



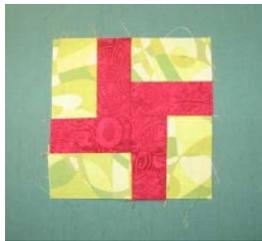
Welcome to Baby Windmills, also known as Windy Wonders!

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Baby Windmills: All of the 8 patches are the same size, $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$. You need 4 patches from one fabric and 4 patches from a contrasting fabric.



Sew the patches together in pairs along a long edge. Join the pairs to form half of the Windmill. Join the Windmill halves to complete the block; $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$; 4" finished.



Either fabric (the darker or the lighter one) may form the Windmill; it's up to you. If you put both kinds in the same quilt, try grouping them instead of mixing them. You can make Windmills totally scrappy or you can pick a color recipe for more cohesion.

Settings and Ideas for Baby Windmills

1. Sew together in rows and add one or two borders.
2. Sew together in groups of 4 or 9 to make bigger blocks. This works great if you use just two fabrics in all of the Windmills. Add strips to frame the bigger block. Set with or without sashing and cornerstones.
3. Thinking in terms of the background and the windmill fabrics, make different kinds of Windmills such as light/light, dark/dark, light/dark, dark/light. Use the different values to create sections and borders.
4. Make groups of Windmills by color. Arrange the colors to form a pattern, such as diagonal stripes or rectangular sections.
5. Choose two colors, like blue and green. Make groups of Windmills in these colors, some darker, some lighter, some brighter. Sew the groups together to form blocks. Sew the blocks together with or without sashing.
6. Ideas for color recipes: Christmas, single color, patriotic, sea & sky, neutrals, black/white fabrics plus brights, baby pastels, pink lemonade, team colors like blue and orange or purple and gold.
7. Make Windmills in **different sizes** and mix them up in a quilt. Other sizes:
 - a. $2'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ patches make 6" finished blocks
 - b. $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ patches make 8" finished blocks
 - c. $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 5''$ patches make 9" finished blocks
 - d. $3'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$ patches make 10" finished blocks
 - e. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ patches make 12" finished blocks

Basic Windmill layouts:



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