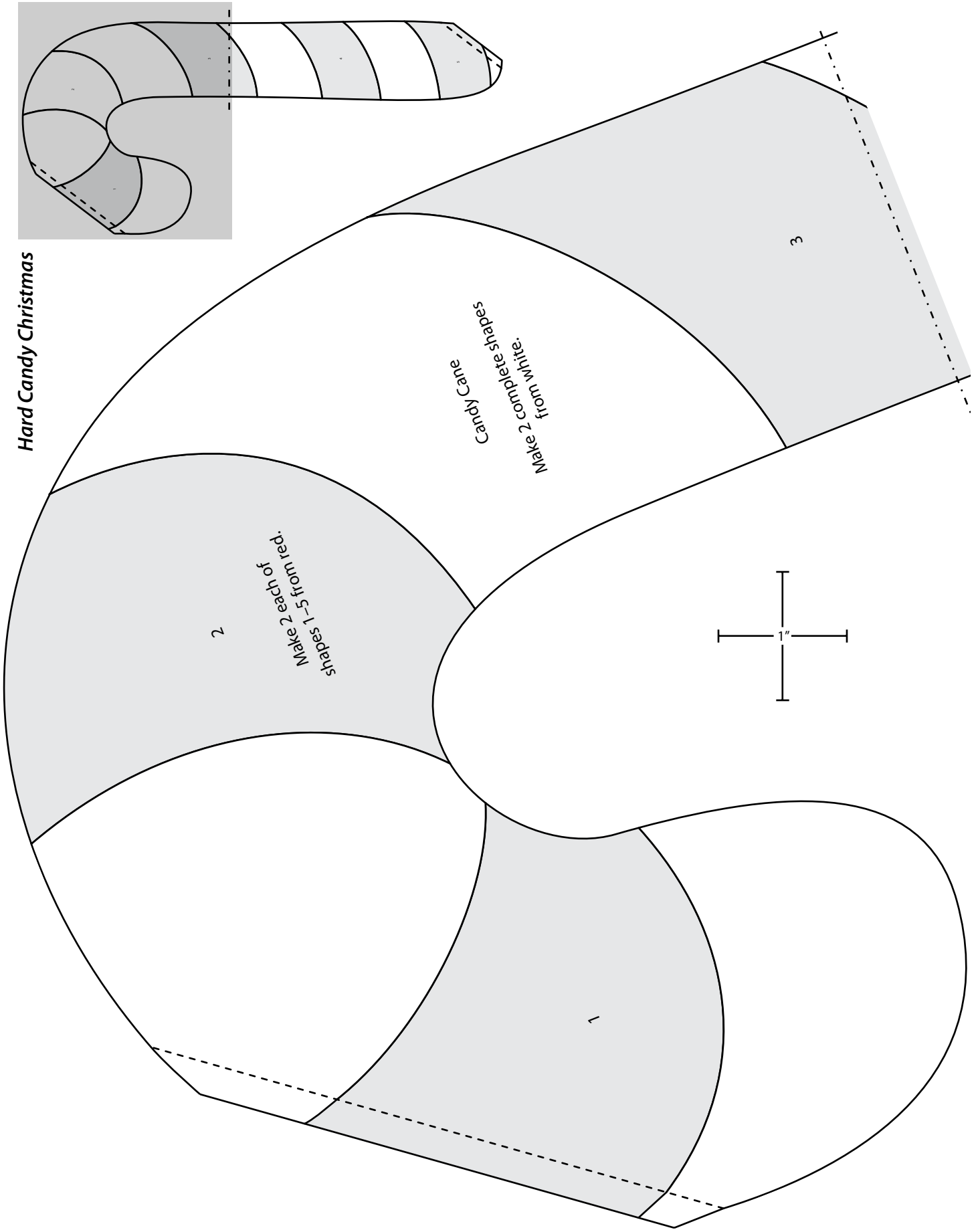
Refer to *Layering and Quilting* (page 7), *Satin Stitching* (page 8), and *Binding* (page 9).

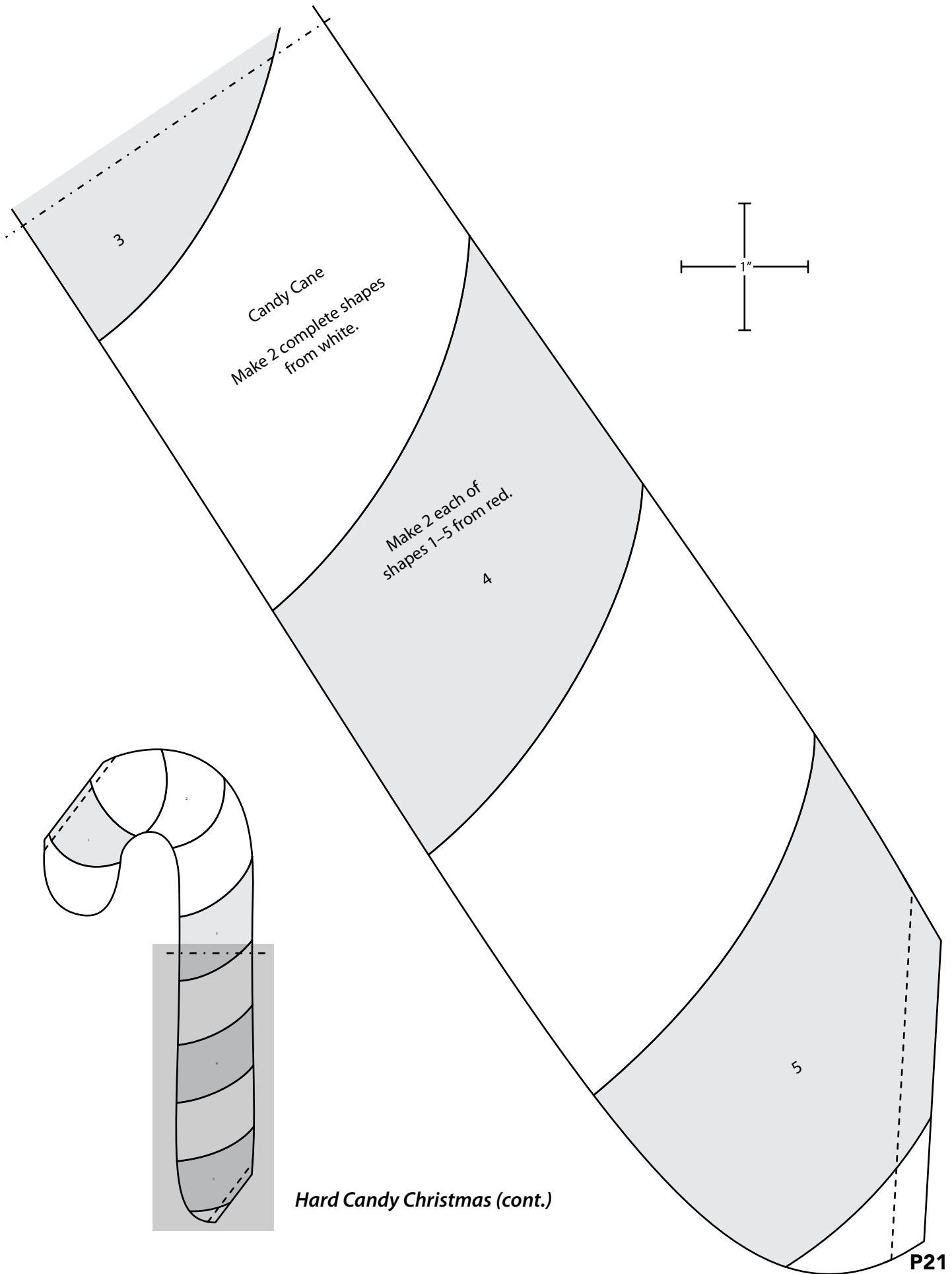
1. Sandwich the batting between the runner top and backing, wrong sides together, smoothing the top outward from the center. Pin the layers together.
2. Quilt as desired. I used gold metallic thread in a looping circle pattern over the whole runner, including the appliqué.
3. Satin stitch around the outside of each appliqué as well as between all candy segments. I used green metallic thread for the round mint candy and red metallic thread for the candy canes.
4. Bind the runner.





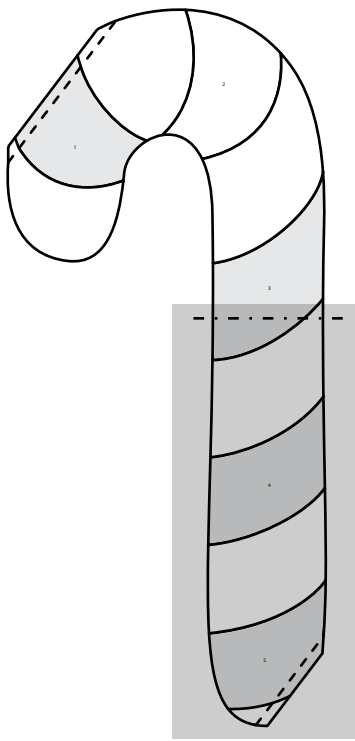
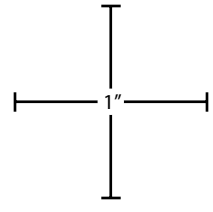
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Candy Cane
Make 2 complete shapes
from white.

Make 2 each of
shapes 1-5 from red.



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