

2022 PhxMQG Block Lotto

March: April Showers Umbrella

Finished: 8"



Say "April" and showers usually comes to mind. This month you have several choices in making this cute umbrella block. You can piece or paper piece the block. You can also have the umbrella handle face left or right. Finally, you can do a striped umbrella canopy or just use one piece of fabric - perhaps fussy cut.



Fabrics For Piecing:

Fabric A (background): (sky or rain fabric)

- (1) 1" sq.
- (1) 1 1/2 x 3 1/2"
- (2) 2 1/2" sq.
- (1) 3 1/2 x 4 1/2"
- (1) 4 x 4 1/2"

Fabrics for the umbrella stripes: (antv fabrics)

- (4) 1 1/2 x 8 1/2"
- Or (1) 4 1/2 x 8 1/2" for a one-piece canopy

Fabric D (umbrella handle): (appropriate fabric)

- (1) 1" sq.
- (1) 1 x 1 1/2"
- (1) 1 x 4 1/2"

Piecing Directions:

Tutorial: [Seriously..I think it needs stitches.: Umbrella Quilt Block Tutorial \(kellifanningquilts.com\)](http://seriously..i think it needs stitches.: Umbrella Quilt Block Tutorial (kellifanningquilts.com))

To change the handle so that it curves to the right, flip the pieces in the lower half horizontally

You can use one piece of fabric for the canopy and ignore the inner stripe lines

Paper Piecing Directions:

To create your paper piece template:

1. Copy pages 2 and 3 OR pages 4 and 5, referred to as the first and second page in the following
2. Trim the left side of the second page at the line on the left
3. Overlap and align the second page with line on the right side of the first page and tape in place
4. Trace or photocopy the taped template on appropriate paper (easily torn paper or freezer paper)
5. Finish the block by using this tutorial:

[Paper piecing made simple | Quilting Tutorial with Angela Walters for Craftsy - YouTube](http://paper piecing made simple | Quilting Tutorial with Angela Walters for Craftsy - YouTube)

Note: you can use the cut pieces used in the above piecing section but add 1/2" in both length and width.

Paper piecing is much easier if you use large scraps like Angela Walters does in the video above.

If you have an Add-a-Quarter ruler, it makes it much easier to paper piece. I also fold over thin cardboard or plastic piece and then place the Add a Quarter ruler against the fold.

Freezer Paper Paper Piecing Directions:

Tutorial: [Foundation piecing with freezer paper - Mysteries Down Under quilt - video tutorial - YouTube](http://foundation piecing with freezer paper - Mysteries Down Under quilt - video tutorial - YouTube)

Note: I just use large scraps of fabric and don't cut fabric prior to using unless it doesn't have a long enough straight side to align to the previous piece,

If you trim your paper pieced block to the outer-most square on the paper I my template, it will allow the winner to square up the block.

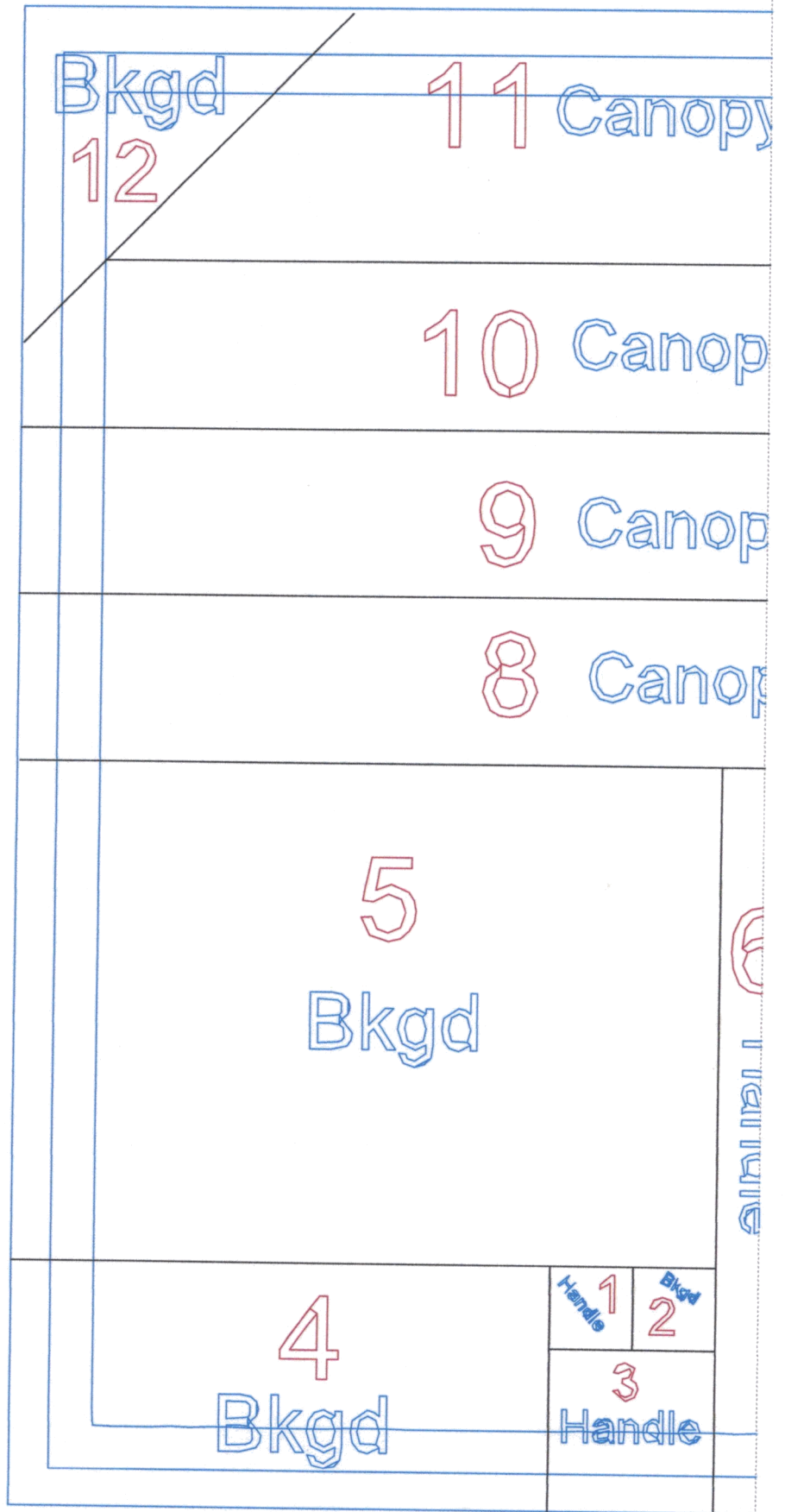
Remember to send photos of your block(s) to Block.lotto.patti@gmail.com by Friday, March 11, 2022 if you are attending virtually

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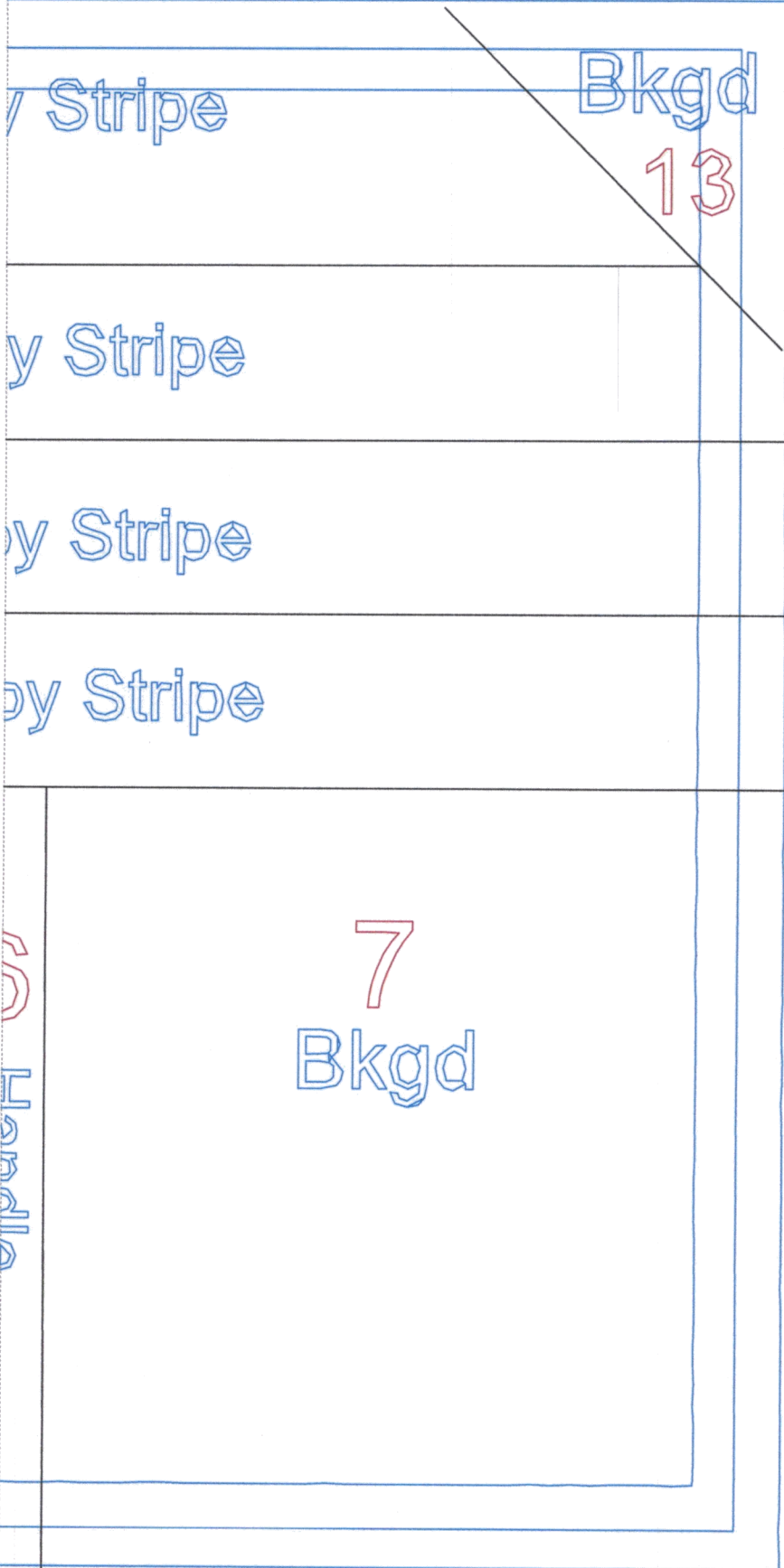
Umbrella—First Page



Umbrella — Second Page



Reverse Umbrella — First Page



Reverse Umbrella — Second Page