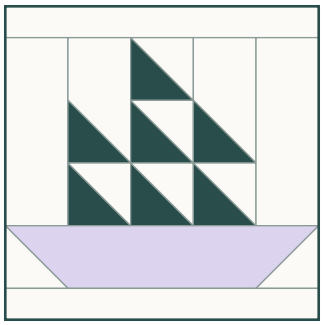
A QUILTPLAN BLOCK PATTERN

SHIPS IN THE NIGHT

Three sails and a boat, all from squares.



21 pieces, 3 fabrics

A little three-masted ship: seven Sails triangles stacked into a tall sail between two shorter ones, riding on a boat with sloping ends. Every piece is cut as a square, a rectangle or a strip; the half-square triangles are made two at a time, and the sloping ends of the boat are sewn and flipped.

SKILL Confident beginner

SEAMS ¼″ throughout

SIZES 10″, 15″ and 20″ finished



Cutting

Cut, for one block	10″	15″	20″
① Background: cut 3 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, with the Sails squares. One is spare.	3″ sq	4″ sq	5″ sq
② Background: cut 2 rectangles	2½″ × 6½″	3½″ × 9½″	4½″ × 12½″
③ Background: cut 2 rectangles The partial sails.	2½″ × 4½″	3½″ × 6½″	4½″ × 8½″
④ Background: cut 2 squares	2½″ sq	3½″ sq	4½″ sq
⑤ Background: cut 2 strips	1½″ × 10½″	2″ × 15½″	2½″ × 20½″
⑥ Sails: cut 3 squares, for triangles For half-square triangles, with the Background squares.	3″ sq	4″ sq	5″ sq
⑦ Sails: cut 2 squares	2½″ sq	3½″ sq	4½″ sq
⑧ Boat: cut 1 strip The boat.	2½″ × 10½″	3½″ × 15½″	4½″ × 20½″

Fabric, for one block

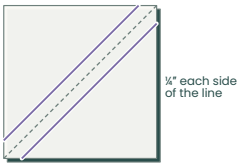
Buy at least	10″	15″	20″
☐ Background	¼ yd	¼ yd	½ yd
■ Sails	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd
■ Boat	¼ yd	¼ yd	¼ yd

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

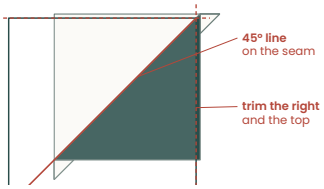
- Draw the two boat lines as mirror images before you sew either: the boat is wider at the top than at the bottom.
- Before you sew, lay every sail piece out beside the machine the way it sits in the block. All seven Sails triangles point the same way, with the Sails fabric in the bottom left.
- **Why these sizes?** At 10″, 15″ and 20″ 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?** Ships in the Night 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



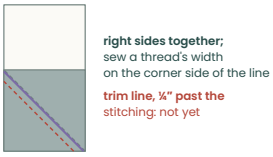
1 · Make 6 half-square triangles

Draw a line corner to corner on the back of each (1) square. Lay each on a (6) square, right sides together, sew a quarter inch either side of the line, cut on the line and press toward the Sails. Three pairs make 6; five are used. Follow the Half-Square Triangles guide.



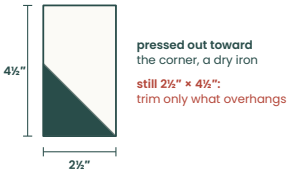
2 · Trim them

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 2½" for a 10" block, 3½" for 15" and 4½" for 20", the seam running exactly into two opposite corners.



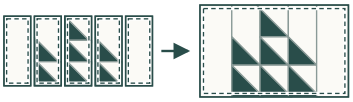
3 · Make 2 partial sails

Draw a line on the back of each (7) square. Lay one on the bottom end of a (3) rectangle, the line running from the bottom right corner up to the left edge, and sew a thread's width on the corner side. Fold it back to check it covers the corner. Follow the Snowball Corners guide.



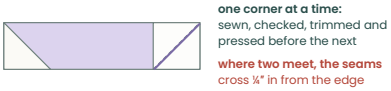
4 · Trim and press them

Trim both layers a quarter inch past the stitching and press toward the Sails with a dry iron. Each still measures what the (3) rectangle was cut, the Sails triangle filling its bottom.



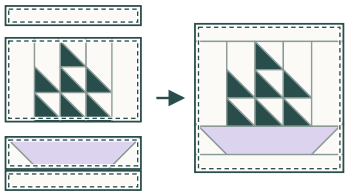
5 · The sail row

Sew each partial sail above a half-square triangle for the short sails, and three half-square triangles into the tall sail, every Sails triangle at the bottom left. Join a (2) rectangle, a short sail, the tall sail, a short sail and the other (2) rectangle, pinning where diagonal seams meet across a join. Press the joins open.



6 · The boat

Draw a line on the back of each (4) square and sew one onto each bottom corner of the (8) strip, a thread's width on the corner side, the two lines slanting opposite ways so the boat is wider at the top. Check, trim and press toward the Background.



7 · Join the rows

From the top: a (5) strip, the sail row, the boat and the other (5) strip. Press toward the strips and the boat. The block measures half an inch more than it will finish.

Background **Sails** **Boat**

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