Cochin

Cochin was a late medieval Hindu kingdom and later princely state on the Malabar Coast, South India.
It issued stamps from 1892 until 1949 when it formed part of the new state 'Tranvancore Cochin'
It is now part of the state of Kerala

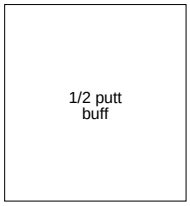
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Raja Kerala Varma I 1888-1895

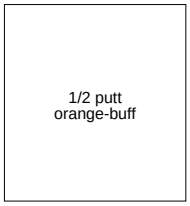
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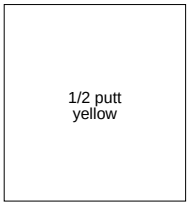
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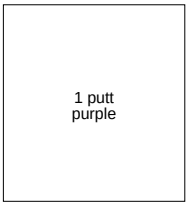
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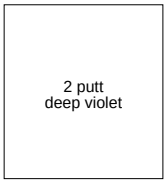
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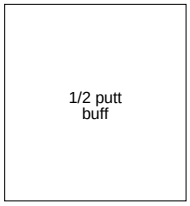


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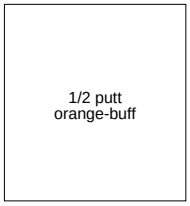


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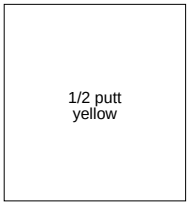
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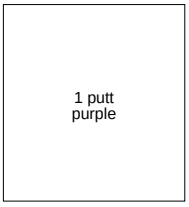
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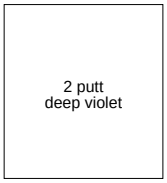
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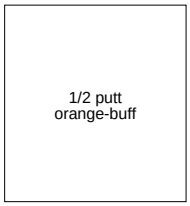
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Cochin

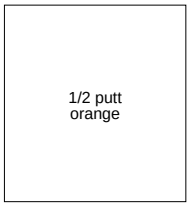
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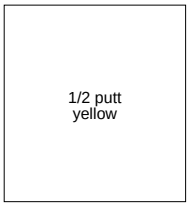
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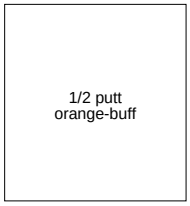


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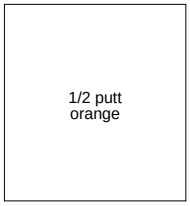


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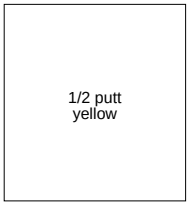
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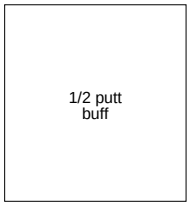
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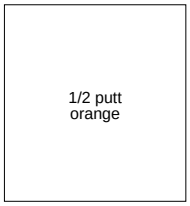
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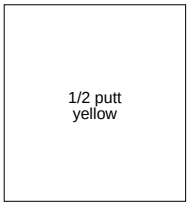
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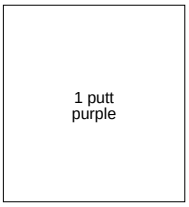
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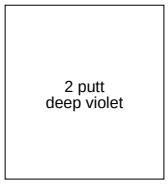
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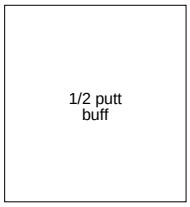


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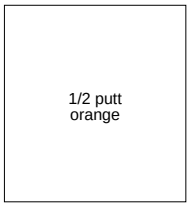


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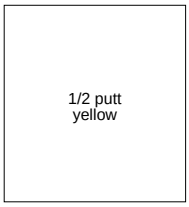
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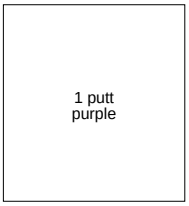
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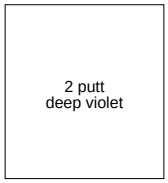
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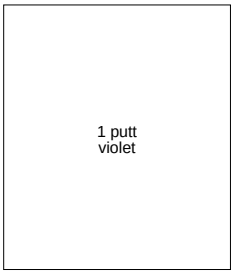
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Cochin

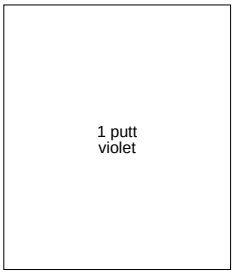
Raja Rama Varma I 1895-1914

1896

Watermark: Arms & Inscription in sheet. Perf 12

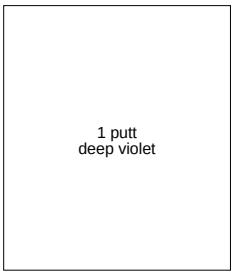


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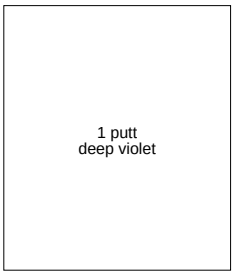


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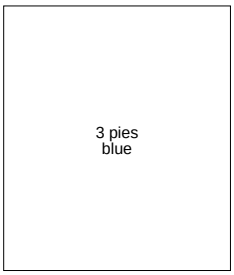
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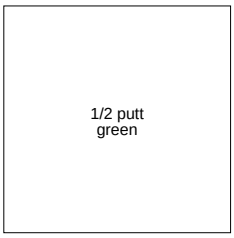
1896 Thin yellowish paper, with or without gum

Watermark; Small umbrella. Perf 12

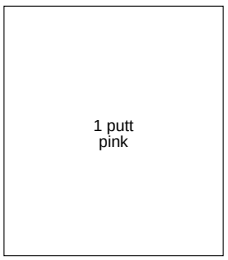
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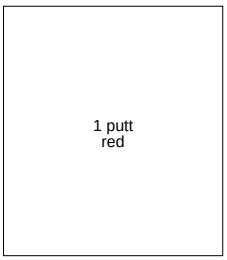
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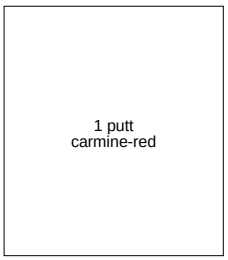
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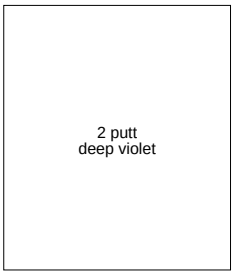
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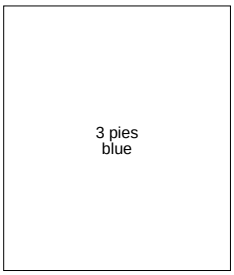
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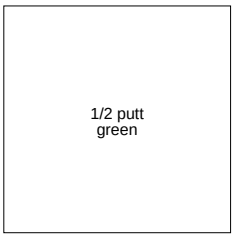
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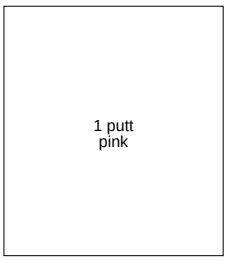
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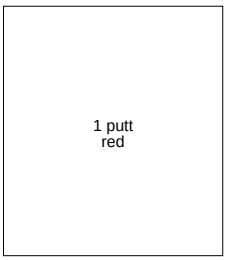
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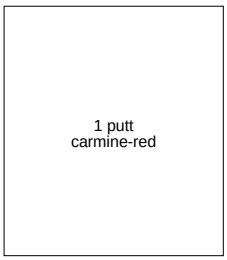
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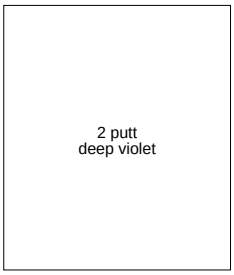
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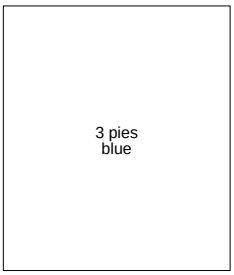
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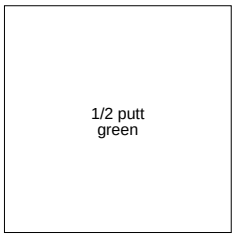
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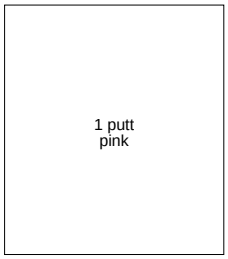
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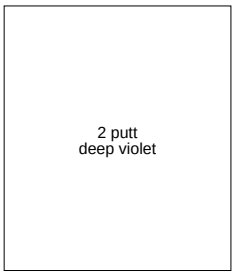
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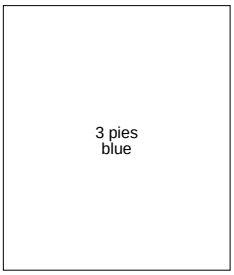


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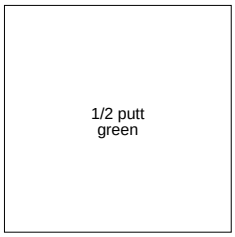


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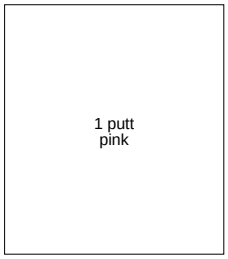
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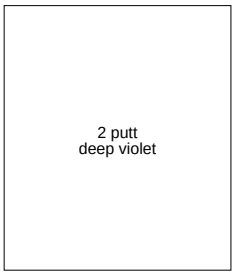
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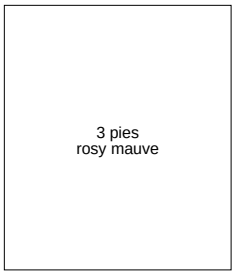
Cochin

1902-03 Thick white paper, without gum

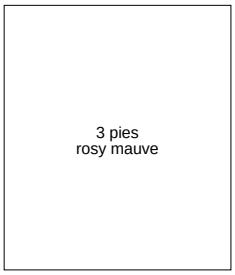
Surcharged Variety

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Surcharged '2' on 3 pies



sg 22 Mint



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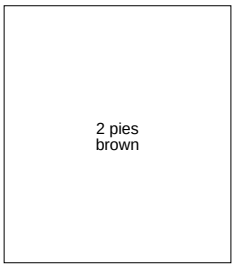
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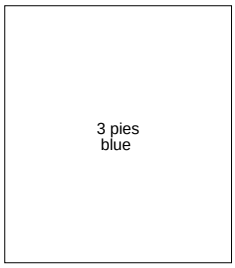
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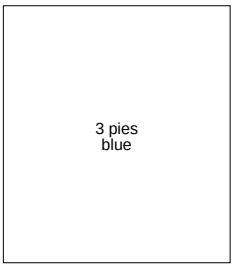
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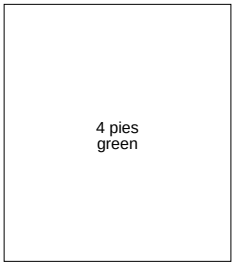
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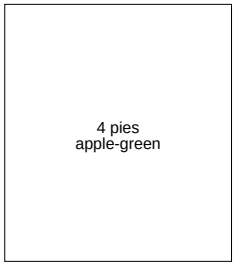
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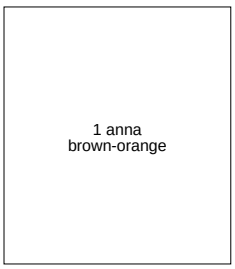
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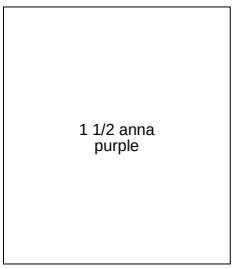
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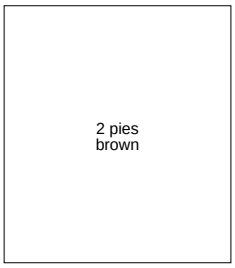
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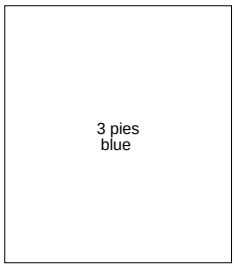
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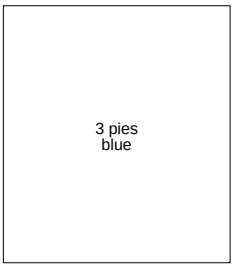
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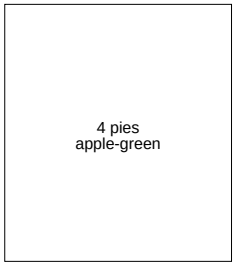
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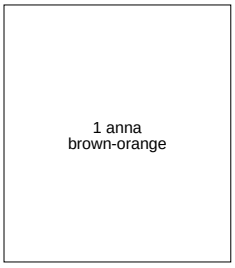
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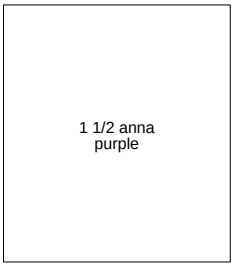
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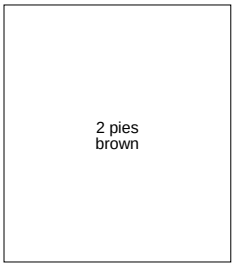
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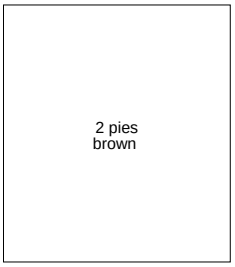
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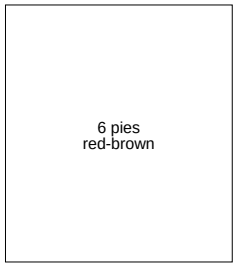
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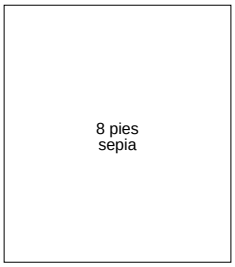
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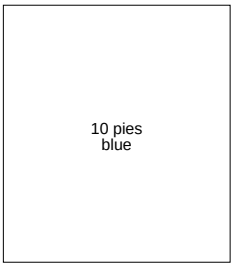
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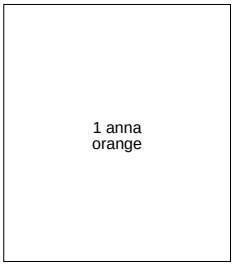
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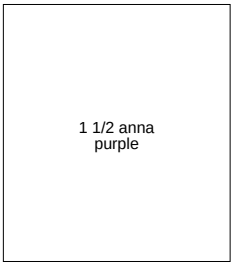
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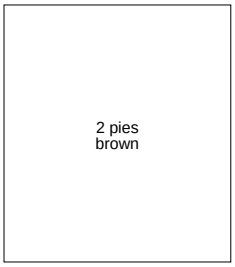
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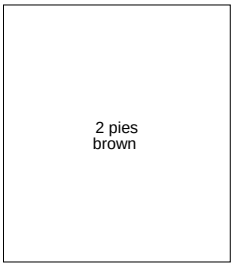
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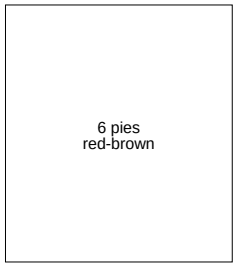
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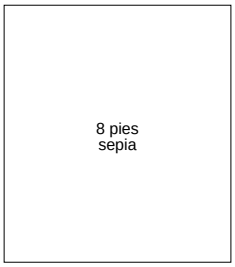
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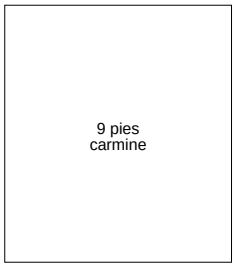
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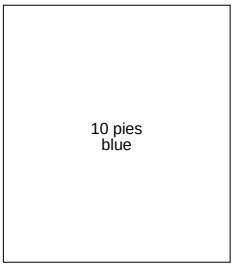
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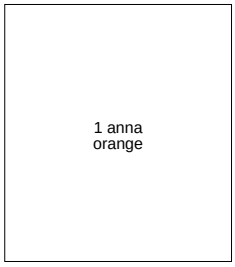
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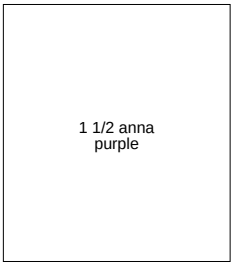
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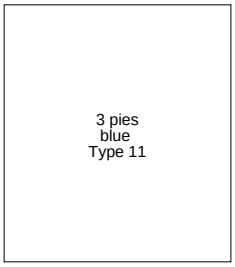
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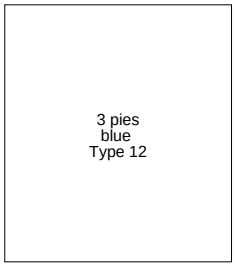
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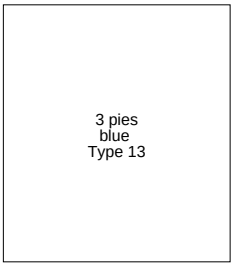
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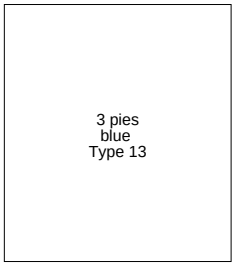
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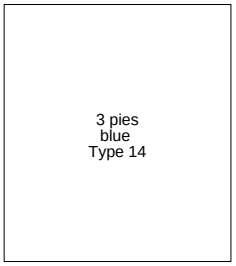
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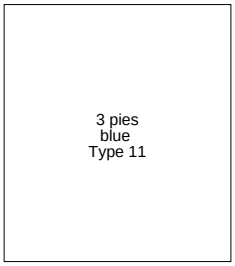


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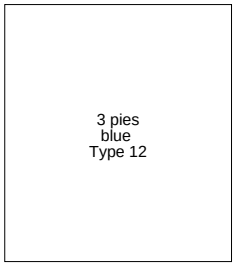


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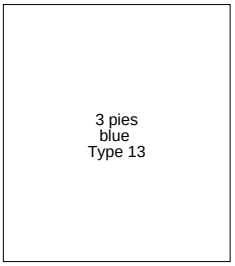
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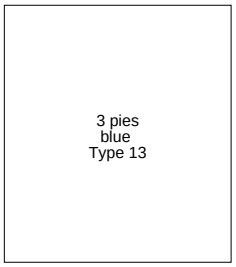
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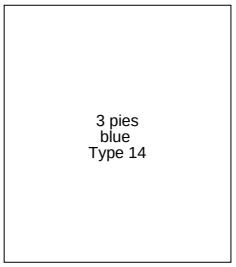
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Cochin

1928

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1932-33

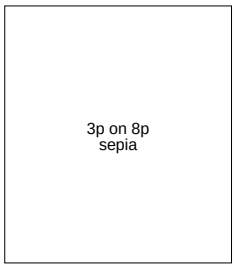
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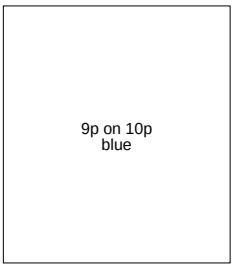
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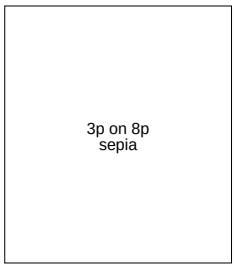


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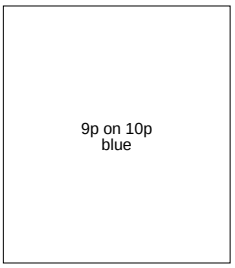
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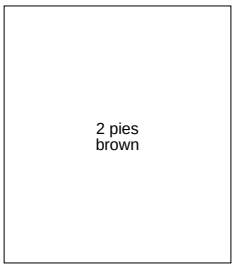
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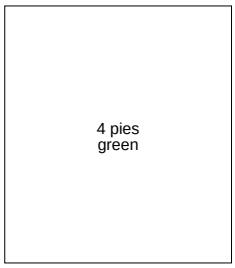
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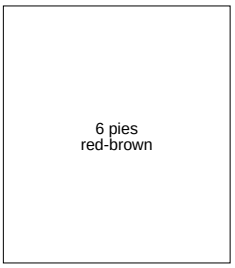
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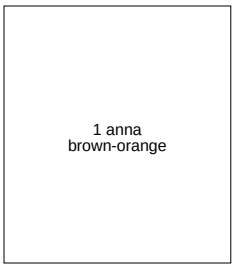
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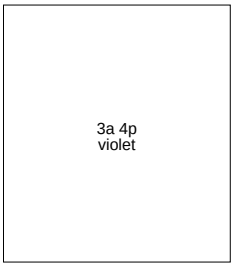
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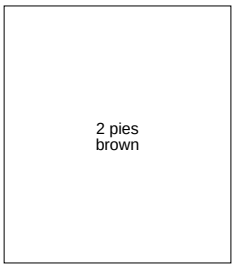
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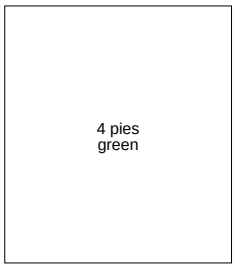
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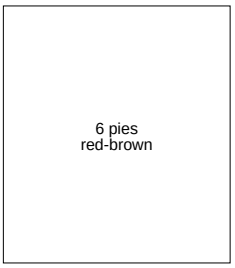
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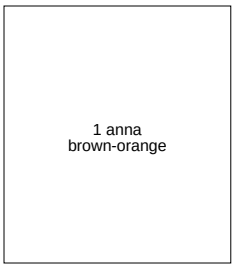
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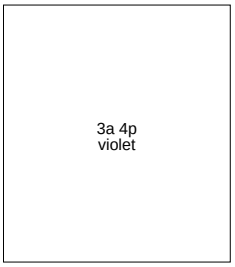
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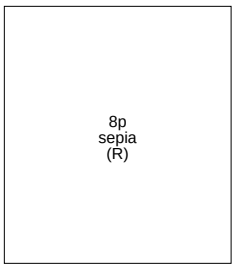
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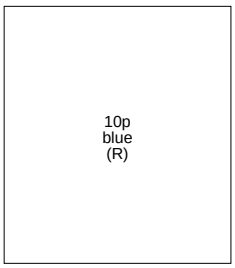
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Mint

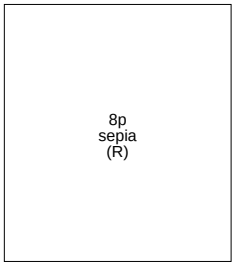


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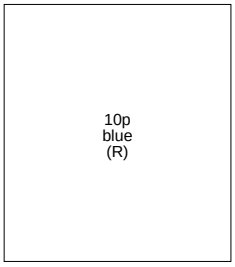


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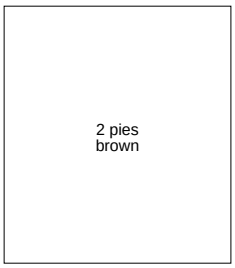
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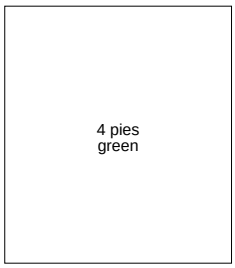
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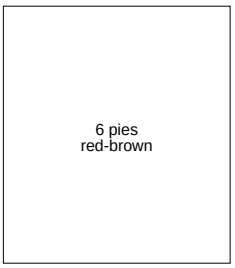
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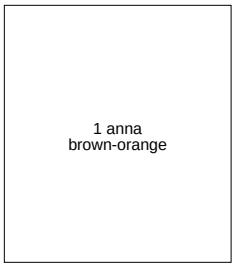
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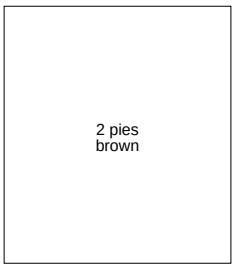


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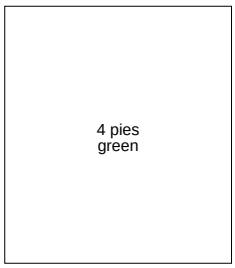


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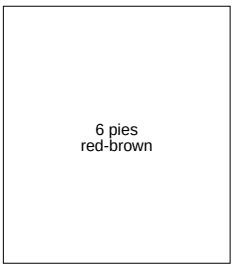
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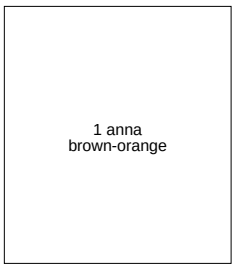
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sg 70b



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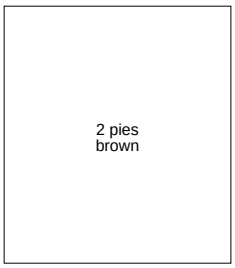
Maharaja Rama Varma III. 1932-41

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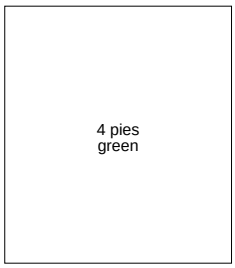
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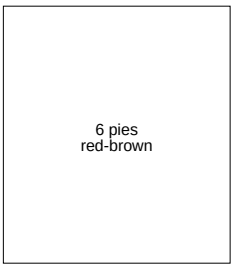
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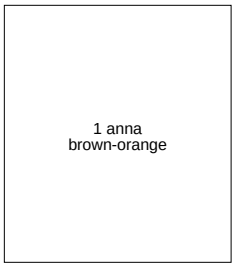
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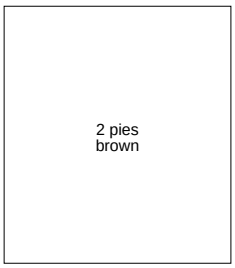


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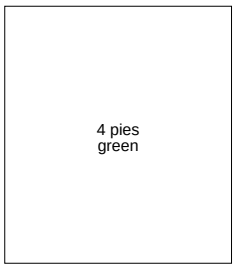


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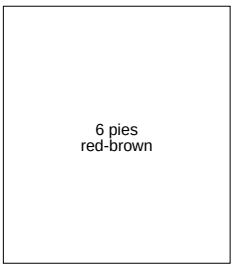
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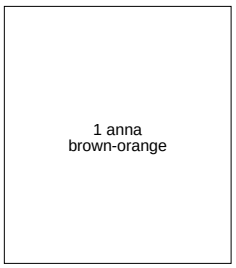
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Cochin

Overprinted Varieties

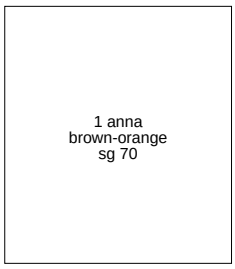
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The 'ANCHAL' overprints were applied to stamps intended for postal purpose.

Mint

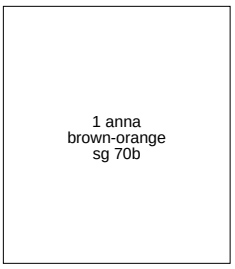
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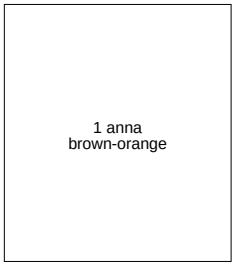


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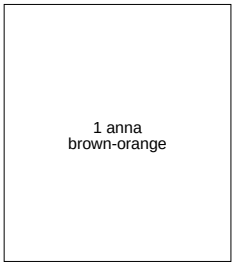


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Number SG 70 optd 'ANCHAL' [small font]



sg 74 Litho



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Cochin

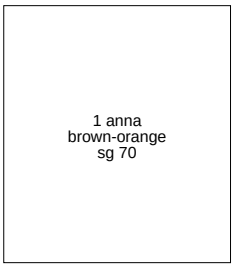
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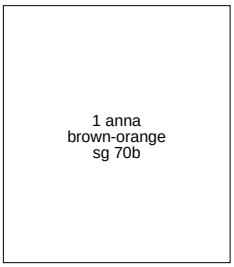
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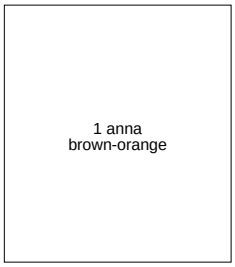


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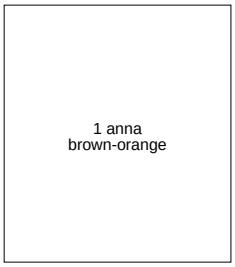


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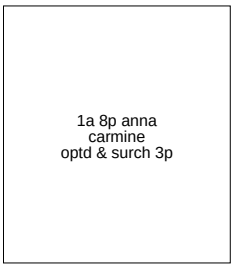
1942-44. Types sg 58; 68; 70 & 70b variously overprinted or surcharged.

Recess-printed stamp number sg 58

Mint



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sg 76



sg 77



sg 78

Used



sg 75



sg 76



sg 77



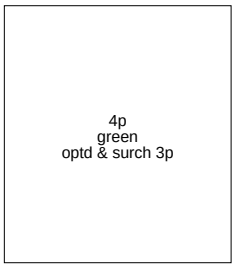
sg 78

Cochin

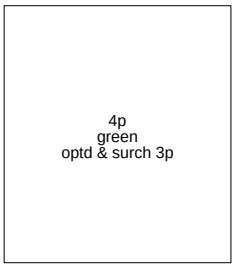
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Litho-printed stamps number sg 68, 70 & 70b

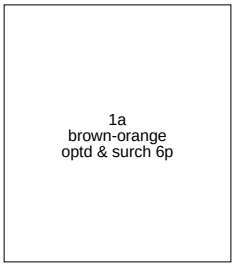
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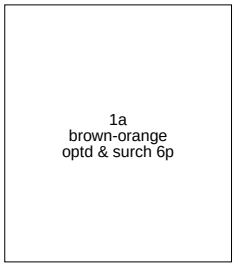
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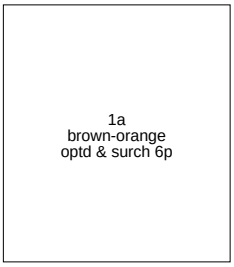
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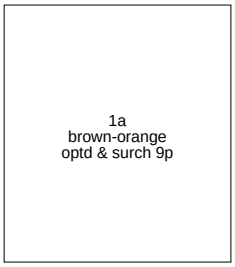
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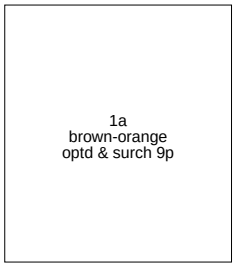
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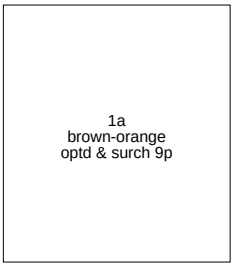
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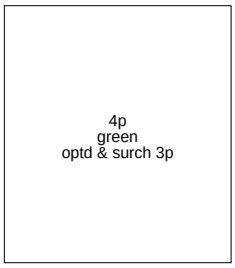
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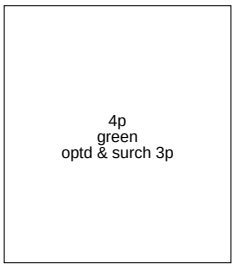
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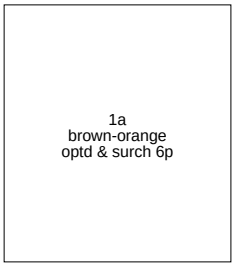
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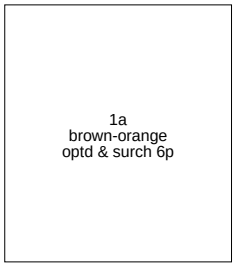
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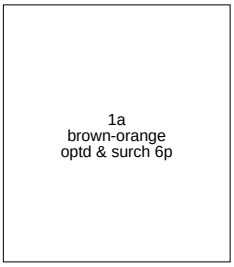
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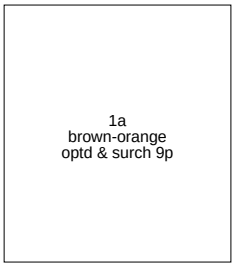
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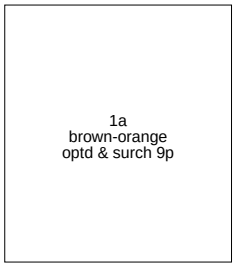
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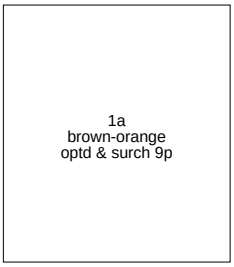
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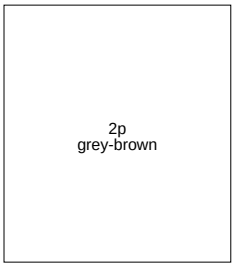
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Maharaja Kerala Varma II. 1941-43

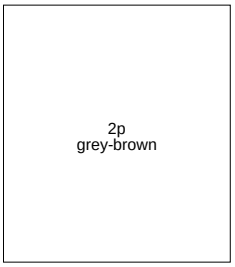
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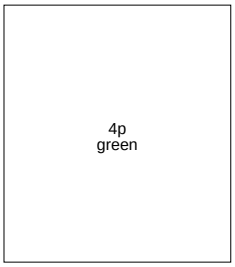
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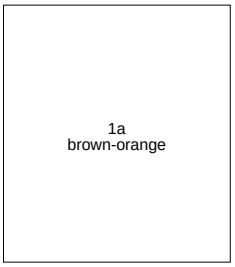
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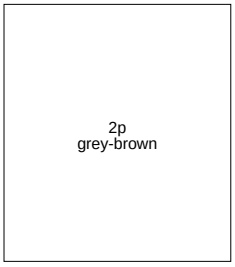


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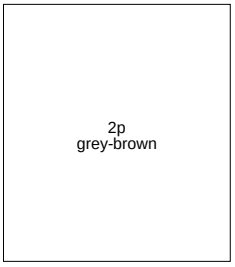


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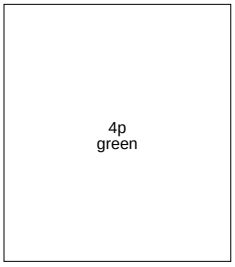
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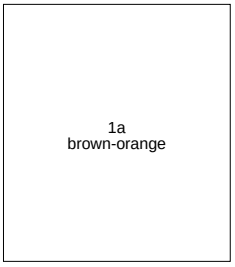
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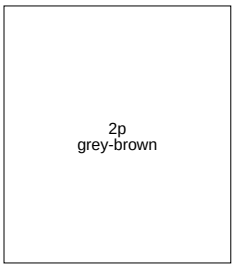
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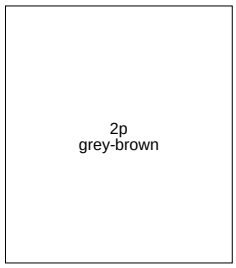
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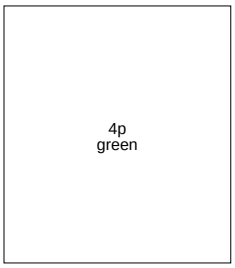
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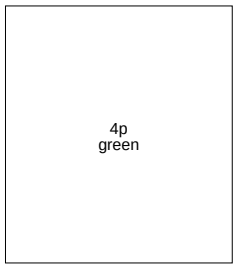
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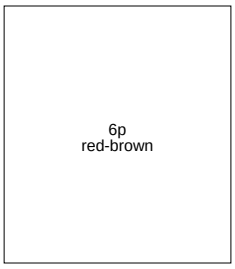
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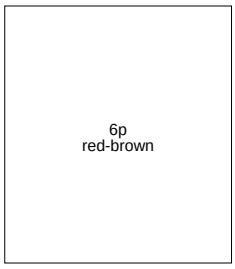
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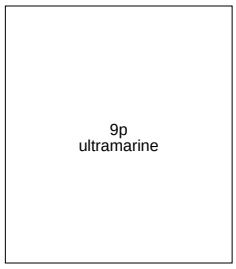
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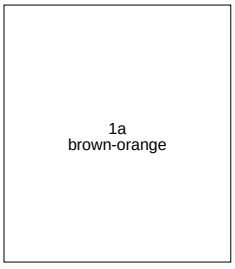
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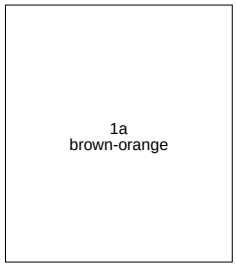
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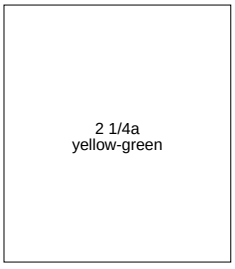
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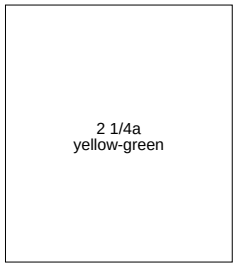
sg 90



sg 90a p 11



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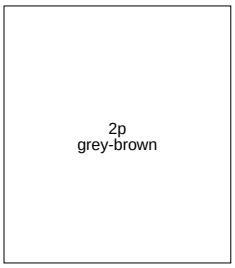
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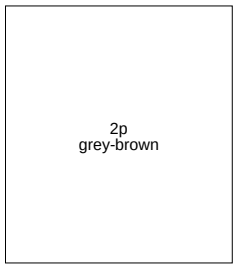
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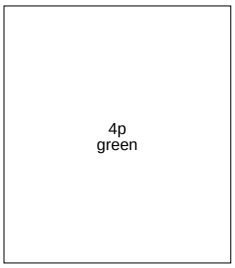
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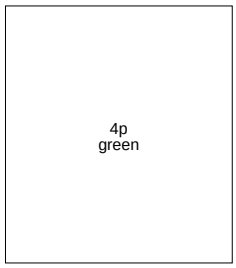
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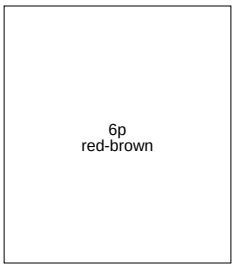
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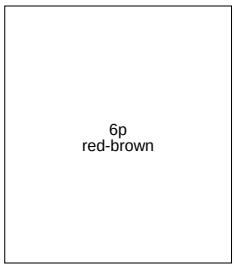
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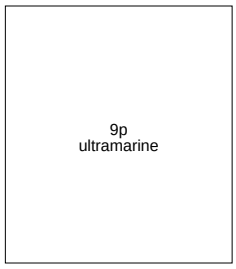
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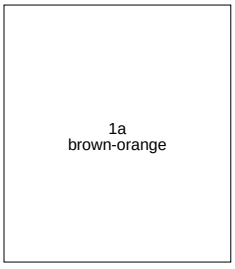
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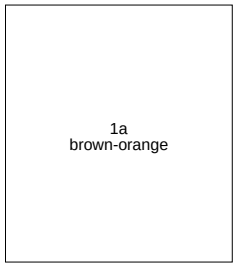
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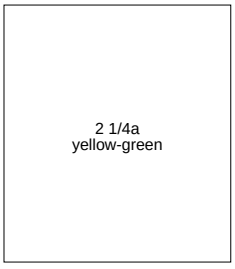
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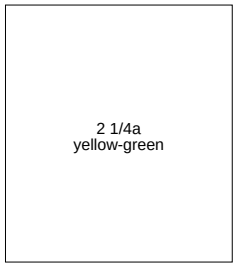
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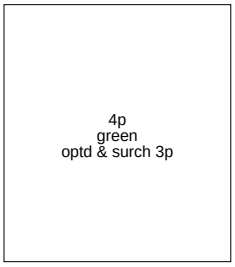
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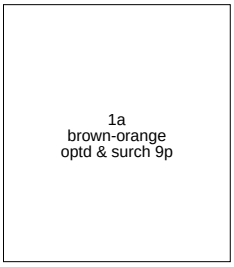
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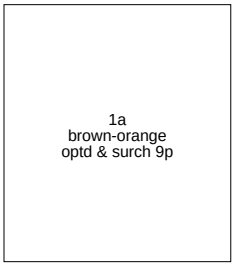
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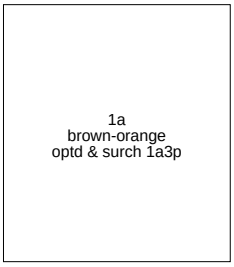
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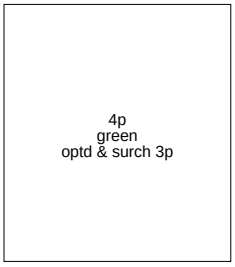


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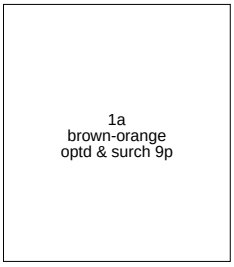


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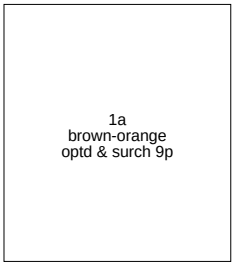
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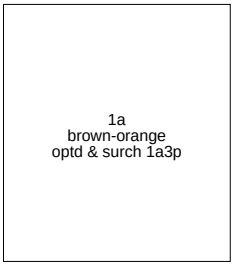
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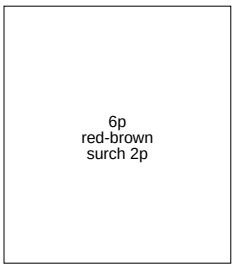
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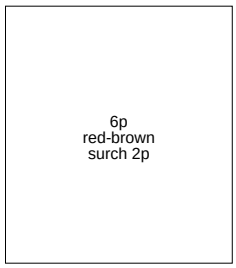
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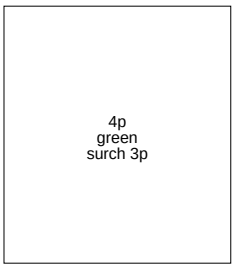
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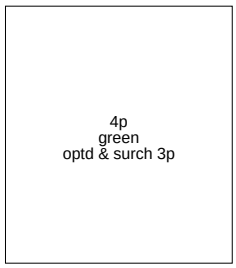
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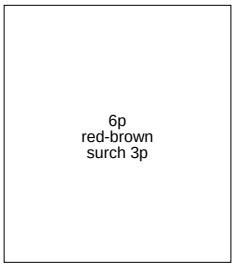
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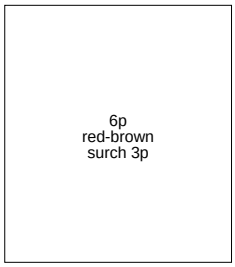
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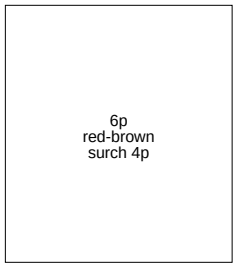
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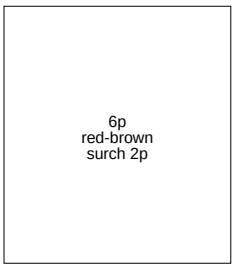


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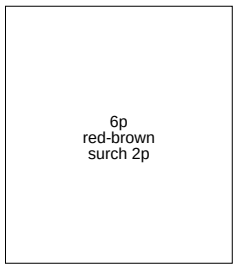


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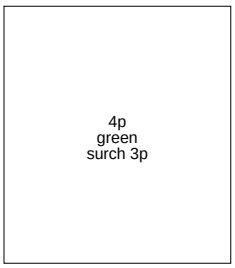
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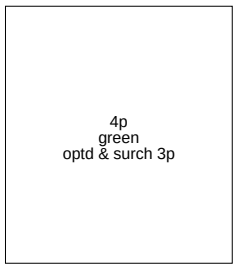
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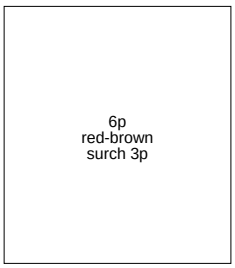
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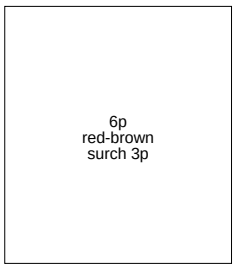
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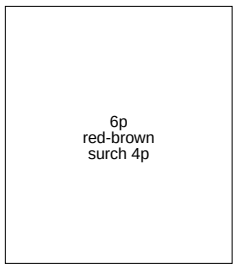
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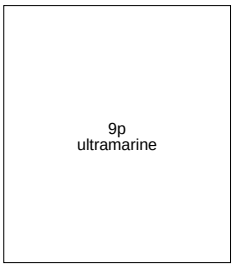
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1944-48

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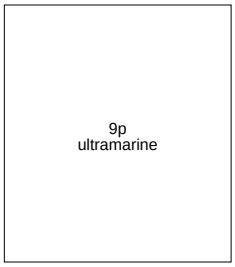
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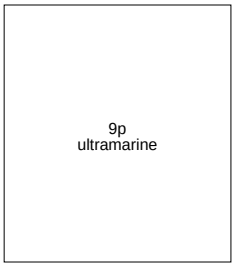


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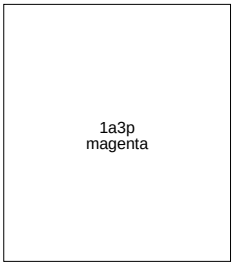
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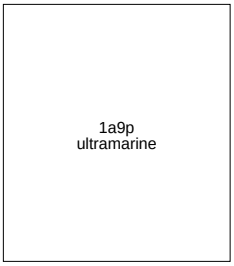
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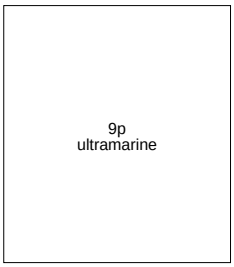
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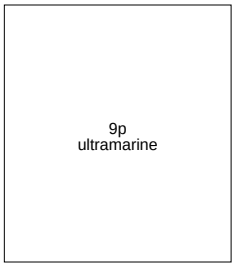
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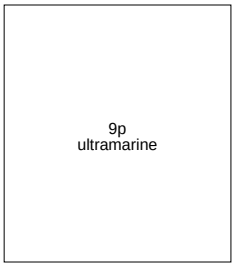


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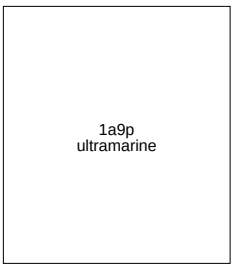
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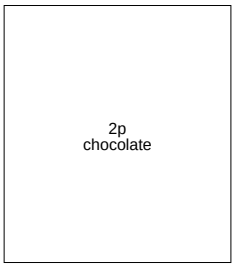
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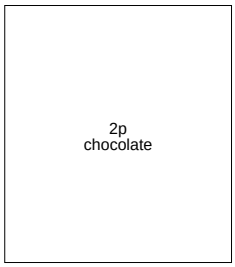
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Stamps showing a portrait of Maharaja Ravi Varma in a differnt pose.
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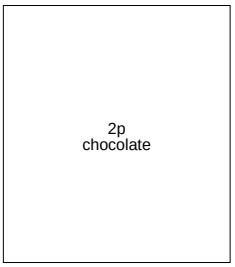
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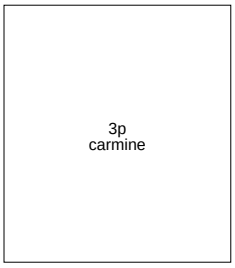
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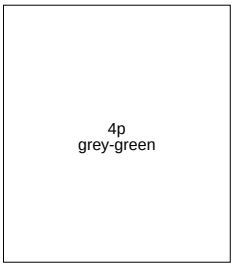
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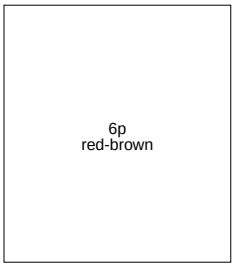
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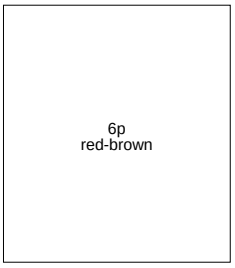
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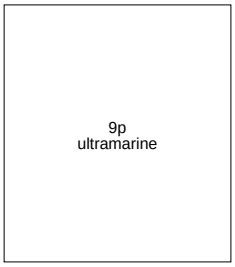
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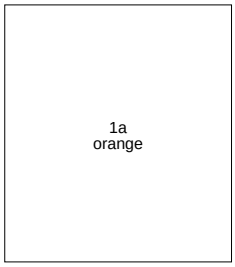
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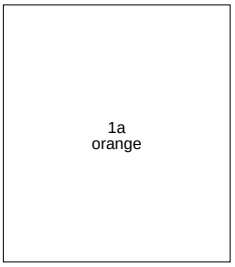
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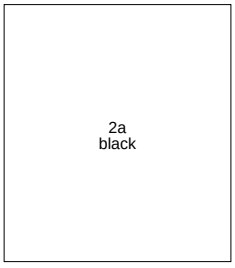
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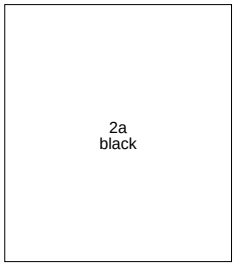
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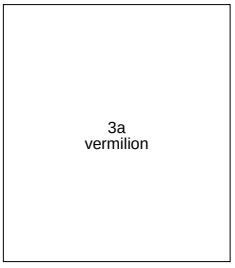
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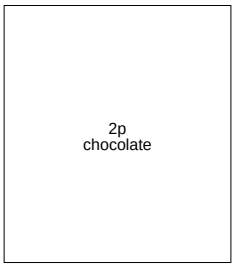
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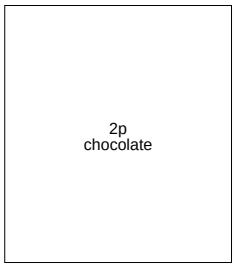
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Stamps showing a portrait of Maharaja Ravi Varma in a differnt pose.
The frame of the 1a is inscribed 'ANCHAL & REVENUE'. Stamps have no gum except for those perf 11

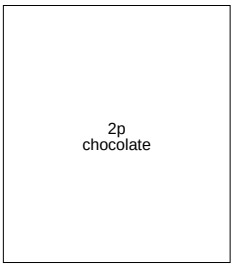
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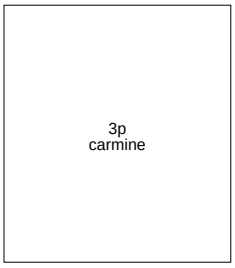
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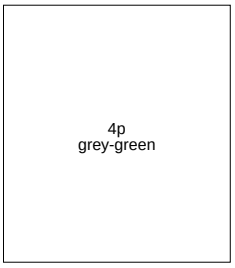
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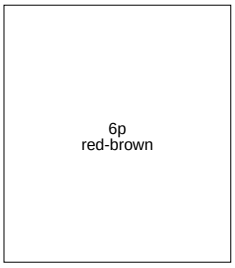
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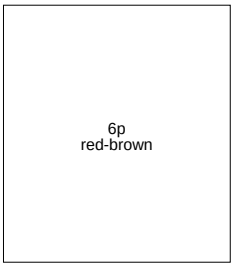
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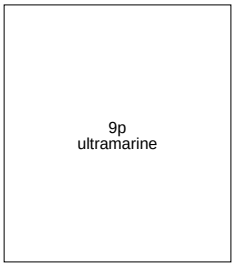
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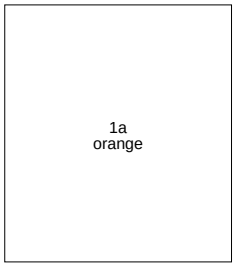
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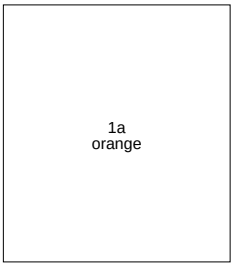
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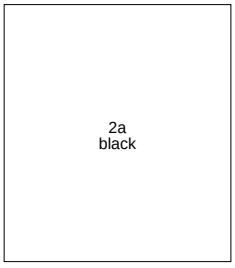
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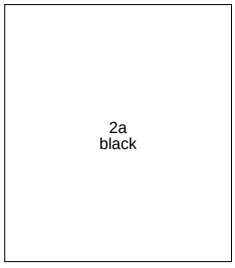
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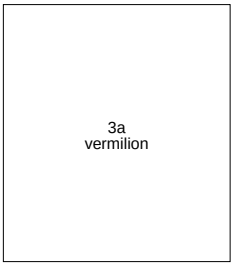
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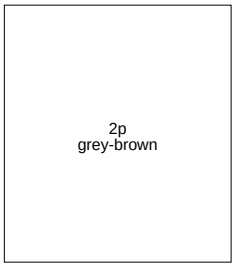
Cochin

Maharaja Kerala Varma II. 1946-50

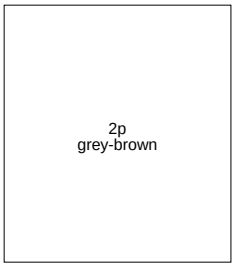
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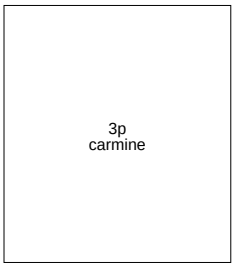


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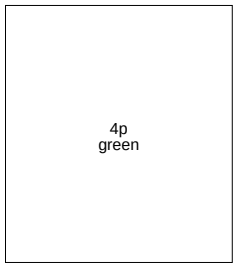


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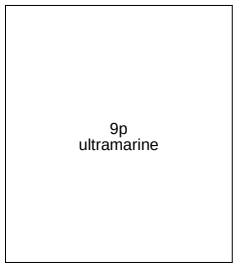
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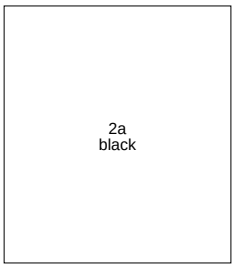
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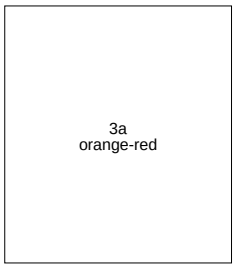
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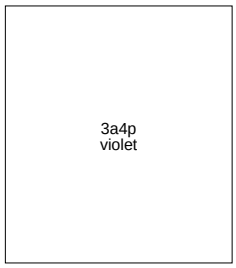
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sg 116 Die 1 1950

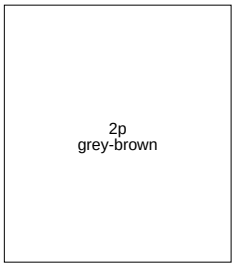
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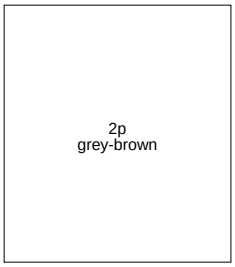
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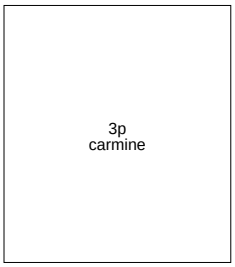


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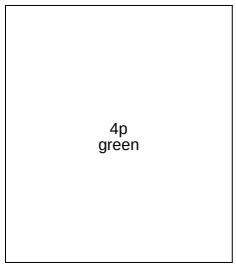


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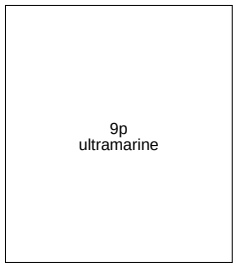
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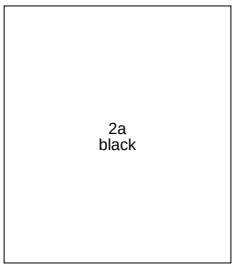
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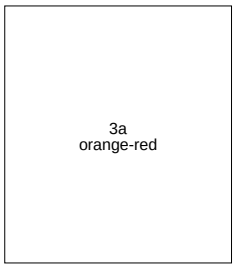
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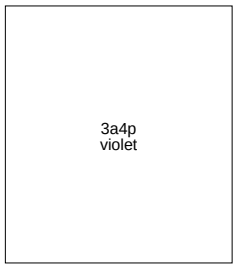
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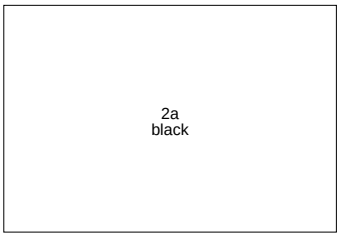
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Maharaja Rama Varma IV. 1948-64

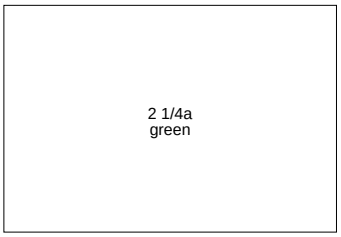
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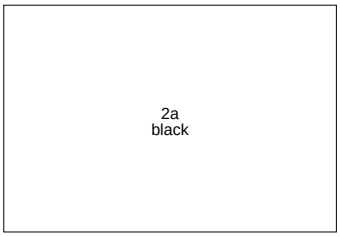


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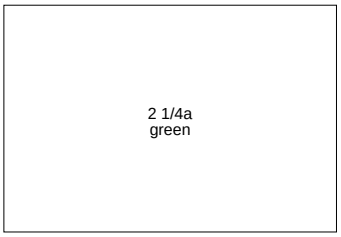


sg 118 Dutch Palace

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sg 117 Chinese Nets



sg 118 Dutch Palace

Cochin

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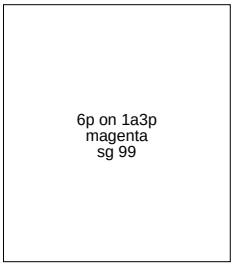
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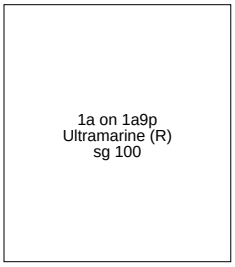
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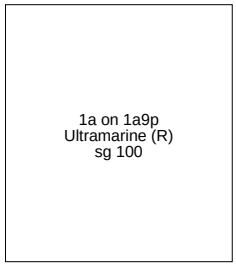
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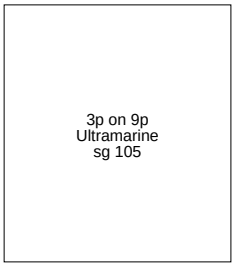


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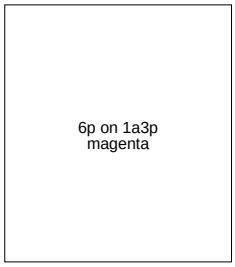


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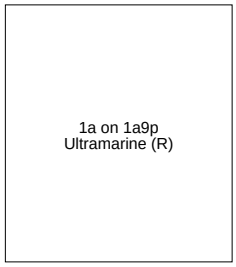
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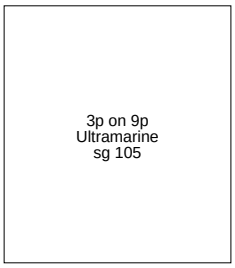
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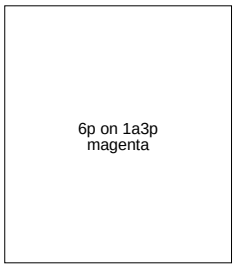
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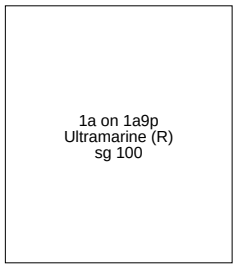
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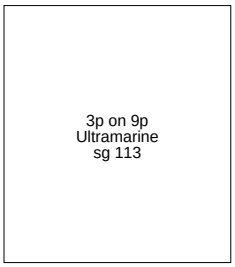
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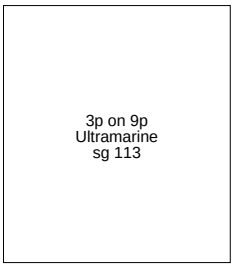
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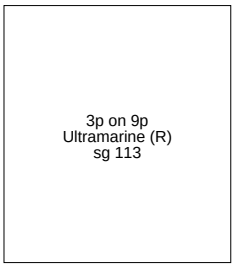
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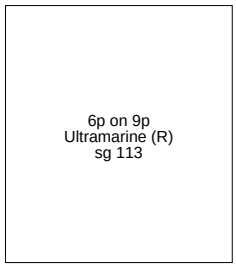
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sg 124a surch.20mm long

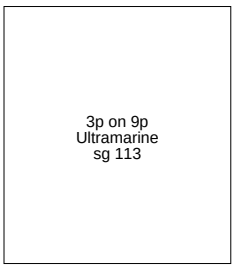


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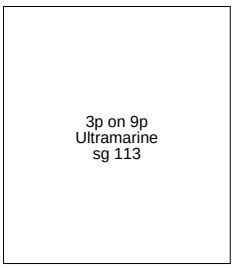


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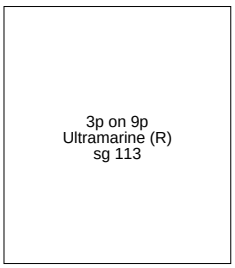
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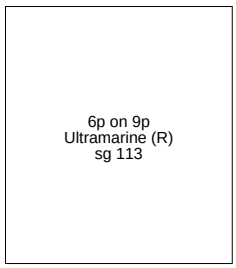
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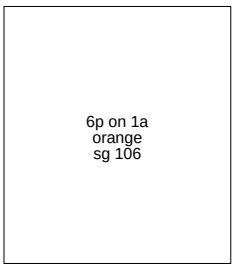


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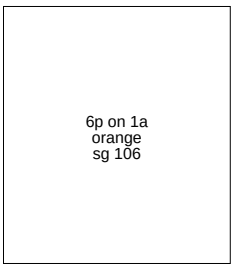


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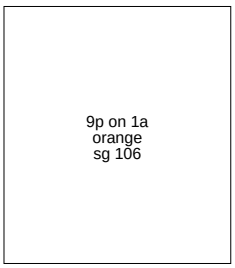
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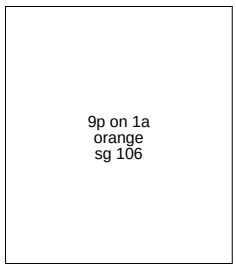
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