

# Colorful Umbrella

In hopes that it will soon rain again, we are making colorful umbrellas. An easy “turned-back” bias technique results in the appearance of curved piecing.



From the **ivory fabric provided** cut seven 3-1/2” squares.

From **your color fabric** cut six 3-1/2” squares. – Choose bright colors

From **your black fabric** cut one piece 5” x 1”.

Take black piece, fold both edges to the center and topstitch both sides using black thread. This creates the umbrella stem.

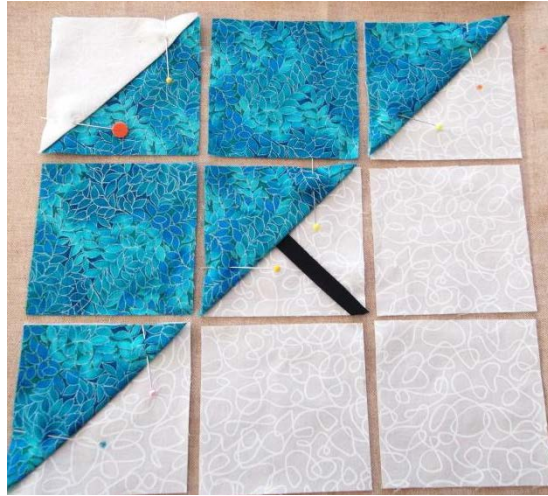


Referring to pictures below, fold an ivory square diagonally, wrong sides together, and press. Place this folded on a color square, matching corners and pin along the raw edges.

In the same fashion, position a folded color square on an ivory square and pin in place. You need three, making sure one is the umbrella stem.



Following the piecing diagram below, join the patches as shown to make the block.



Your block should measure 9.5" square.

Roll back each folded edge and hand applique in place to create a gentle curve, stitching the entire curve. Do not catch the underlying square.



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