

## April Showers - BOM Raffle Drawing

( 12 1/2" unfinished, use slight scant 1/4" seam)

Due April 11 at guild meeting

### Fabric needed:

Background - White or Reads as White

Black

Colors - 8 different small prints or solids, preferably in the same colorway. Use bright colors to make your design stand out!

Bias binding or large rick rack

### Cutting:

*From Background fabric -*

1. Cut 2 strips 1 3/4" x WOF - subcut 1 piece of each of the following lengths - 1 1/2", 2 3/4", 4", 5 1/4", 6 1/2", 7 3/4", 9", and 10 1/4".
2. Cut 1 strip 1 1/2" x WOF - subcut 1 piece to 12 1/2" long and 2 to 11 1/2" long.

*From Colors -*

Cut 1 piece of each fabric into rectangles 1 3/4" wide x the following lengths: 1 3/4", 3", 4 1/4", 5 1/2", 6 3/4", 8", 9 1/4", and 10 1/2". (The longer length will be at the top of the block).

*Black and remaining 1 3/4" white - save for step 3.*

### Assembling the Block:

1. You will be making 8 "strip units" consisting of 1 white and 1 color rectangle. Sew each strip unit together end to end as shown in the diagram. The shortest white will be sewn to the longest color rectangle, and so on. Each strip unit should be 11 1/2" long.
2. Sew all the strip units together as shown, pressing toward the top of the block. Your block should now measure 10 1/2" x 11 1/2".
3. To make the top of umbrella:  
Cut a Black Square 1 3/4" x 1 3/4", and cut the remainder of your 1 3/4" white strip into 1 - 4" long rectangle and 1 - 5" long rectangle. Sew these three pieces together as shown in Figure A. Lay your ruler diagonally across the block as shown, with the 45 degree line along the left edge and the right edge of the ruler just touching the corners of the black square. Cut along the diagonal edge as shown in Figure B, making a HST unit.



Figure A

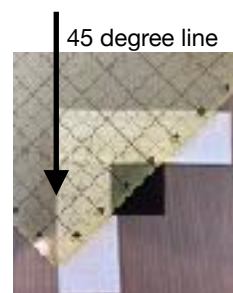
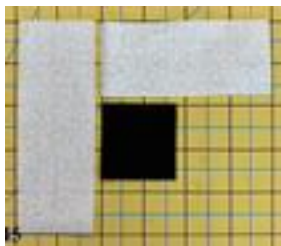


Figure B

4. Sew to top of the umbrella on:

Lay your black & white HST unit right side down on the top, right corner of your umbrella block, as shown in the diagram. The bottom edge of the HST unit should be parallel to your horizontal seams. Leave 1/4" of the white fabric sticking out on both corners to account for your sewing seam. Then stitch along the diagonal edge of the HST unit.



5. Trim off the excess color strips (to the right of your stitching line) and press the HST unit over to square the umbrella block up again as shown here.



6. Add three borders on to your block as follows:

- 1) Add a 1 1/2" x 11 1/2" white strip to the top, press
  - 2) Add a 1 1/2" x 11 1/2" white strip to the right side, press
  - 3) Add a 1 1/2" x 12 1/2" white strip to the bottom, press
- Your block should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

7. Add a handle to your umbrella:

Use 1/4" - 3/8" wide x 8" long coordinating bias binding or wide rick rack. Unstitch a small section along the bottom of the fourth row, put the raw edge of the handle through the opening, and restitch the row closed. Shape the handle, pin or glue down, and topstitch it in place with matching thread.

