

San Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild
December 2021 Block of the Month
"In From the Cold"



As temperatures begin to cool, we'll be working on blocks that feature mugs of hot chocolate. The pattern is by Kate Spain and is called [***In From the Cold***](#). There are nine blocks to choose from. Some are straightforward and use printed fabrics while others have pieced components to enhance the design. The pieces are large and I cut and pieced each block in about an hour. It took me almost as long to select the fabrics!

Pick whichever design(s) you prefer. The design for the wisp of steam above the mugs is interchangeable as long as you exchange a mug version with a mug version and a cup version with a cup version. For example, I made Block 9, which was supposed to have an embroidered wisp of

steam. I replaced the top section of the block with the steam instructions from the Block 3 mug pattern. It worked perfectly. **We ask that you use any colors for the mugs and white for the background.**

Instructions for each design are included in the link [here](#). Details for cutting the fabric are provided with each design option. The instructions for the handles, saucers, and steam are all found at the end of the document (pages 23-25).

Blocks will be 10½" X 14½" when finished.

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