

April Showers

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WHAT YOU NEED

(to make the blue umbrella)

Templates (page 112)

Basic sewing kit (page 9)

Blue felt, 5 x 5 inches (12.7 x 12.7 cm)

Black felt, 1 x 5 inches (2.5 x 12.7 cm)

Felt for backing, 7 x 7 inches
(17.8 x 17.8 cm)

Linen, 8 x 8 inches (20.3 x 20.3 cm)

5-inch (12.7 cm) embroidery hoop

Black and white thread

$\frac{3}{8}$ -inch-wide (9.5 mm) polka dot
ribbon, 16 inches (40.6 cm)

WHAT YOU DO

- 1 Use the templates to cut the umbrella shape out of the blue felt and the handle from the black felt.
- 2 Position the handle and umbrella in place on the linen, making sure they'll fit inside the embroidery hoop, and adhere with fabric glue. Let dry completely.
- 3 Machine stitch the umbrella shape in place with the black thread. Hand stitch over the base of the handle with the white thread.
- 4 Center the umbrella in the hoop. Cut off the excess linen from the edge.
- 5 Apply glue to the back of the hoop, and then set the hoop on top of the backing felt. Let dry, then cut around the edge of the hoop, removing the excess felt. Glue the polka dot ribbon to the edge of the hoop.



Though April showers may come your way, these umbrella hangings will brighten even the rainiest of days.

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