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## Sailboat Mini Tutorial

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Happy 4th of July! To help celebrate, I have put together a tutorial for a fun RW&B Sailboat Mini, fabrics from B&C's Daysail line.

This is one of my first patterns so I would really appreciate your feedback with any issues or suggestions that you may have, and I will address them right away.

So here you go!

- Use 1/4" seams, 2.0 stitch length and press all seams open.
- Yardages are based on at least 42" wide fabrics.
- RST – Right sides together.
- Skill Level: Intermediate.
- Finished quilt size: 14-1/2" x 16-1/2"

### Materials:

- Scraps of red, blue, turquoise, gray and striped materials for the boat and friendship stars. Leftover fat quarters and jelly roll strips are perfect for this mini quilt. Check the below measurements for the largest size you will need.
- 3/4 yard of White fabric.
- 1/8 yard for binding.
- Fat quarter for backing.
- Scraps of paper backed fusible web for appliqués if applicable.

### Cutting Instructions:

Hint: Use Best Press or starch on your fabrics before cutting. You will get a crisp cut to give you more accurate piecing.



## White Fabric:

### Sails:

- A – 6" x 10-1/2" rectangle (1)
- B – 5-1/2" x 9-1/2" rectangle (1)

### Background blocks:

- C – 1" x 5" rectangle (1)
- D – 1" x 5-1/2" rectangle (1)
- E – 1-1/2" x 5" rectangle (1)
- F – 2-1/4" Square (2)

### Checkerboard Sashing:

- G – 1" x 10-1/4" rectangle (4)
- H – 1" x 12-1/2" rectangle (4)
- I – 1" x 16" rectangle (1)

### Outer Border:

- J – 1-1/2" x 13" rectangle (2)
- K – 1-1/2" x 17" rectangle (2)

## Scrap Fabrics:

### Left Sail:

- L – 6" x 10-1/2" rectangle (1)

### Right Sail:

- M – 5-1/2" x 9-1/2" rectangle (1)

### Flag Pole:

- N – 3/4" x 10-3/4" rectangle (1)

### Flag:

- O – 1" square (1)

### Boat:

- P – 1 1/2" x 10-1/4" rectangle (1)
- Q – 1" x 10-1/4" rectangle (1)

### Boat Stripe:

- R – 3/4" x 10-1/4" rectangle (1)

### Checkerboard Sashing:

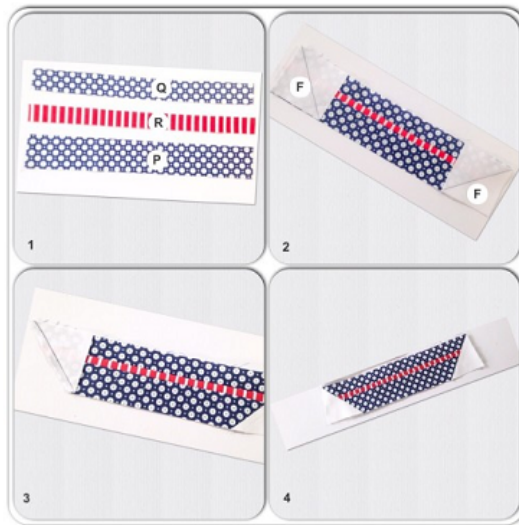
- S – 1" x 20" rectangle (1)
- T – 1" x 10-1/4" rectangle (2)
- U – 1" x 12-1/2" rectangle (2)

#### Star Appliques:

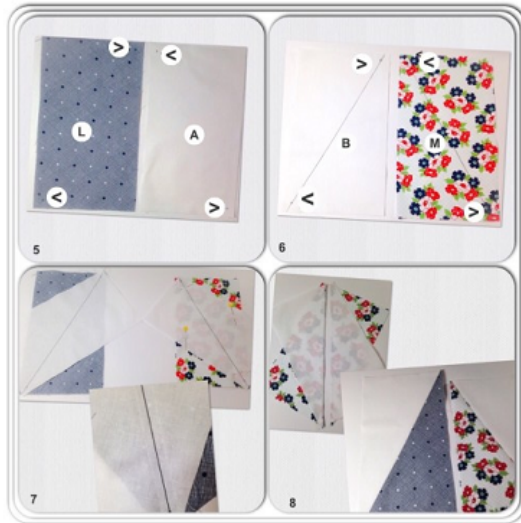
- V – Blue Scrap fabric (1)
- W – Red Scrap fabric (1)

## Sailboat Assembly Instructions:

1. Assemble Fabric Q, R & P rectangle units. I press after piecing each unit.
2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric F Squares. With RST, layer Fabric F on each corner of the completed boat unit.
3. Stitch on the drawn line and trim 1/4" away from the seam. Press open.
4. Boat Unit should measure 2-1/4" x 10-1/4".



5. Left Sail – As pictured below, layout rectangles A and L and mark a 1/2" dot inside the corners.
6. Right Sail – As pictured below, layout rectangles B and M and mark a 1/2" dot inside the corners as marked in the below photo. Draw a diagonal line across both of your white fabrics (A and B) using the dots as a guide, and continue the line thru the dots to the edge of the fabric. **The line does not go corner to corner, but thru the dots and will end up 1/4" away from the corner. You may notice I accidentally drew a line on Fabric M, not needed.**
7. Rotate Fabrics A and B as indicated in the top half of photo 7 and match up the dots on the white fabric with the dots on your print fabric and pin. Stitch 1/4" from each side of the drawn line on both sails (reference bottom half of photo 7).
8. Cut apart on the marked line for both sails (top half of photo 8) and press open, You will end up with 4 sails, use 2 now and save 2 for a future boat! Completed left sail measures 5-1/2" x 10-1/4" and right sail measures 5" x 9-1/4".



9. Flag – Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of Fabric J. With RST, layer Fabric J square on the left end of the Fabric C rectangle. Stitch on the drawn line and trim 1/4" away from the seam. Completed Flag unit should measure 1" x 5".

10. Layout all the units of the top half of your sail boat.

11. Piece together the left sail with Fabric D. Piece together flag unit, right sail and Fabric E rectangle. Piece together Left flag, Fabric Unit H (flagpole), and Right Flag. Completed flag unit should measure 10-1/4" x 10-3/4".

12. Piece the completed Sail Unit to the Boat Unit. Appliqué stars on the sails if you like. Final boat unit should measure 10-1/4" x 12-1/2". You should square up your block at this point before adding the borders, and you may lose an 1/8" or 1/4" in the process. If so, adjust your sashing and border measurements accordingly.



## Sashing and Outer Borders:

### Sashing Blocks:

13. Assemble two Fabric G rectangles and one Fabric T rectangle. Sashing Unit should measure 2" x 10-1/4". Make 2.
14. Assemble two Fabric H rectangles and one Fabric U rectangle. Sashing Unit should measure 2" x 12-1/2". Make 2.

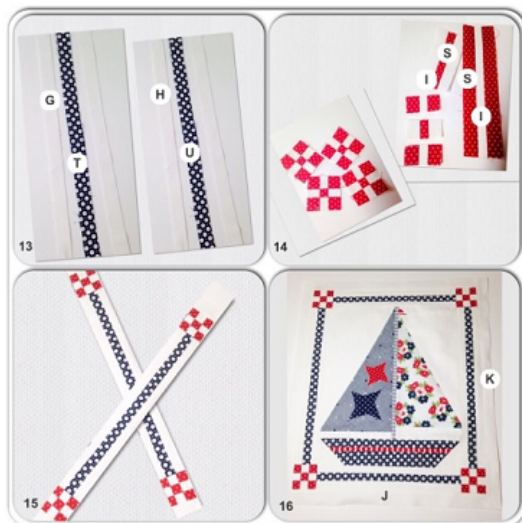
### Checkerboard Blocks:

14. Cut Fabric S into two 8" rectangles and one 4" rectangle. Cut Fabric I into two 4" rectangles and one 8" rectangle. Assemble the strip blocks as shown below, and then cut 1" units from each of the strip blocks. You should end up with 8 RWR units, and 4 WRW units. Assemble the 9-patch blocks as pictured below. The 9-patch block should measure 2" x 2". Make 4.

15. Attach the Checkerboard 9-patch blocks to the Sashings as pictured. Note: check that the side sashing measurement is correct before attaching the Checkerboard block.

### Attach Borders:

16. Attach top and bottom Sashings. Attach Side Checkerboard Sashings. This unit should measure 13" x 15". Attach Fabric J top and bottom borders and trim to 1" from seam. Attach Fabric K side borders and trim to 1" from seam. Approximate finished quilt size is 14-1/2" x 16-1/2".



AND YAY, all done! I did a checkerboard straight line quilting pattern, using my walking foot as a guide, and attached the binding using this [tutorial](#) from Red Pepper Quilts.



Hope you enjoyed my Sailboat tutorial! Have a happy and safe 4th of July and as always, happy, happy sewing!!

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## 2 COMMENTS

**Catherine**

July 6, 2015 at 2:41 pm · Reply

This is so cute and I can't wait to see how the large quilt turns out! You are so creative Teri.



**Teri**

July 6, 2015 at 11:39 pm · Reply

Thanks Cathy, means a lot coming from you! My first try at creating my own pattern, harder than I thought, but I enjoyed the process! 😊



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