

Quilt Top for Dummies Part II

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Sail boat & 9 Patch Quilt for Dummies Part II

Materials Needed

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| Dark Fabric (4 ½ X 4 ½ - 30 patches) | ½ yard (18 inches) |
| Dark Fabric (Boat, and Sails) | 12 inches |
| Dark Fabric Border | 15 inches |
| Total Dark Fabric | 1 ¼ yards |
| Light Fabric (4 ½ X 4 ½ - 24 patches) | 14 inches |
| Light Fabric (Contrast on Boat and Sails) | 22 inches |
| Light Fabric Binding | 24 inches |
| Total Light Fabric | 1 ¾ yard |
| Back of Quilt | 1 5/8 yard |
| Finished Blocks 12 X 12 | |
| Finished quilt top 40.5 X 52.5 | |

Other Supplies:

Sewing machine in good working order. Wind as many bobbins as you have or buy pre-wound so you don't have to stop and wind as often.

Rotary cutter with a sharp blade and a mat

Ruler

Scissors

Pins

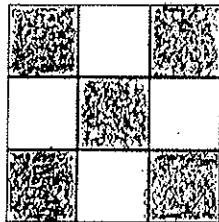
Half square triangle paper, 3" finished size

Reading Patterns

Wof width of fabric

Rst right sides together

Nine Patch



Step 1 – Cutting

Cut 4 4 ½ X wof strips light fabric

Cut 4 4 ½ X wof strips from dark fabric

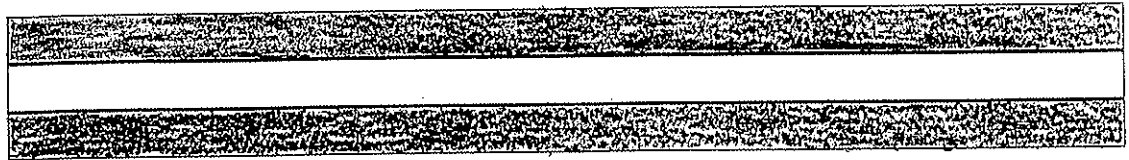
Step 2 – Sewing

Sew the following strip sets. Sew a dark strip wof to a light strip of fabric. Press to the darker fabric. Then sew the third strip (another dark strip) on sewing in the opposite direction. This will prevent a bowing or shifting of the fabric to one end. Press to the darker fabric. (If you are using two contrasting fabrics, designate which will be the darker fabric and press toward that fabric. This is Strip Set A. To sew strip set B follow the same process but go light, dark, light with your strips.

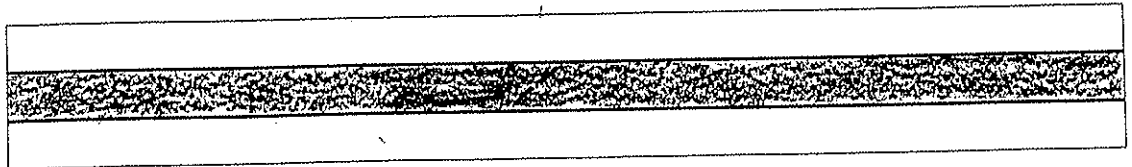
Take your fourth 4 ½ wof strip and cut in Half. Make a half strip set – Dark, light, dark.

You will have one ½ light strip left over.

STRIP SET A



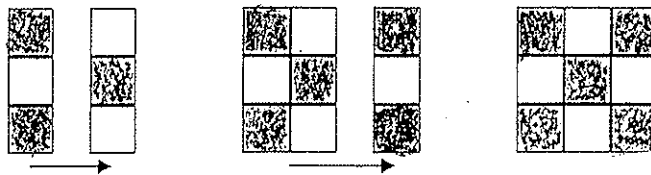
STRIP SET B



Cut Strip sets into 4 ½ wide strips – You need 12 strips of the Dark, Light, Dark strips and you need 6 strips of the Light, Dark, Light Strips. You should be able to get 9 cut strips for your strip set.

Step 3 – Sewing

Sew the nine patch and the alternate nine patch together as shown below. You need to make six blocks.



Sailboat Block

Step 1: Cutting

- Cut 1 8 ½ X wof strip of Dark Fabric
- Cut 1 3 ½ X wof strip of Dark Fabric
- Cut 1 8 ½ X wof strip of Light Fabric
- Cut 4 3 ½ X wof strips of Light Fabric

Take 8 ½ strip of Dark Fabric and cut into three 12 X 8 ½ pieces. Do the same with the 8 1/2 “ strip of Light Fabric.

Making Half Square Triangles

Use half square triangle paper. I use Triangles on a Roll. However, there are several brands on the market. Use some and then choose one that works well for you. For this quilt I use 3” finished half square triangle paper.

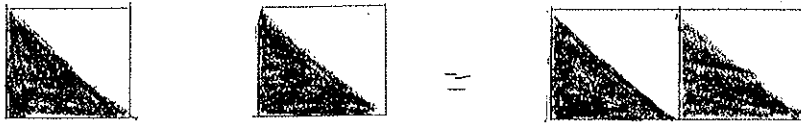
Using your 12 X 8 ½ pieces of Light and Dark fabric – layer the fabric rst. Pin the half square triangle paper to the fabric. Sew on top of the paper on the indicated lines. You will need 36 half square triangles.

Cut apart and remove the paper. Then press the half square triangles to the darker fabric.

Take your 3 ½ X wof dark strip and cut into 6 – 3 ½ X 6 ½ pieces
 Take 2 of your 3 ½ X wof light strips and cut into 12 – 3 ½ X 6 ½ pieces
 Take your last 2 – 3 ½ X wof light strips and cut into 6 – 3 ½ X 12 ½ pieces

Sewing the Sail Boat Block

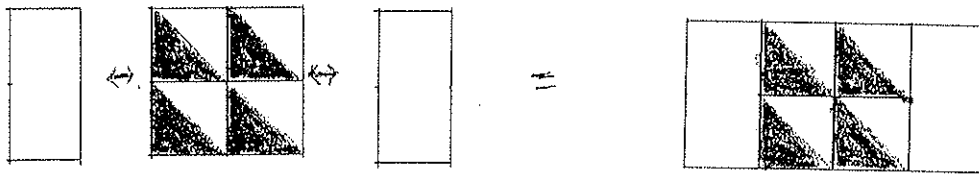
First make your 36 half triangle Squares. Each block will need six of these squares.
 Sew together 2 squares as follows:



Then sew together those 2 squares as follows:



Part A -Then to each side of the 4 squares -- sew a 3 ½ X 6 ½ Light Fabric as follows:



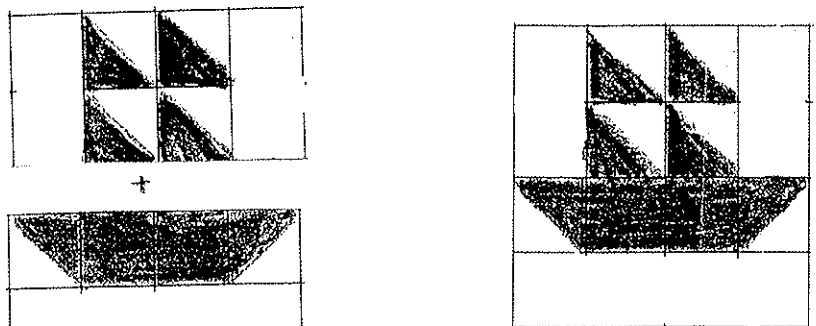
Part B - Next using the Dark Fabric 3 ½ X 6 ½ - sew a triangle square on each end as follows:



Take your Light Fabric 3 ½ X 12 ½ - sew on to the bottom of Part B as follows:



Sew Part A on to Part B as follows:



ADDING BORDERS

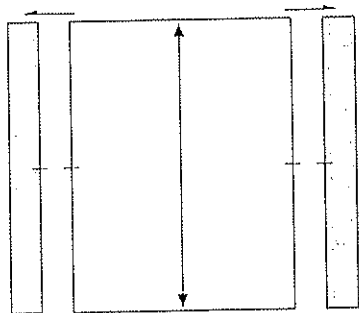
For best results, don't cut border strips and sew them directly to the quilt without measuring first. The edges of a quilt often measure slightly longer than the distance through the quilt center, due to stretching during construction. Instead, measure the quilt top through the center in both directions to determine how long to cut the border strips. This step ensures that the finished quilt will be as straight and as square as possible, without wavy edges.

Many of the quilts in this book call for plain border strips. These strips generally are cut along the crosswise grain and seamed where extra length is needed. However, some projects call for the borders to be cut on the lengthwise grain so that they don't need to be pieced.

Borders may have butted corners, corner squares, or mitered corners. Check the quilt pattern you are following to see which type of corner treatment you need.

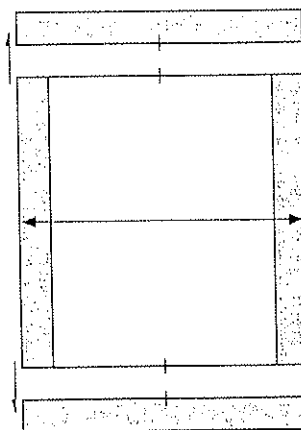
Borders with Butted Corners

1. Measure the length of the quilt top through the center. From the crosswise grain, cut border strips to that measurement, piecing as necessary. Determine the midpoints of the border and quilt top by folding in half and creasing or pinning the centers. Then pin the border strips to opposite sides of the quilt top, matching the center marks and ends and easing as necessary. Sew the border strips in place. Press the seam allowances toward the border strips.



Measure center of quilt, top to bottom.
Mark centers.

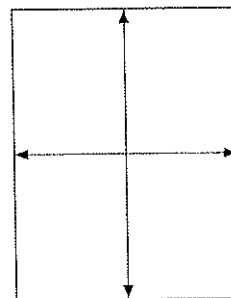
2. Measure the width of the quilt top through the center, including the side border strips just added. From the crosswise grain, cut border strips to that measurement, piecing as necessary. Mark the centers of the quilt edges and the border strips. Pin the border strips to the top and bottom edges of the quilt top, matching the center marks and ends and easing as necessary. Sew the border strips in place. Press the seam allowances toward the border strips.



Measure center of quilt, side to side, including border strips.
Mark centers.

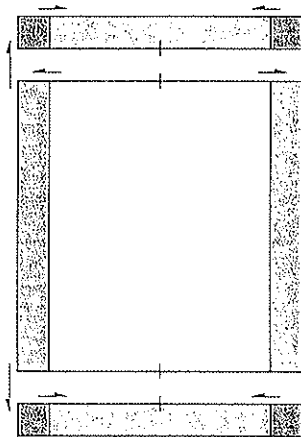
Borders with Corner Squares

1. Measure the width and length of the quilt top through the center.



Measure center of quilt top in both directions.

- From the crosswise grain, cut border strips to those measurements, piecing as necessary. Mark the centers of the quilt edges and the border strips. Pin the side border strips to opposite sides of the quilt top, matching centers and ends and easing as necessary. Sew the side border strips to the quilt top; press the seam allowances toward the border strips.
- Cut corner squares of the required size, which is the cut width of the border strips. Sew a corner square to each end of the remaining two border strips; press the seam allowances toward the border strips. Pin the border strips to the top and bottom edges of the quilt top. Match the centers, seams between the border strips and corner squares, and ends. Ease as necessary and stitch. Press the seam allowances toward the border strips.

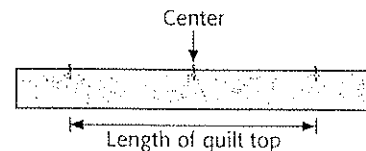


Borders with Mitered Corners

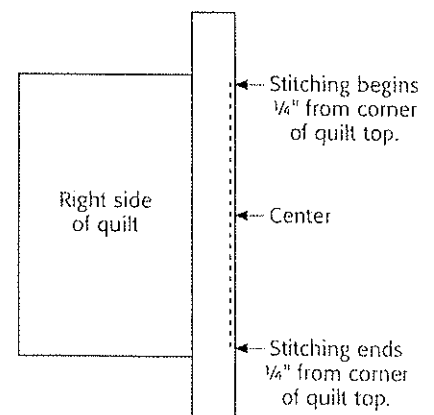
- Estimate the finished outside dimensions of your quilt, including the border. For example, if your quilt top measures $35\frac{1}{2}$ " x $50\frac{1}{2}$ " across the center and you want a 5"-wide border, your quilt will measure about 45" x 60" after the border is attached. Add at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " to these measurements for seam allowances. To give yourself some leeway, you may want to add an additional 3" to 4" to those measurements. In this example, you would then cut two border strips that measure approximately 48" long and two border strips that measure approximately 63" long.

If your quilt has more than one border, you can sew all the border strips together for each side first and then sew them all to the quilt top at once. When you are mitering the corners, be sure to match the seam intersections of each different border.

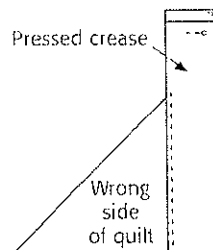
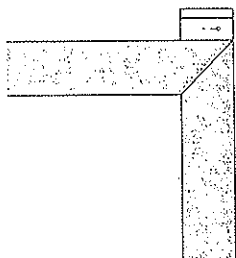
- Fold the quilt in half and mark the centers of the quilt edges. Fold each border strip in half and mark the centers with pins.
- Measure the length and width of the quilt top across the center. Note the measurements.
- Place a pin at each end of the side border strips to mark the length of the quilt top. Repeat with the top and bottom border strips.



- Pin the border strips to the quilt top, matching the centers. Line up the pins at either end of the border strip with the edges of the quilt. Stitch, beginning and ending $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the raw edges of the quilt top. Repeat with the remaining border strips.



6. Lay the first corner to be mitered on the ironing board. Fold under one border strip at a 45° angle to the other strip. Press and pin.



8. Press the seam open, check the right side of the quilt to make sure the miters are neat, and then turn the quilt over and trim away the excess border strips, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.

9. Repeat with the remaining corners.

7. Fold the quilt with right sides together, lining up the adjacent edges of the border. If necessary, use a ruler and pencil to draw a line on the crease to make the stitching line more visible. Stitch on the pressed crease, sewing from the previous stitching line to the outside edges.

