

April Block of the Month: Umbrella

April Showers bring May flowers. The saying can be traced back to England from the 1500's poet Thomas Tusser. Back then, he wrote "Sweet April showers do spring May Flowers".

Enjoy making the April Umbrella. This umbrella has a fancy handle. You can substitute a plain one if that suits you.



Fabrics needed: background, handle, umbrella stripes (2-4)

Cut four umbrella stripes 1 ½ " X 8 ½". Sew together

Cut background:

Two 2 ½" squares to use for top corner snowballs on stripes

One 3 ½" x 4 ½" for left of handle

One 4 X 4 ½" for right of handle

One 1" square (inset of handle)

One 1 ½" x 3 ½" lower left of block

Cut handle: one 1" x 4 ½" handle pole

One 1 x 1 ½" bottom of handle; One 1" square to finish handle

Sew pieces together as shown