

# Water Ways

102"x109 1/2"

To make the quilt pictured:

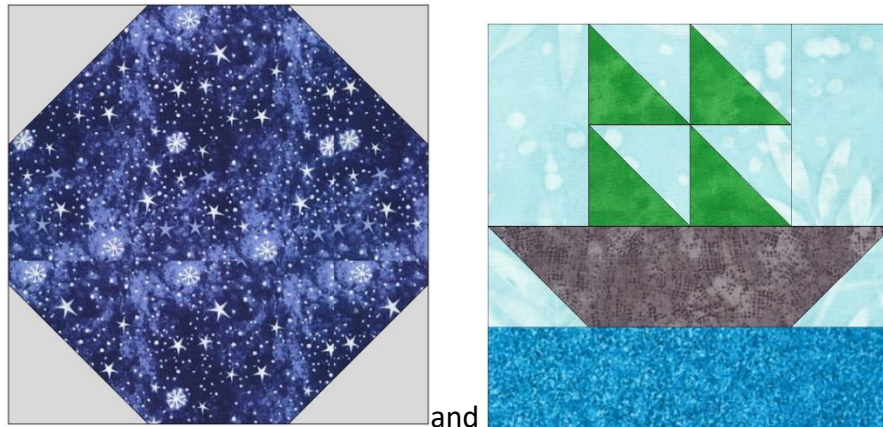


## You need:

- 6 yards of light gray for the sashing and background
- 2 1/2 yards of various sailing themed fabrics to be used in the snowball blocks
- 1 1/4 yards of various blues for the background behind the sails of the boat blocks – I used landscape fabrics such as clouds, lightning, storm clouds or just light blue
- 5/8 yards of blues appropriate for the water blocks

- 5/8 yards of dark blue for outermost border
- 3/4 yard of your choice of fabric for binding

Note: this quilt is made up primarily of two 8" blocks which look like this: (plus cornerstones and sashing and the borders)



### **Cut:**

#### **For the main snowball block: (for one block – the total number I used will be in parenthesis)**

- From light gray:  
4 – 3 1/4" squares (160)
- From a fussy cut sailboat fabric:  
1 – 8.5" square (40)

#### **For the main sailboat block (for one block): My patterns shows a total of 32 blocks**

- From a blue appropriate for the water –  
1 – 2 1/2" x 8 1/2"
- From a blue appropriate for the sky –  
2 – 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles  
2 – 2 1/2" squares to snowball the boat part - press each square in half diagonally, wrong sides together.  
2 – 3" squares for use in making the HST (half square triangles) blocks
- From a color appropriate for the boat  
1 – 2 1/2" x 8 1/2"
- From a color contrasting to the sky for the sails  
2 – 3" squares for the HST.

#### **For sashings:**

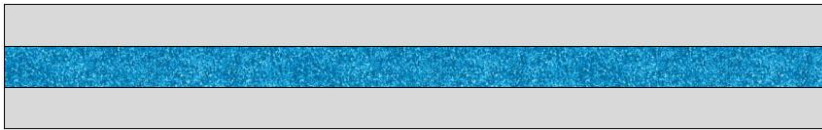
- From dark gray  
161 – 1.5" x 8.5"
- From light gray  
322 – 1.5" x 8.5" strips

#### **For cornerstones: (90)**

- From light gray (shown as white):  
Cut strips that are a 1 1/2" wide by WOF



- From leftovers from fussy cutting the blocks that will contrast (blue) with the light gray:  
Cut strips that are 1 1/2" by as long as you can.  
The best way to make these 9 patch blocks is to sew 2 strips of gray to a strip of blue like this:



And two strips of blue to a strip of gray like this:



Cut off 1 1/2" segments to create the pieces needed for the cornerstone block.



Make 180 segments



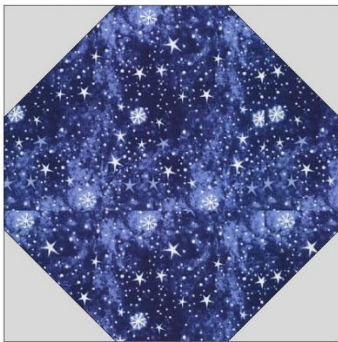
Make 90 segments

Feel free to make them quite scrappy!

**Borders will be discussed later –**

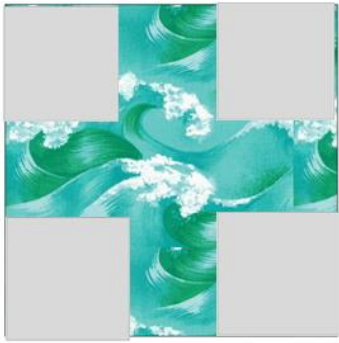
### **Construct blocks:**

#### **Snowball block:**

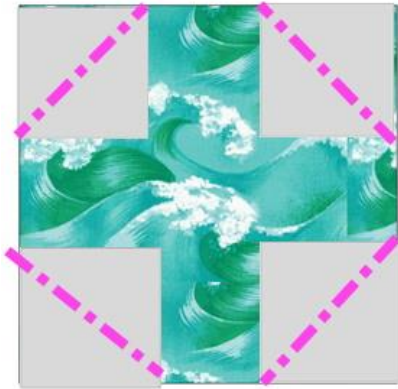


1. Fussy cut block 8.5" square centering the scene as best as you can.
2. Press a diagonal line in the gray 3 1/4" squares. Place it over the corner. Sew on the pressed line. Sew again about 1/2" to the outside of that line. Trim between the two stitching lines. Save the cut off piece to use in the border that uses HST.

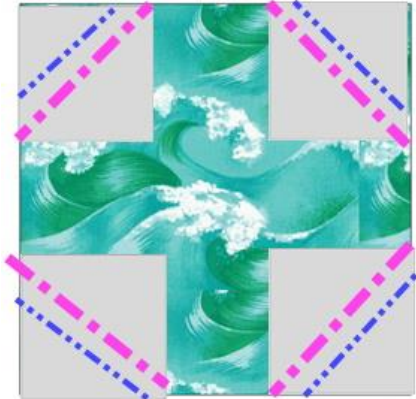
Here are some diagrams: Place the gray 3 1/4" squares on the corners of the 8.5" boat/ship fussy cut square as shown: Right sides together:



If you have pressed the gray squares on the diagonal, simply sew on the diagonal as pressed. If not, eyeball a diagonal line and sew on it as shown in pink.



Now sew about  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the OUTside of the sewing line and stitch again. As shown in blue.

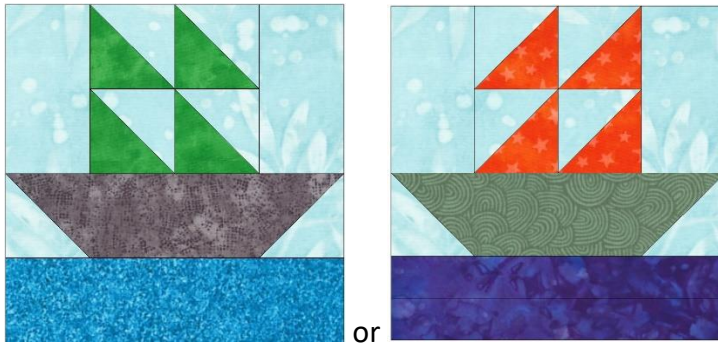


Now cut between the pink and blue lines. Save the section you cut off to be used in the outer border using HST.

3. Press the gray corner "out". Repeat for the other 3 corners.

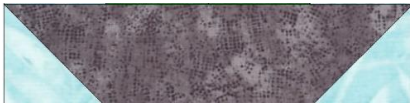
Finished block will look as shown above. Note: this snowball block has a bit more of a "hexagonal shape" than some I've done due to the large gray squares you are working with. The block should be 8.5" square.

**The sailboat block:**



1. Start by making the boat part:

To make the boat part – simply place the 2.5" blue square that is the same as the sky background over the edge of the 2.5"x8.5" boat piece and sew across the creased line diagonally.



To do this part – right sides together

1. Place creased diagonal center line over the edge of the boat block. Align edges.



2. Sew on diagonal line.
3. Sew  $\frac{3}{8}$ " to the outside of that line.

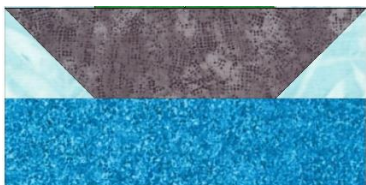
Trim between two sewn lines as shown in pink.



Fold out the light blue towards the outside and press.

Note: You can save the pieces you cut off if you wish – they are called bonus triangles.

2. Add the 2.5"x8.5" blue sea piece of fabric to the bottom of the sailboat part: It now looks like this:

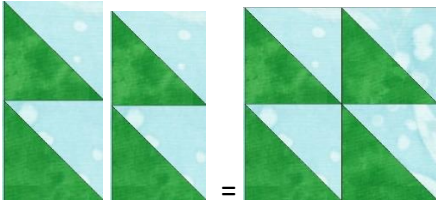


The top part we will make in one section:

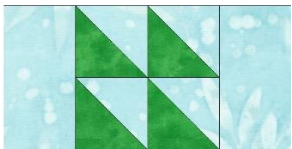
Make 4 HST using your favorite method. Use the sky color and a contrasting color for the sails.

For this quilt top I made them individually using the 3" squares that are already cut out. I fold one in half diagonally, sewing on either side of the fold line, cutting down the middle and pressing open. Trim to 2 1/2" square. If you prefer another method to make your HST, then do it. Since I am only making four at a time, I preferred this method.

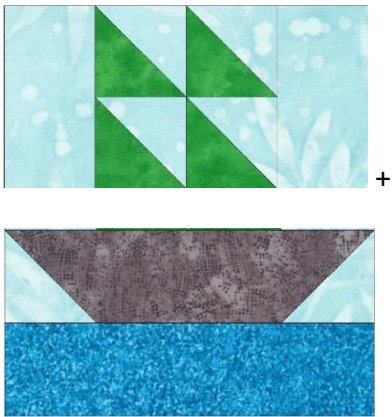
Sew those 2.5" HST together as shown:



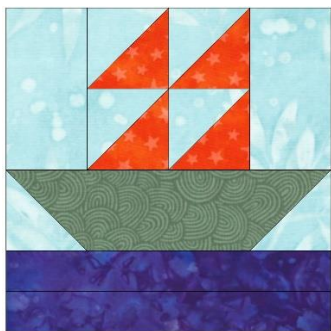
Then sew the light blue background 2.5"x4.5" piece to each side as shown:



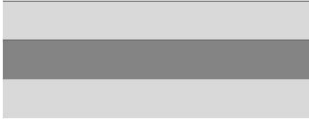
Now sew that section to the bottom part you already made:



Make 16 like this and 16 facing the other direction like this:



They should measure 8.5"x8.5" now.

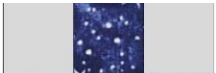
**The sashing block:**

Sew light gray strip to either side of a dark gray strip. All strips are cut 1.5"x8.5"

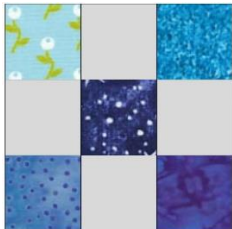
Make 161. They will measure 3.5"x8.5".

**Cornerstone blocks:**

Take 2 of your blue/gray/blue segments and sew them to a gray/blue/gray segment as shown. If you strip pieced as described in the cutting section, it is quite simple to sew them together.



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These cute little blocks measure 3.5" square.

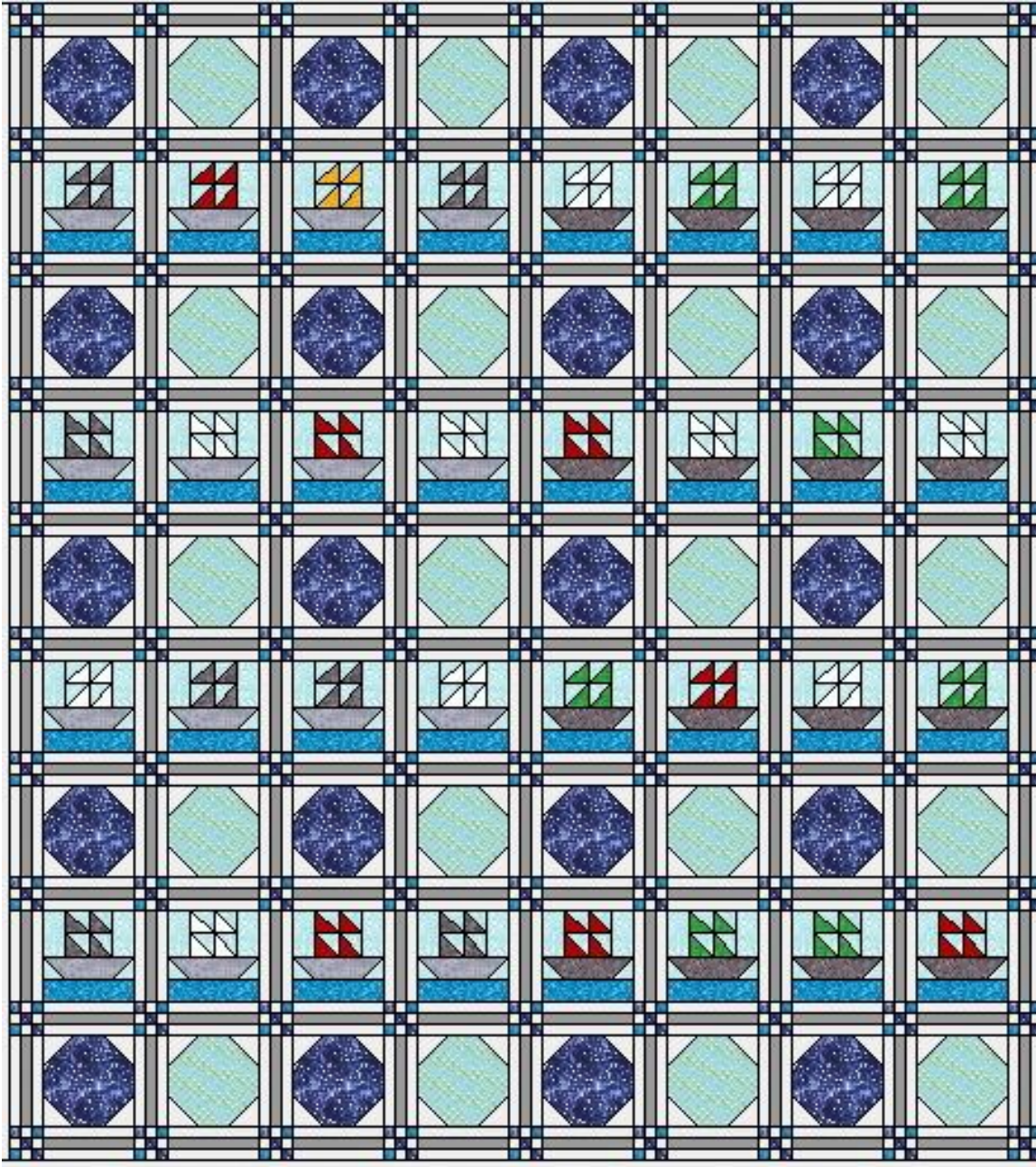
Make 90.



## How to put together this quilt:

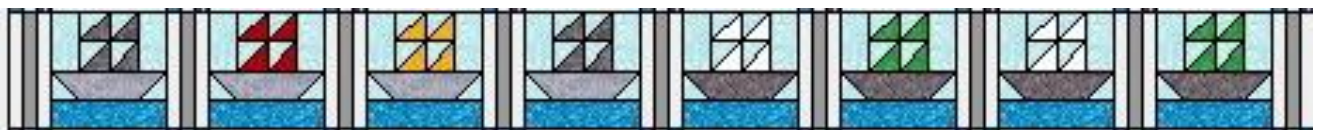
### 1. Sew together in rows.

This is the center:



First sew each row together.

Make rows of your sailboats and snowballed blocked as shown, sewing a sashing piece between each block. For my quilt – I needed 5 of the snowballed blocks and 4 total rows of the sailboats with two rows with the sails facing one direction and two rows with the sails facing the other direction. Use the diagram to make is similar if you wish.





And



Make sashing/cornerstone rows as shown:



Make 10 rows as shown.

Sew together the rows as shown in the diagram above.

2. **Add borders:**

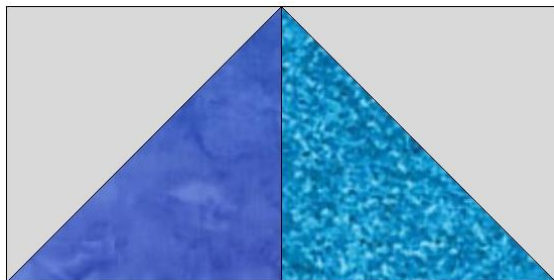
(For long pieces – piece as necessary to get the length needed).

A. First border - gray border

- Cut 2 - 3"x102.5". Attach to the sides.
- Cut 2 - 1.5"x 96.5". Attach to the top and bottom.

B. Second border – HST border. From gray – cut 4 squares that are 2.5".

Using the HST pieces you have cut off from the snowball blocks, after trimming down to 2.5" and making sure they are as square as possible, make units as shown:



You will probably have to make a few more to get the number you need for this border.

For the 2 sides – put together 2 strips with 26 such units: Attach to the sides.

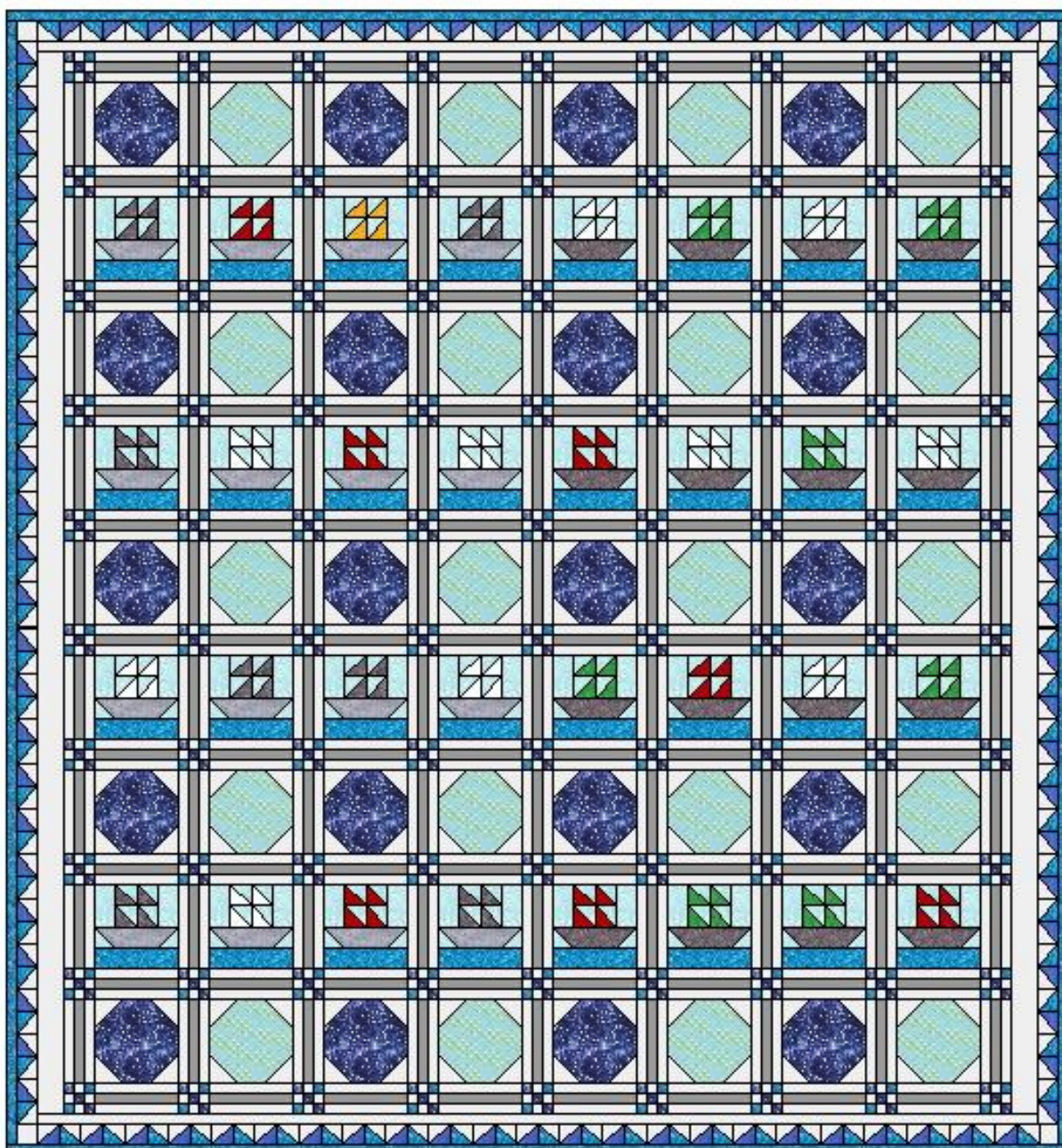
It will look like this approximately:



For the top and bottom, put together 24 such units and add a gray 2.5" square to each end. Make 2. Pin to the top and bottom and sew on. Use the diagram below to help with direction.

C. Third border – blue

- Cut two strips – 1.5"x 108.5" . Attach to the sides.
- Cut two strips – 1.5"x 102.5". Attach to the top and bottom.



3. **Press well.**
4. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
5. **Quilt** as desired.
6. **Bind**, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

Enjoy!

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\*WOF = Width of fabric