

Pattern of the Month – January 2019 "Confetti" 12½" block (unfinished size) © 2006 Evelyn George

Happy New Year! As the clock strikes midnight, the air is filled with confetti. How about a quilt to celebrate that! This elaborate looking block is actually <u>very</u> simple — it's made of nothing but squares and rectangles. For a modern look, choose bright colors, to sparkle against the white background. The block arrangement shown here has the advantage that, *almost* any way you rotate the blocks in the quilt, the

colors do not touch each other -they appear to float against the background like falling confetti. **Fabrics:**

Confetti - Assorted solid-appearing bright colors (approx. 6 to 12 different colors; some repeats OK) Background - White (if you wish, include one or more prints such as: small color motifs, on <u>white</u> background, such as musical notes, stars, dots or squiggles

CUTTING FOR 1 BLOCK:

Confetti: 8 2" squares (assorted colors)

8 2" squares (assorted colors) 4 2" x 3^늘" rectangles (assorted colors) White background: 8 2" squares

- 4 2" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
- 8 3½" squares

(Replace a few squares and/or rectangles with color prints on white, if you wish—it doesn't matter which ones—it's all confetti!)

Tip: If you're making a bunch of blocks, you can layer several fabrics and cut needed pieces from several at once. You could even cut 2" WOF strips and strip piece colors with white, then cut them into $3\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths for Two Patch units and into 2" pieces for making Four Patch units.

Use accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Use a variety of colors in each block.

There are just two simple units to stitch:

<u>Two-Patch:</u>

Sew a color rectangle to a white rectangle, to make a square. Press toward the color. Make 4 assorted Two-Patches (should measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square).

Four-Patch:

Sew a color 2" square to each 2" white square. Press toward the color. Sew these into four-patches. Make 4 assorted Four-Patches (should measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square).

Block Construction:

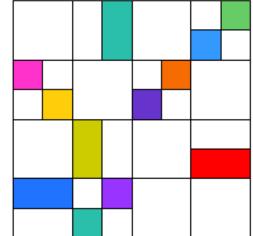
Arrange 4 Two-Patches, 4 Four-Patches, and 8 3½" white squares as shown in the block diagram. → Or, have fun and create a different confetti arrangement!

Tip: Keep the colors separated by white, so they "float."

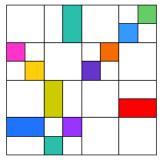
Leave at least 2 of the block's corners white, for easier arranging when setting into a quilt.

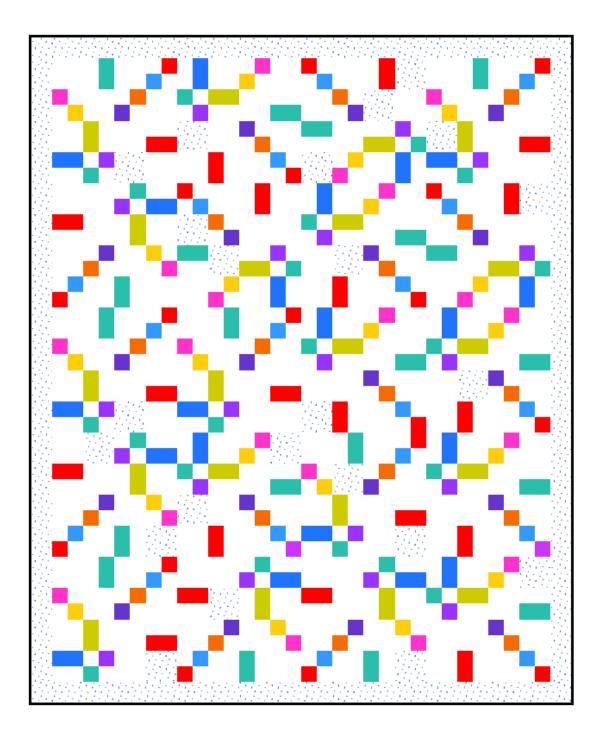
Stitch units into rows. Press seams to the left for rows 1 and 3, and to the right for rows 2 and 4.

Stitch rows together to form the block (it should measure 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "). Make as many blocks as you need for your project.









"CONFETTI" - 52" × 64" with 12 blocks and 2" borders.

(Blocks are rotated randomly in different directions to create the look of drifting confetti.)