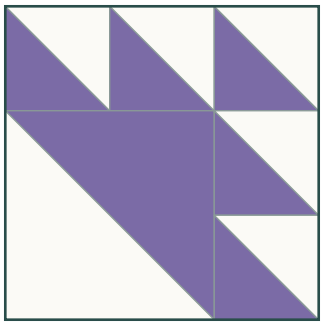
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

SAILBOAT

Six half-square triangles, one breeze.



12 pieces, 2 fabrics

One big half-square triangle and five small ones, every seam running the same way, make this two-fabric boat. It is a good first block for half-square triangles: every unit is made the same way, and only the size changes.

SKILL Beginner

SEAMS ¼" throughout

SIZES 6", 9", 12" and 15" finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	6"	9"	12"	15"
(1) Background: cut 1 square, for triangles For the big half-square triangle, two at a time with the Sails square. One of the two is spare.	5" sq	7" sq	9" sq	11" sq
(2) Background: cut 3 squares, for triangles For the small half-square triangles, two at a time with the Sails squares. Five are used, one is spare.	3" sq	4" sq	5" sq	6" sq
3 Sails: cut 1 square, for triangles For the big half-square triangle, with the Background square.	5" sq	7" sq	9" sq	11" sq
4 Sails: cut 3 squares, for triangles For the small half-square triangles, with the Background squares.	3" sq	4" sq	5" sq	6" sq

Fabric, for one block

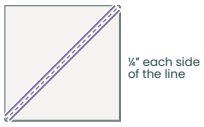
Buy at least	6"	9"	12"	15"
☐ Background	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
■ Sails	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

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

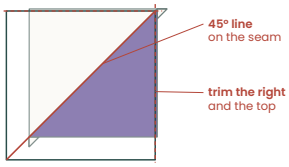
- Every seam in this block runs the same way. If one unit looks wrong in the layout, turn it a quarter turn rather than unpicking.
- **The spares.** Making half-square triangles two at a time leaves one big and one small unit over. Save them for a pillow, a label or the back of the quilt.
- **Why these sizes?** At 6", 9", 12" and 15" 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?** Sailboat 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



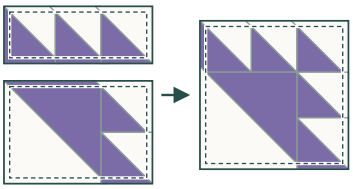
1 · Make the big half-square triangle

Draw a line corner to corner on the back of the (1) square. Lay it on the 3 square, right sides together, sew a quarter inch either side of the line, cut on the line and press toward the Sails. One of the two is spare. Follow the Half-Square Triangles guide.



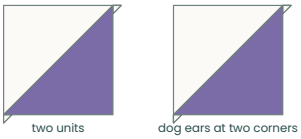
3 · Trim them all

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. The big one measures 4½" for a 6" block, 6½" for 9", 8½" for 12" and 10½" for 15", the small ones 2½" for a 6" block, 3½" for 9", 4½" for 12" and 5½" for 15".



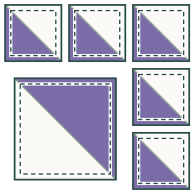
5 · Sew the sections

Sew the top row and press its seams to the right. Sew the two small units on the right into a column, then sew the column to the big unit and press toward the big unit.



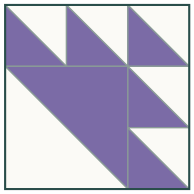
2 · Make 6 small ones

The same with each (2) square on a 4 square: three pairs make 6, and five are used.



4 · Lay it out

Three small units across the top, the big unit below on the left and two small units stacked to its right. Every seam runs from top left to bottom right; check each against the picture.



6 · Join them

Lay the top row on the bottom section, right sides together. Its pressed seam and the bottom's face opposite ways where they meet, so they nest; pin there and sew. Press toward the bottom. The block measures half an inch more than it will finish.

Background Sails

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