

Let it Rain

Fabric Requirements:

- 7 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips WOF for Background (neutrals)
 - 1 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" piece for Raindrops color #1 (aqua dot)
 - 1 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" piece for Raindrops color #2 (tiny dark aqua dot)
 - 1 - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" piece for Umbrella color #1 (pink/orange dot)
 - 1 - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" piece for Umbrella color #2 (tiny orange dot)
 - 1 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" piece for Umbrella top (lime dot)
 - 1 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" piece for Umbrella handle (tiny grey dot)
 - 1 - 5" square of Heat N Bond or Steam a Seam (optional/not included in kit)
- *Note sample is shown quilted and bound (not included in directions/kit)



Cutting:

- 31 Background wedges from each of the 7 strips (total of 217 - there will be extras)
 - 7 Raindrop wedges from Raindrop fabrics (sample used four of one color and 3 of the other)
 - 3 Umbrella wedges of Umbrella color #1 and 2 wedges of Umbrella color #2
- You may use the template attached or a Dresden ruler lining up the smallest end along the bottom edge
- 1 Umbrella top (using attached template)
 - 1 Umbrella handle (using attached template)

Sewing the Background:

1. To obtain a scrappy look, put your background wedges in a container and mix up.
2. Select two "blindly" out of the container and sew together matching a skinny end to a wide end. You will need to offset the corners by your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
3. Continue this method until you have a row of 10 wedges.
4. You will need to make 18 rows - 7 with raindrops and 11 with just background fabrics.
 - Randomly add your raindrop wedges into 7 different rows.
 - Make 9 rows that have the wide part of the wedge at the bottom and 9 rows with the skinny part of the wedge at the bottom.
5. Sew your rows together alternating by matching a wide bottom end and then a skinny end.
6. The edges will be "jagged". Trim to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Sewing the Umbrella:

7. Fold wedge in half lengthwise with right sides together (RST).
8. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam across the wide end. Backstitch at the beginning and the end.
9. Clip the folded corner at an angle.
10. Turn the point right side out pushing out the point.
11. Center the seam in the middle of the wedge and press the point.
12. Handle the pieces carefully...they have bias edges.
13. Place 2 wedges RST and begin sewing at the top of the wedge. Be sure to backstitch.
14. Sew together alternating your wedge pieces until you have 5 wedges sewn together.
15. Press the seams all in one direction.
16. Press the outside edges under $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



Preparing the Umbrella Top and Handle:

1. This method is for a raw edge machine applique method. If you would like to do it by hand, be sure to add your seam allowance.
2. If you are using a fusible product, trace the Umbrella Top and Handle.
3. Iron it on to the wrong side of the fabric and cut out.
4. Or, if you are not using this product, make a template and trace on the wrong side of the fabric and cut out.

Attaching your Umbrella:

1. Attach your Umbrella to your background piece. Place the umbrella handle down first, then the umbrella and then the umbrella top. If you have used a fusible product you will iron it on. You may also just pin it or use a fabric glue.
2. Applique to the background. You may use a straight stitch or a zig zag stitch to attach.

Enjoy your row!

