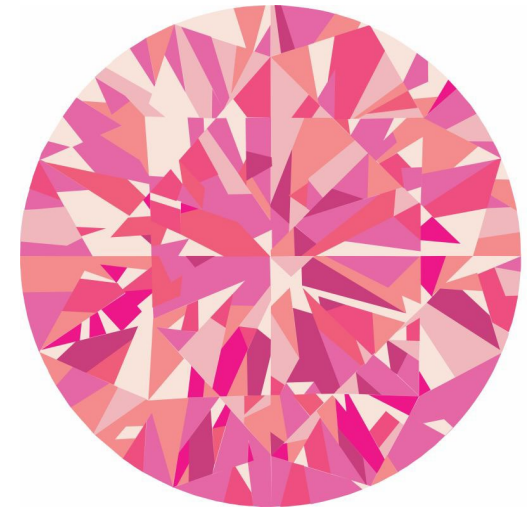


# “Catherine”: Padparadscha Sapphire

Padparadscha sapphires inspire this month’s Catherine Colorway. Sapphires and rubies are made of the same mineral -- corundum. The presence of different trace elements is what causes corundum to be found in every color of the rainbow.

The term “padparadscha” is derived from the Sinhalese word for “lotus flower,” owing to that blossom’s brightly colored pink-orange petals. Nicknamed “Pads” (pronounced “pods”), these lovely gems are typically found in Sri Lanka, where the Sinhalese people have lived for centuries. However, Pads have also been uncovered in Tanzania and Madagascar.

All sapphires are very durable. They measure 9 on the Mohs Scale, just under Diamond, which has the top hardness score of 10. Swatches of colors are on the next page. I’ve tried to match each fabric line as closely as possible to the color swatches. Due to variations between lines, specific colors will vary. Enjoy!



	<i>Moda Bella Solids</i>	<i>KONA Cotton Solids</i>	<i>Paintbrush Studio Fabrics (Painter’s Palette Solids)</i>	<i>Michael Miller Cotton Couture</i>	<i>Free Spirit Solids &amp; Tula Pink Solids</i>	<i>Cherrywood Hand-Dyed Fabrics</i>
<b>A</b>	26 Pale Pink	1271 Shell	048 Pale Pink	Confection - CONF	Peachfuzz*	W1 White
<b>B</b>	195 Bunny Hill Pink	274 Primrose	023 Rose	Love - LOVE	Sparkle*	W2 Lily
<b>C</b>	388 Lotus	845 Sassy Pink	078 Bubblegum	Princess - PRIN	Cosmo*	1260 Phlox
<b>D</b>	425 Rose Water	1393 Woodrose	118 Verbena	Cameo - CAME	Taffy*	0235 Salmon
<b>E</b>	92 Magenta	190 Camilla	068 Rosebud	Girl - GIRL	Tula*	1250 Fuchsia
<b>F</b>	299 Flamingo	447 Punch	119 Blush	Shell - SHELL	Hibiscus*	0170 Raspberry
<b>G</b>	214 Berrylicious	489 Gumdrop	149 Violet	Orchid - ORCH	Amethyst*	1230 Jamberry
<b>H</b>	22 Shocking Pink	1049 Brt Pink	079 Raspberry	Magenta - MAGE	Stargazer*	1240 Hot Pink
<b>Backgnd &amp; Binding</b>	Super Black (96) or White Bleached (98)	1019 Black or 1387 White	Ebony (004) or White (000)	Black - BLAC or Bright White - BWHT	Black or Arctic White	1305 Onyx or W1 White

\* Tula Pink Solids for Free Spirit Fabrics

# “CaThERine”: PaDPaRaDSCHa SaPPHIRE

