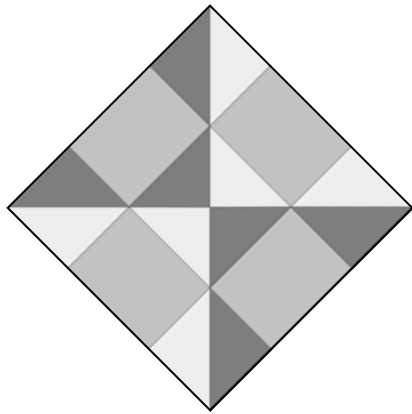








Have A Little Faith PATTERN

Block 7: Stormy Weather



Pattern for a 5" finished block—All seams are 1/4".
Pressing directions are indicated.

Fabric needed for one block & Cutting instructions		
Fabric 1	Fat 1/16th yard or scrap (2) 2-3/8" squares, cut once diagonally (1) 3-1/4" square, cut twice diagonally	 
Fabric 2	Fat 1/16th yard or scrap (2) 2-3/8" squares, cut once diagonally (1) 3-1/4" square, cut twice diagonally	 
Fabric 3	Fat 1/16th yard or scrap (4) 2"x2-1/2" rectangles	

Living in Iowa, we experience tornado season every year. When the tornado warnings cross the television screen, we head to the basement, the safest area in a storm. I've been very fortunate, my prayers have always been heard, and I've been held safely in God's hands. But when a weather disaster hits a neighboring community, state, or country, I find myself transfixed as I watch the television news reports. Like many others, I am glued to the television, seeing the aftermath of the storm, praying for the safekeeping of the victims and their families. Many have asked: How can a God who loves us destroy us with natural disasters?

Some might say that weather disasters are caused by Satan. And truly, Satan may play a role in some, but only to the extent that God allows (see Job). Let there be no doubt, God is clearly in control. "For He commanded, and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea." **Psalm 107: 25.** The Oxford Annotated Bible, with the Apocrypha, Expanded Edition, 1977. In addition to rain, God sends hail, earthquakes, fires, snow, cold, lightning, wind and drought. Yes, God sends weather-related catastrophes, many that result in death and destruction of property. But He sends the catastrophes with a purpose: to get our attention, to punish or judge, to create change, and to affirm our faith in God.

God also sends prophets to warn us of impending natural disasters. In the Bible, Elijah and Elisha foretold disasters. Today, we have meteorologists, the National Weather Service, even the Farmer's Almanac. The forecasts often offer us the opportunity to pray for guidance and forgiveness, prepare for disaster, or flee to safety. God also listens to our cries for help. "they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed." **Psalm 107: 28-29.**

It's natural to be afraid during a storm, fire, earthquake or other natural disaster. When His disciples feared they would drown in a storm, Jesus asked them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" **Luke 8:23.** It should be easier for us to have faith during storms than the disciples. We have the added advantage of knowing that Jesus died so that we might have everlasting life.

How has your faith been strengthened or tested during a storm?

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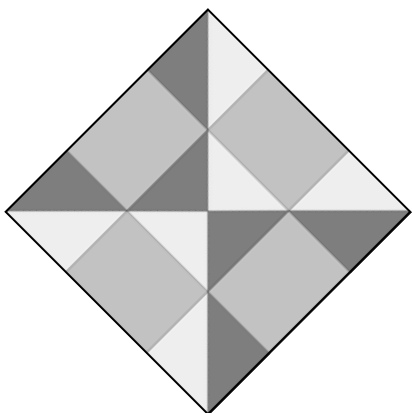
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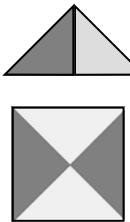


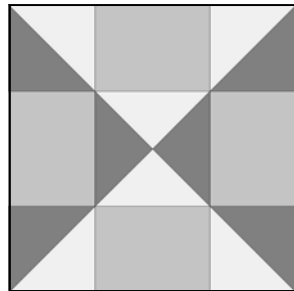


Block 7: Stormy Weather



Pattern for a 5" finished block—All seams are 1/4".
Pressing directions are indicated.

Instructions

1. Stitch Fabric 1 and Fabric 2 large half-squares together along the long edge to form half-square units. Press toward the darker fabric. Make (4) units. The unfinished unit should measure 2".

2. Stitch Fabric 1 & Fabric 2 small quarter-squares together along a short side, matching the 90° angle as shown. Press toward the darker fabric. Make (2) units. Stitch the (2) units together matching the center seams and points. Press seam open. The unfinished unit should measure 2-1/2".

3. Stitch (2) half-squares from Step 1 to each side of a Fabric 3 rectangle. Press toward the Fabric 3 rectangle. Make (2) units. The unfinished unit should measure 2"x5-1/2".

4. Stitch Fabric 3 rectangles to each side of the unit from Step 2. Press toward the Fabric 3 rectangles. The unfinished unit should measure 2-1/2"x5-1/2".

5. Stitch the rows together matching seams. Fan the seam and press open. Your unfinished block should measure 5-1/2".


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