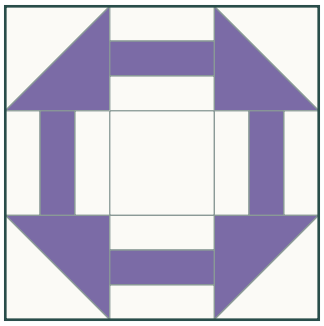
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

CROW'S NEST

Triangle corners and striped bars around a plain center.



21 pieces, 2 fabrics

A nine-patch with half-square triangle corners and a striped bar on each side, framing a plain center. It is a close relative of Shoofly: the three-strip bars set it apart, and they all come from one short strip set.

SKILL Beginner

SEAMS ¼" throughout

SIZES 9" and 18" finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	9"	18"
① Background: cut 2 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, two at a time with the Main squares. Trim each to half an inch bigger than its finished size.	4" sq	7" sq
② Background: cut 1 square The center.	3½" sq	6½" sq
③ Background: cut 2 strips The two outside strips of the bar strip set, which is crosscut into 4 bars.	1½" × 14½"	2½" × 26½"
④ Main: cut 2 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, two at a time with the Background squares.	4" sq	7" sq
⑤ Main: cut 1 strip The middle strip of the bar strip set.	1½" × 14½"	2½" × 26½"

Fabric, for one block

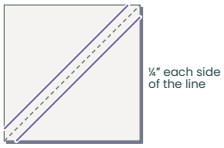
Buy at least	9"	18"
☐ Background	¼ yd	¼ yd
■ Main	¼ yd	¼ yd

Worked out the way QuiltPlan's shopping list does it: 42" of usable width, 15% for waste, rounded up to the quarter yard. For a whole quilt, place the block in the app and it totals every block for you.

Good to know

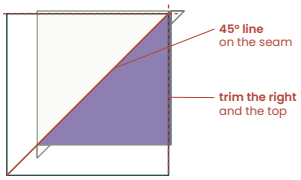
- Crosscut with the ruler's line on a seam, not on the raw edge: the edges of a strip set wander, the seams do not.
- Measure the strip set before you crosscut it. It should be as wide as a trimmed corner unit; if it is not, adjust your seam allowance before cutting the bars, so the rows line up.
- **Why these sizes?** At 9" and 18" every piece of this block lands on a ruler line. At other sizes the app still works out the cutting for you.
- **Want a different size or a whole quilt?** Crow's Nest is in QuiltPlan's block library. Place it on a quilt and the app gives you the cut list, the yardage and the shopping list for every block at once.

Sewing it



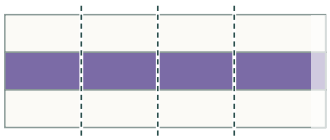
1 · Make 4 half-square triangles

Draw a line corner to corner on the back of each (1) square. Lay each on a (4) square, right sides together, sew a quarter inch either side of the line, cut on the line and press toward the Main. Two pairs make 4. Follow the Half-Square Triangles guide.



2 · Trim them

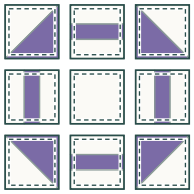
Lay a square ruler's 45 degree line on the seam, trim two sides, turn the unit, line the cut edges up and trim the other two. Each measures 3½" for a 9" block, 6½" for 18", the seam running exactly into two opposite corners.



crosscut 4 bars

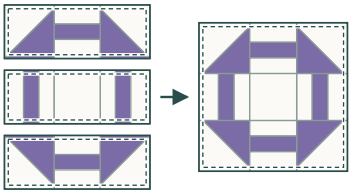
3 · Make the bars

Sew a (3) strip to each long side of the (5) strip, sewing the second seam from the opposite end to the first so the set stays straight. Press both seams toward the Main. Square one end, then crosscut 4 bars, each 3½" for a 9" block, 6½" for 18" wide, the ruler's line on a seam.



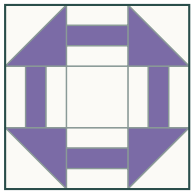
4 · Lay it out

Three rows of three: a half-square triangle in each corner, its Background half on the outside; a bar in the middle of each side, its stripes running parallel to the outside edge; the (2) square in the center.



5 · Sew the rows

Sew each row. Press the top and bottom rows out toward their half-square triangles and the middle row in toward the center square, so the rows' seams face opposite ways and nothing dark lies under the Background.



6 · Join the rows

Nest the seams, pin and sew with the half-square triangles on top, so you can see each point a quarter inch in. Press the long seams toward the middle row. The block measures half an inch more than it will finish.

Background **Main**