

ABOUT THE BLOCK LOTTO

The Block Lotto has been a monthly online activity for quilters since January 2002.

It began as an activity on a quilting message board and moved into blog land in 2007. In 2012, we moved to our own site and group blog at blocklotto.com

The Block Lotto is open to all quilters at any level of experience.

No commitment is required: make blocks and enter them when you want; otherwise sit on the sidelines, read along, and

Join us!



SHOW US YOUR QUILT

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- Email photos and the story of your quilt to jeansophie@gmail.com
- Add your photo to the Flickr group pool [Lotto Block Quilts](#)
- Join the block lotto and add your quilt and its story to the Gallery

I can't wait to see what you make from this block.

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JUNE 2013 BLOCK LOTTO



Tall Ship Block Pattern

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ABOUT THE BLOCK



TALL SHIP

This 6 x 9 inch (finished size) block is a taller, narrower variation of a traditional ship block.

This block contains eight 2-inch (finished size) half-square triangle units. You may use the 8-at-once directions included here or your own favorite technique

Perhaps the trickiest part will be making sure that the orientation of your sails is correct and all our tall ships are sailing in the same direction.

FABRIC GUIDELINES

CHOOSING FABRICS FOR YOUR BLOCK

To emphasize the graphic design of the block, choose two fabrics with high contrast. For the June Lotto blocks, those fabrics should be:

WHITE—may be a solid white or a white-on-white (WOW) print. If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same white fabric in all of them.

BLUE—may be a solid or tone-on-tone (TOT) print containing blues with small amounts of black, white or metallic. If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same blue fabric in two of them, with different fabric placement: one blue ship on a white background, one white ship on a blue background.



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CUTTING FABRICS

CUT FABRICS FOR ONE BLOCK

In this example, the blue batik fabric is used for the ship and the solid white fabric for the background (sea).

From **BLUE** (ship) cut:

One 5- $\frac{3}{4}$ inch square

One 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square

From **WHITE** (sea) cut:

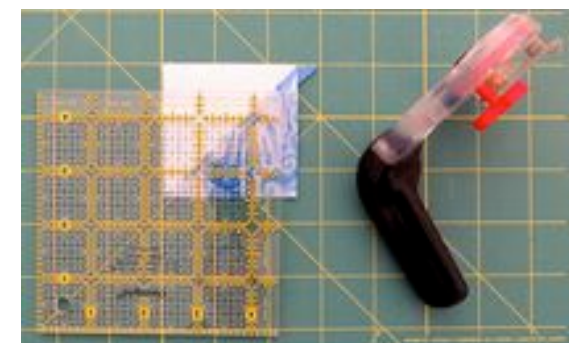
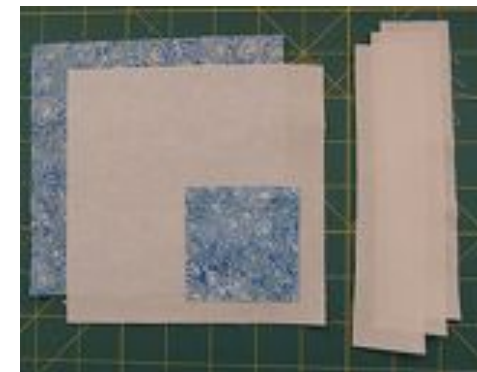
One 5- $\frac{3}{4}$ inch square

Three 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ by 6- $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles

NOTES:

- The large squares are used to make 8 two-inch (finished size) half-square triangle units. If you like, you may make these larger and trim the units to size—The 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch squares, if cut and sewn exactly right, produce 2 inch (finished) HSTs with no trimming. If you use a different method, then you only need to cut the small square and the rectangles plus whatever you need for the HST method you are using.
- Although this is an easy block, because it is made from many parts, a tiny difference in measuring when cutting or $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seams could make your block end up too small or too large.

However you choose to make your half-square triangle units, take the time to press and carefully measure/square up the units at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches square.



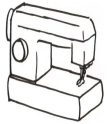
CREATE TRIANGLE SQUARES

USE THE 8-AT-A-TIME METHOD TO MAKE HST UNITS



1. Place the two large squares, right sides together, with the white square on top.
2. Draw two diagonal lines, corner to corner on the top square.

NOTE: If you prefer, instead of drawing lines, you can press a visible crease in the white fabric to use as a guideline.



SEW THE TRIANGLE SQUARES

1. Using the drawn or pressed lines as a guide, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away on each side.
2. Cut the rectangle in half, vertically and horizontally into four quarters
3. Cut along the guidelines to create 8 triangle square units.
4. Press and trim, if necessary. Each unit should measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches square



ASSEMBLE THE TALL SHIP BLOCK

LAY OUT THE BLOCK

I recommend you lay out all the pieces of your block before sewing to make sure that your ship is sailing in the same direction as mine.

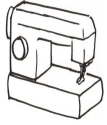


SEWING IT TOGETHER

1. Sew the six triangle square units together to form a $4\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangle—measuring to make sure is a good idea.
2. Sew the other two triangle squares to each side of the small square to form the ships hull.



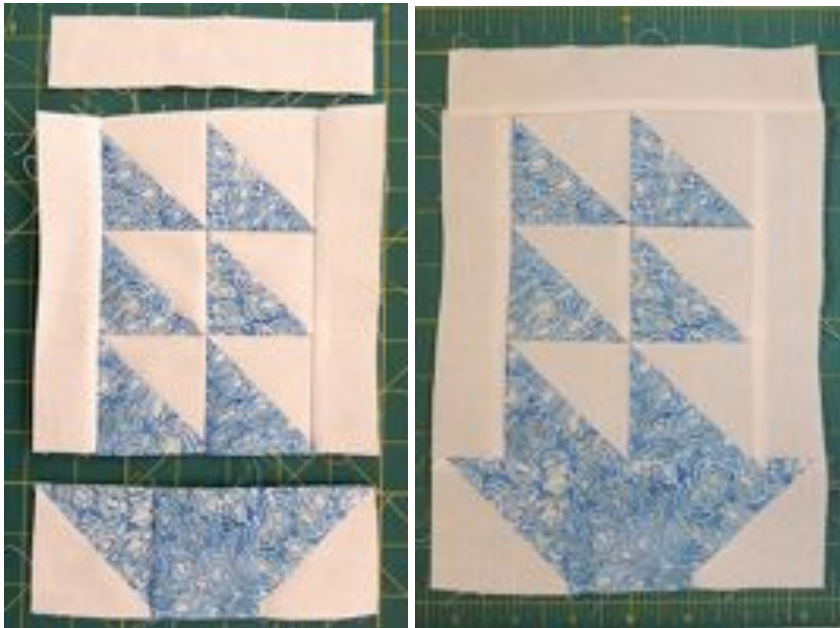
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FINISH SEWING THE BLOCK

3. Add the rectangles to each side of the sails section. This unit should now measure 6 1/2 inches square.
4. Add the third rectangle to the top of the sails and sew the sails section to the hull section.

Your Tall Ship Block is complete.



MAKING MULTIPLE BLOCKS

If you are making multiple blocks, whether for the maximum of 9 chances in the June Block lotto or for your own projects, I recommend that you make only one first. Your first experience may dictate a change in how you make the triangle square units or cutting the squares larger (or) not and trimming to size. It will also give you a reference to make sure that all your boats are sailing in the same direction.

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VIRTUAL QUILT

The blocks pictured here were made by Block Lotto sneak peekers, Angie, Debbie, Helen, Kathleen, Margaret, Nan and me.

