

San Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild
June for July
Block of the Month - *Sailing into Summer*



These directions were taken from a free pattern called AHOY SAILOR by Suzy Quilts and BirchQuilts. It will make one sailboat with a large sail and a small sail. You'll have one large sail that you won't use, but you can make another boat if you like. **If using directional fabric, such as the background fabric we provided, pay attention to the orientation of the design when cutting and piecing. We strongly recommend that you read through all of the directions and look at the accompanying figures before starting this block.**

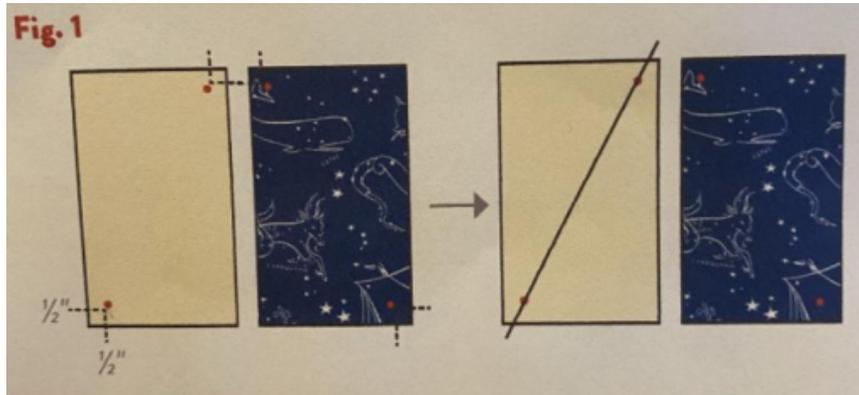
FABRIC	PIECE	CUTTING (number of pieces)
Color of Your Choice for Sails	1	4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " X 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " for large sail (1) - will make 2 sails
	2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for small sail (1)
Boat	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1)
Background (<i>Provided</i>)	4	4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " X 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " for large sail (1) - will make 2 sails
	5	4 $\frac{3}{8}$ " X 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " for small sail (1)
	6	$\frac{7}{8}$ " X 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (1)
	7	$\frac{7}{8}$ " X 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1)
	8	1 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square (1) cut on diagonal to make 2 triangles

We didn't provide a lot of *extra* fabric for the background. Refer to the diagram below and measure carefully before cutting. If you have a problem, call us and we can provide scraps.

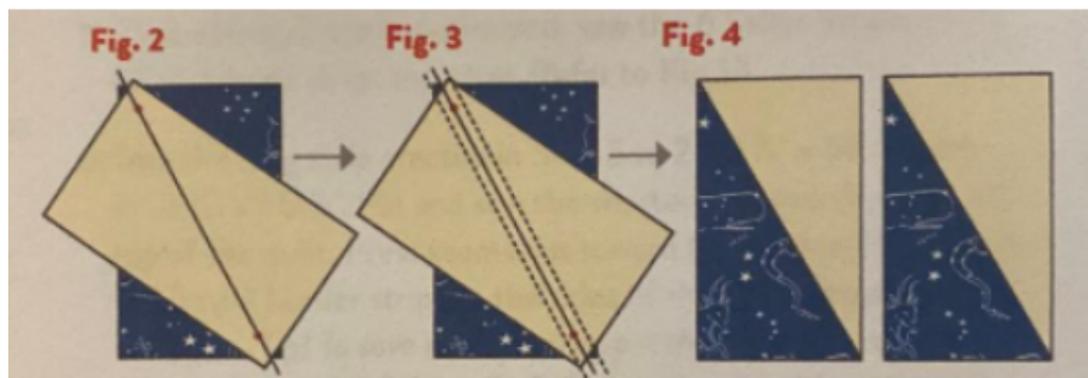


LARGE SAILS

1. Pair one sail fabric rectangle ($4 \frac{7}{8}$ " X $7 \frac{3}{4}$ "") with one background rectangle ($4 \frac{7}{8}$ " X $7 \frac{3}{4}$ ""). Lay the two fabrics side by side with the background rectangle WRONG side up and the color fabric RIGHT side up.
2. Mark a dot $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from two of the corners on each of the fabrics as shown in **Figure 1**.
3. Using the dots as guides, draw guidelines on the background fabric (**Figure 1**).

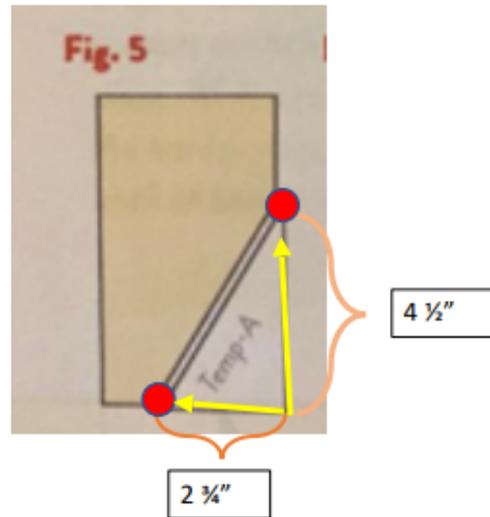


4. Place the background fabric on top of the colored fabric (right sides together, RST) and rotate it in a counter-clockwise direction until the dots are aligned (**Figure 2**). To make sure the dots are aligned correctly, poke a pin through both fabrics on the dot.
5. Pin and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from both sides of the guideline (**Figure 3**).
6. Cut on the guideline and press the seams toward the darker fabric (**Figure 4**). Trim the units to $7 \frac{1}{4}$ " X $4 \frac{3}{8}$ ", squaring the edges with the ruler. Each pair of rectangles will yield 2 large sails, so set one aside as you will not use it if you are making only one sailboat.



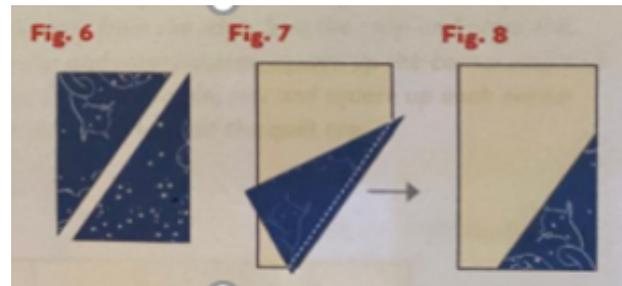
SMALL SAILS

1. Using the background $7\frac{1}{4}'' \times 4\frac{3}{8}''$ rectangle right side up, measure from the bottom right corner of the fabric and place a mark $2\frac{3}{4}''$ to the left of the bottom right corner and another dot $4\frac{1}{2}''$ up from the bottom right corner. Connect the dots and cut out the triangle (Figure 5). Discard the background piece that was cut off.



2. Cut the color $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangle in half along the diagonal from the upper right corner to the lower left corner. This makes two small sails, but you only need one for now (Figure 6).

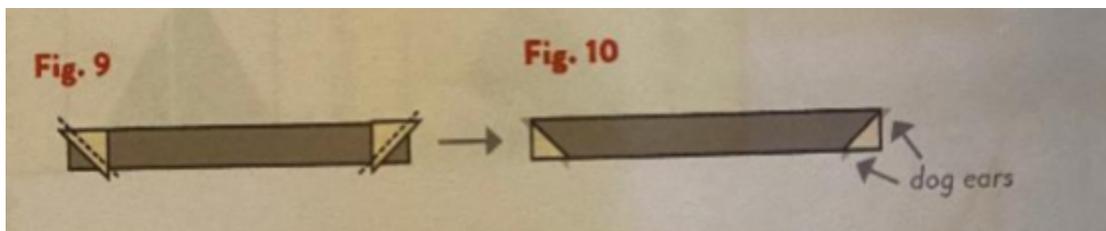
3. Place the color triangle on top of the background fabric RST, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}''$ overhang on the bottom corner (Figure 7). The top will overhang about $\frac{3}{4}''$.



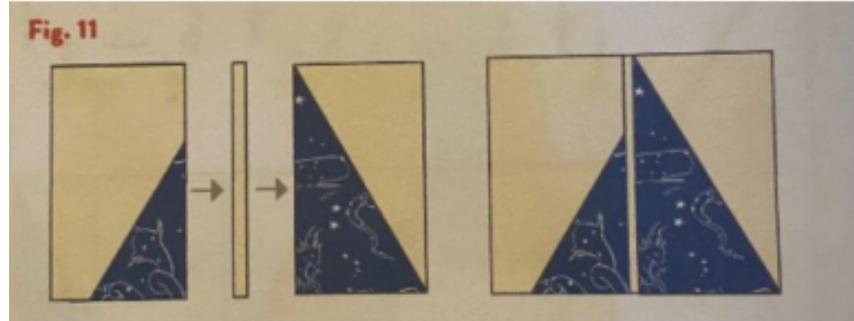
4. Sew, then press the seam toward the darker fabric and trim the dog ears (Figure 8).

BOAT (Reminder, Pay attention to the directional fabrics!)

1. Sew one of the $1\frac{7}{8}''$ background fabric triangles to each side of the $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$ boat piece as seen in Figure 9. The triangles should mirror each other so that the top of the boat appears wider than the bottom of the boat.
2. Trim the excess from the rectangle and also the dog ears. Press the seams out and square up the rectangle if needed (it should be $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$). Figure 10

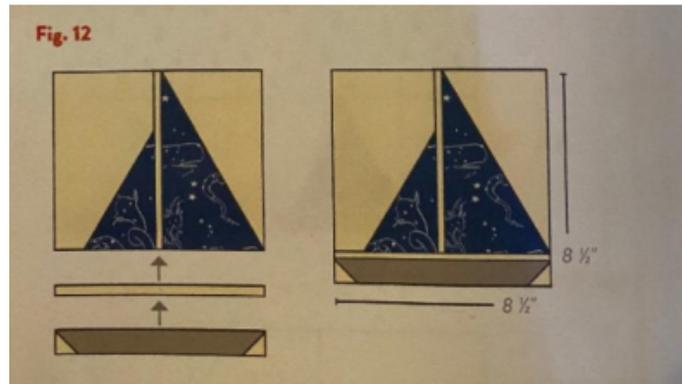


3. Sew the $\frac{7}{8}$ " X $7\frac{1}{4}$ " background strip to the right side of the small sail using an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press seam toward the background fabric. Sew the large sail to



the other side of the background strip (again, don't exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance). Also press that seam toward the background fabric. The seams should fold over each other nicely (Figure 11).

4. Sew the $\frac{7}{8}$ " X $8\frac{1}{2}$ " background strip to the bottom of the sails you just created in Step 3. Watch your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams. Next, sew the boat bottom unit to the bottom of the background strip making sure the two background triangles on the boat are facing correctly. Press the seams toward each other as in Step 3 - they should fold over each other nicely (Figure 12).



5. The block should measure about $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Please do not trim if you are donating the block to the guild.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call one of us.

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