

FEBRUARY BLOCK OF THE MONTH: "FIRE AND RAIN," BY GWEN WAGY

Remember how hot it was in September and October? Here's hoping you'll make this block on a rainy day, cozy inside. Enjoy the contrast of the bright colors against the grey sky.

Fire (center): red, orange, or yellow mixed prints

Cut one $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square, or
two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, or
four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, or
one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle and two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

White (frame): solid white or white-on-white fabric

Cut two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " strips and two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.

Rain (border): choose one or two medium blue prints: royal, cobalt, or deep turquoise

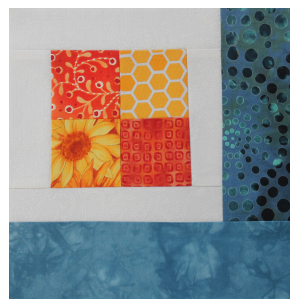
Cut one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " strip and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strip.

Using quarter-inch seams throughout the block, sew the fire fabrics into a square.

Sew the white strips onto the square. Sew the short strips first, on opposite sides, pressing away from the white.

Sew the rain strips onto two adjoining edges, shorter one first. Again, press away from the white.

Your block should finish $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



These blocks can be set several different ways. I can't wait to see what the lucky winner will come up with!