

December/January 2024 Block of the Month

Did you know that National Umbrella Day is coming up on February 10th? This month's block celebrates the day and is adapted from a free pattern from Kelli Fannin whose fun website has over 100 national day quilt block tutorials. Check it out [here](#).

The finished block size is 8" x 8" (8½" x 8½" unfinished). Use 2 or more fun fabrics for the umbrella, a dark for the handle and a light neutral for the background. It's super easy, so you'll want to make a few.

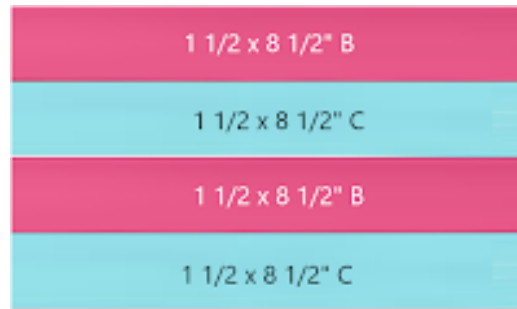


Cutting

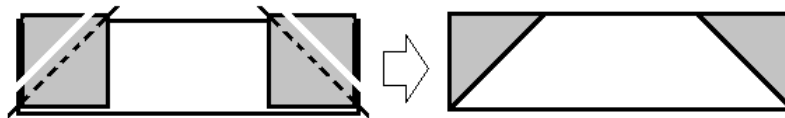
Fabric	Number to cut	Size to cut	Other instructions
Background	1	1" x 1" square	
	1	1 ½" x 3 ½" rectangle	
	2	2 ½" x 2 ½" square	Draw a diagonal line on wrong side
	1	3 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle	
	1	4" x 4 ½" rectangle	
Umbrella stripe A	2	1 ½" x 8 ½" rectangle	
Umbrella stripe B	2	1 ½" x 8 ½" rectangle	
Handle	1	1" x 1" square	
	1	1" x 1 ½" rectangle	
	1	1" x 4 ½" rectangle	

Sewing

Sew umbrella rectangles together to make a strip set.



Place a 2 1/2" square on each corner of the strip set. Sew on previously drawn diagonal line (snowball style). Trim, flip, and press.



Assemble as shown

