

SAIL AWAY MYSTERY

September 7-14, 2025

Quilt Size: Excursion 48 - 48"x48"

Excursion 60 - 60"x60"

Excursion 72 - 60"x72"

Fabric Requirements

	Excursion 48 (no borders)	Excursion 60 (borders)	Excursion 72 (additional borders and blocks)
Background	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards
Color One	$\frac{1}{2}$ yard	$\frac{1}{2}$ yard	$\frac{2}{3}$ yards
Color Two - Inner border	$\frac{2}{3}$ yards	1 yard	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yard
Color Three - Outer border and binding	1 yard	2 yards	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards

Fabric Suggestions

I suggest using smaller prints for this quilt, though Color Three could be a slightly larger print. Most pieces are 2" or 4" when finished so keep this in mind as you select fabrics. There is no sashing used in the quilt assembly.

If you want to make a scrappy quilt, make sure you have at least the total yardage plus an extra $\frac{1}{4}$ yard for the quilt size you select. For example, six quarter yards cuts would work well if the total yardage from the pattern was 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yard total.

There is very little "extra" fabric worked into the yardage totals.

Because of the way this quilt is assembled, precuts would not work well.

Prepare to travel September 7-14, 2025

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cutting prep work

WOF = width of fabric. At least 40" wide.

We are off on a grand adventure and want to include you in a fun, unique way.

As we pack our bags to cruise the Caribbean celebrating Cindy's big birthday, we want you to start collecting your fabrics. There will be a sail away mystery sewalong taking place while we are gone and you won't want to miss it.

There are three excursions you can take – the first will cause your quilt to measure 48x48 and does not include borders, one will cause your quilt to finish at 60x60 (which just adds borders to the 48x48 option), and the last will finish at 60x72 which includes additional blocks and borders.

Prepare to travel through different ports of call September 7-14, sewing seams and sailing waters. Any experience level is welcome – there is no applique or curved seams.

The navigator (or pattern) will be posted on the Quilter's Hideaway Facebook page as well as emailed out and updated on the website daily. Grab your fabric, find a spot on the Veranda or behind your sewing machine, and let the adventures begin!

FLY IN DAY – PREP WORK

They say you must fly in or arrive the day before a cruise, so today is a travel day for several members in our party. That translates to Prep day for all of you preparing to "sail away" with us.

This is not a requirement, but sub-cutting strips of your fabric will take away the bulk of cutting out of future sew days and help you move along each day.

Also become familiar with the three sizing options. Excursion 48 and 60 are identical until borders, Excursion 72 will have small adjustments on specific days.

Clean your machine, replace the needle and wind a couple bobbins. The adventure is about to begin.

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	Size of Strip	Excursion 48	Excursion 60	Excursion 72
Background	2 1/2"	10	10	12
	3"	1	1	1
	4 1/2"	3	3	4
	5 1/2"	2	2	3
	8 1/2"	1	1	1
Color One	2 1/2"	3	3	5
	3 1/8"	1	1	1
	4 1/2"	1	1	1
Color Two	2 1/2"	3	9	9
	3"	1	1	1
	4 1/2"	1	1	2
	5 1/2"	1	1	1
Color Three	2 1/2"	6	8	12
	3 1/8"	2	2	3
	4 1/2"	2	8	9

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Day One

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DAY ONE – Lets Begin.

Today is the day! There is a sail away party at 4pm. We will have ice cream in hand, waving at the shoreline with Mickey and friends, while you are rocking and rolling behind your machine.

Today we will begin sewing and sub-cutting strip sets. I love coming up with creative ways to make quilts and my goal in a mystery quilt is to always keep you guessing on what the finished quilt will actually look like. Strip sets are one of my favorite ways to accomplish this. They are also super handy to keep you from having to cut 200 small squares only to sew everything back together again. Let's be honest, if a pattern has you cut 200 of anything as the first step, most of us will tuck that sweet quilt back in the box and move along. No worries, we will not be doing any of that here!

You will also notice a teal background on some of the steps. This is only for Excursion 72 (the largest option). Everyone will complete all the steps, and Excursion 72 will have a few extra steps some days. If you're doing Excursion 48 or Excursion 60, IGNORE the teal boxes.

Another thing, I tried to write the pattern so any skill level is easily able to accomplish the quilt. However, if you get stumped on a block or have any questions, head to the Facebook page or send an email to quiltershideaway@gmail.com and I have help lined up ready to get you going.

I also have planned posts every afternoon on the Quilter's Hideaway Facebook page where you can see what my blocks looked like for Excursion 48/60. Again, if you have questions we are happy to help.

My last note, I mentioned to several of you that you needed three fabrics that contrasted to your background. You'll notice in the photos on Facebook that my Color One was very similar to my Background color, and I think it would have had a much different outcome with more contrast. Every color combination will be great and we cannot wait to see your blocks!

PLEASE SHARE PICTURES!!!

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day one

WOF = width of fabric. At least 40" wide.

Fabric:

MATERIALS NEEDED:

-  COLOR ONE
 - 2 2 1/2" X WOF CUT IN HALF
-  COLOR TWO
 - 1 2 1/2" X WOF CUT IN HALF
-  COLOR THREE
 - 2 4 1/2" X WOF CUT IN HALF
 - 1 2 1/2" X WOF CUT IN HALF
-  BACKGROUND
 - 2 4 1/2" X WOF CUT IN HALF
 - 3 2 1/2" X WOF CUT IN HALF

If making Excursion 72 - You need one additional Color Three 2 1/2" strip cut into 8 2 1/2" squares.

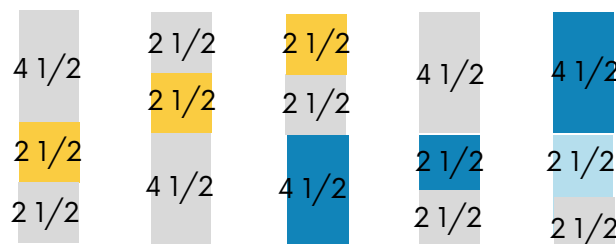
Assembly:

Sew strip sets together as shown.

- Sew a strip set together using a background 4 1/2" half strip, a color one 2 1/2" half strip and a background 2 1/2" half strip.
- Press the seams towards the background fabric.
- Subcut this strip set every 2 1/2" to give 8 units.

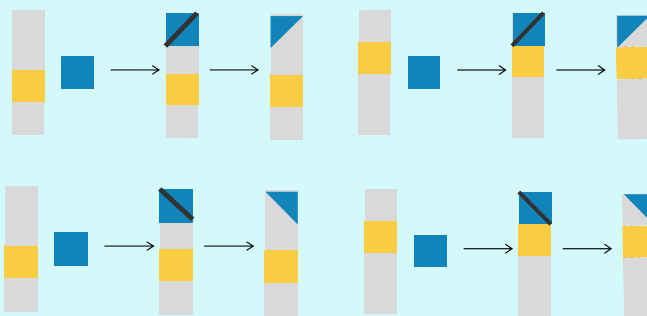


- Repeat this process to make eight of the following strip sets.



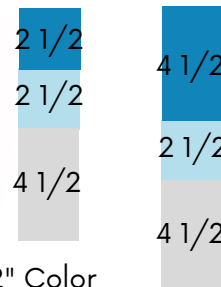
Make 8 of each unit using half strips, sewing strip sets, then subcutting at 2 1/2"

Excursion 72 **ONLY** - Draw a diagonal line on the back side of the 8 extra 2 1/2" Color Three squares. Line them up on the first two units (with background and color one only) and sew on the line. Repeat this so four of each have the additional blue triangle. Pay attention to the image below to know what angle each needs to be sewn at.



Now cut the remaining half strips into 10" long pieces.

Using those 10" long pieces sew two additional strip sets as shown.



You should have cut one 2 1/2" Color Three down to 10", one Color Two 2 1/2", One background 4 1/2" and one Color Three 4 1/2".

- Subcut these every 2 1/2" to make four of each unit.

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day one

Assembly:

Now that all the strip sets have been assembled sew the different units together as shown.

Excursion 48 and 60:



make four



make four



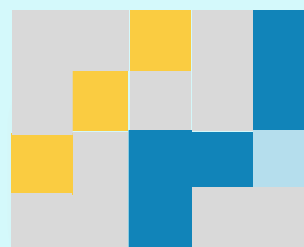
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Excursion 72:



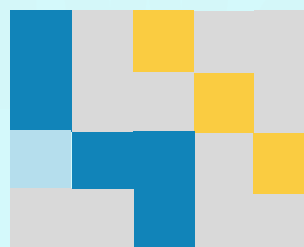
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make two



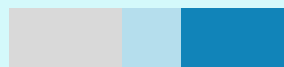
make two



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Day Two

WOF = width of fabric. At least 40" wide.

DAY TWO –

Today we are waking up floating along the ocean somewhere. It's an "At Sea" day, so it's a perfect day to sew a little.

My favorite part of sea days are watching the sun rise and set. It is absolutely spectacular!

Anyways, enough about our Sea Day, you want to SEW!

Today you're working on blocks using a couple units from yesterday and some Half Square Triangle blocks.

Half Square Triangle blocks can be made a few different ways, but today I'll walk you through my favorite way - just remember to trim the blocks at the end. It really does make a difference.

Excursion 72 - You aren't special today. No extra steps or instructions for y'all.

The last note I have is if you feel like you're falling behind, take a deep breath. Some days will have more to do than others. I worked in a few "easy" days for you to use as catch up. And just remember, everyone sews at their own speed and it isn't a race!

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day two

WOF = width of fabric. At least 40" wide.

Fabric:

MATERIALS NEEDED:

COLOR TWO

1 3" x WOF

- cut into eight 3" squares

1 2 1/2" x WOF

- cut into sixteen 2 1/2" squares

BACKGROUND

1 3" x WOF

- cut into eight 3" squares

1 4 1/2" x WOF

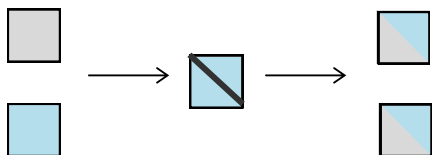
- cut into eight 4 1/2" squares

No changes for Excursion 72.

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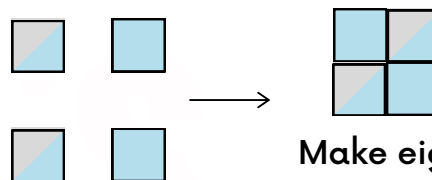
Make half-square triangle blocks

- Lay one Color Two 3" square and one Background 3" square right sides together.
- Draw a line corner to corner.
- Sew 1/4" on either side of the line.
- Cut along the line and press.
- Trim blocks to 2 1/2" each.
- Repeat to make sixteen half square triangle blocks total.



Sew a four patch unit

- Using the half square triangle blocks and eight 2 1/2" background squares, make eight four patches.

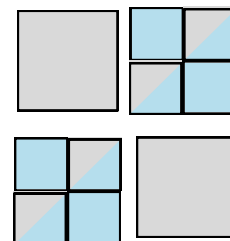


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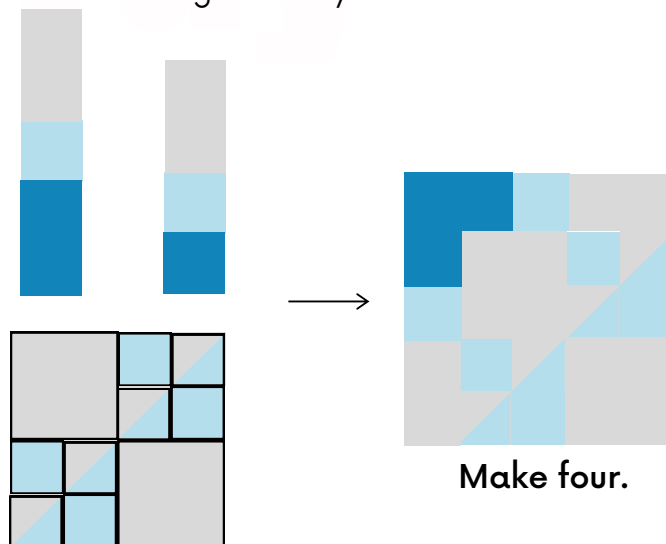
- Repeat to make eight blocks.

Finish assembling the block

- Now use the eight half square triangle four-patches and eight background 4 1/2" squares to assemble four blocks.



- Finally add the two strip sets that were remaining from day one.



Make four.

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Day Three

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DAY THREE –

Today we woke up in Cozumel, Mexico and the water is STUNNING here.

We are going to have a low-key day around the boat and might get off for just a bit to walk around.

You all also get a low-key “catch-up” day too.

All excursions are making the same blocks today and we introduce “Snowballing” to the instructions.

Again, if you have any questions we are more than happy to help. Otherwise, share your blocks so we can continue partying with everyone and see how the blocks are taking shape!

Take a nap, read a book, enjoy the day and get ready for tomorrow!

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day three

WOF = width of fabric. At least 40" wide.

Fabric:

MATERIALS NEEDED:

COLOR ONE

- 1 4 1/2" X WOF
 - Cut eight 4 1/2" squares

COLOR TWO

- 1 2 1/2" X WOF
 - Cut four 2 1/2" x 8 1/2"

BACKGROUND

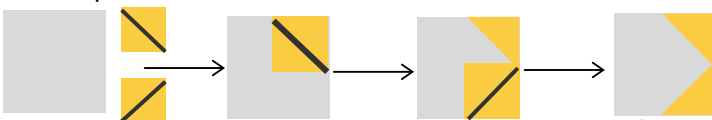
- 1 8 1/2" X WOF
 - Cut four 8 1/2" squares
- 1 2 1/2" X WOF (leftover from day 2)
 - Cut eight 2 1/2" squares

No changes for Excursion 72.

Assembly:

Snowball Color One:

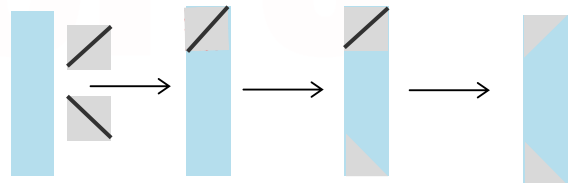
- Draw a line on the wrong sides of Color One 4 1/2" squares.
- Lay one Color One square right sides together in the corner of the background 8 1/2" square.
- Sew along drawn line, trim and press.
- Now lay a second Color One square right sides together onto the adjacent corner of the background 8 1/2" square.
- Sew along drawn line, trim and press.
- Repeat to make four.



Make four.

Snowball Color Two:

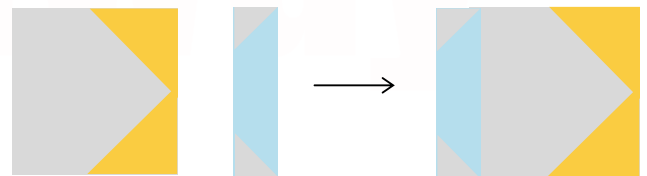
- Draw a line on the wrong sides of Background 2 1/2" squares.
- Lay one Background square on one end of Color Two 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" piece right sides together.
- Sew along drawn line, trim and press.
- Now lay a second Background 2 1/2" square right sides together onto the other end of the Color Two unit.
- Sew along drawn line, trim and press.
- Repeat to make four.



Make four.

Assemble the block:

- Now sew one Color One Snowballed unit onto one Color Two Snowballed unit.
- Repeat to make four identical units.



Make four.

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Day Four

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DAY FOUR –

Hello Grand Cayman!

How is your adventure going? Have you figured out what the quilt will look like yet?

This is a big day and then its downhill from here. We've reached the halfway point, so it's time to knock out a few things around the ship, get some blocks done, and see what this quilt is going to look like.

We are making Flying Geese blocks today, and if you've done any of my patterns before, you know I sneak these in almost every time. There are also two different methods of sewing them that we will use today.

Excursion 72 - look for your teal box again. You have a few additional steps to follow for today.

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day four

WOF = width of fabric. At least 40" wide.

Fabric:

MATERIALS NEEDED:

COLOR ONE

- 1 3 1/8" x WOF
 - Cut 12 3 1/8" squares
- 1 2 1/2" x WOF
 - Cut 16 2 1/2" squares

COLOR TWO

- 1 4 1/2" X WOF
 - Cut eight 4 1/2" squares
- 1 5 1/2" x WOF
 - Cut one 5 1/2" square
 - Cut four 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" pieces

COLOR THREE

- 2 3 1/8" X WOF
 - Cut 20 3 1/8" squares

BACKGROUND

- 2 5 1/2" X WOF
 - Cut eight 5 1/2" squares
 - Cut one 4 1/2" square
- 2 2 1/2" X WOF
 - Cut 20 2 1/2" squares

Additional Cutting for Excursion 72.

COLOR ONE

- 1 2 1/2" x WOF - Cut four 2 1/2" squares

COLOR TWO

- 1 4 1/2" X WOF - Cut four 4 1/2" squares.

COLOR THREE

- 1 3 1/8" x WOF - Cut 12 3 1/8" squares.

BACKGROUND

- 1 5 1/2" X WOF - Cut three 5 1/2" squares.
Cut four 2 1/2" squares

Assembly:

Snowball Accent Geese: (Color One/Color Two)

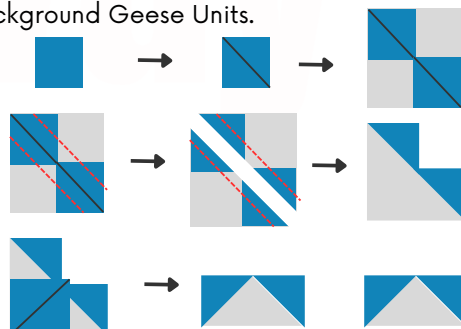
- Draw a line on the wrong sides of 16 Color One 2 1/2" squares
- Lay one Color One square right sides together one one side of Color Two 2 1/2" x 4 1/2".
- Sew along drawn line, trim and press.
- Now lay a second Color One square right sides together onto the other corner of the Color Two 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" unit.
- Sew along drawn line, trim and press.
- Repeat to make four accent geese.



Make four.

Fast Four Geese: (Color Three/Background)

- Draw a line corner to corner diagonally on each of the Color Three 3 1/8" squares.
- Lay two Color Three squares onto the Background 5 1/2" square as shown.
- Sew 1/4" seam on either side of the lines drawn.
- Cut along the line and press seams. This makes a heart shaped unit.
- Now add one 3 1/8" Color Three square on each heart unit as shown.
- Sew 1/4" seam on either side of the line and repeat with the other heart shaped unit.
- Cut along the line and press to make four flying geese units.
- Trim each to 2 1/2" x 4 1/2". Repeat using all eight 5 1/2" background squares to make 20 Color Three/Background Geese Units.
- Also use 12 Color One 3 1/8" squares paired with Three Background 5 1/2" squares to make 12 Color One/Background Geese Units.



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day four

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Additional Piecing for Excursion 72.

- In addition to the flying geese made in prior steps, make 12 more Color Three and Background geese using three background $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and 12 Color Three $3\frac{1}{8}$ " squares.
- Trim the 12 flying geese blocks to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

Assembly:

Sew the star blocks together:

- Assemble the star blocks together as shown.

Star One

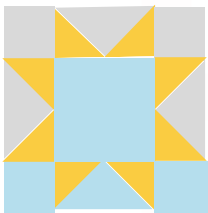
- Each block uses Two Color One $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Two Background $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Four Color Three/Background Geese
One Color Two $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square



-Make Four

Star Two

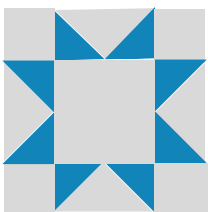
- Each block uses Two Color Two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Two Background $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Three Color One/Background Geese
One Color One/Color Two Geese
One Color Two $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square



-Make Four

Star Three

- Each block uses Four Background $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Four Color Three/Background Geese
One Background $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square



-Make One

Additional Piecing for Excursion 72.

- Assemble the half star blocks together as shown.

Half Star One

- Each block uses One Color One $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
One Background $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Three Color Three/Background Geese
One Color Two $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square



-Make Two

Half Star Two

- Each block uses One Color One $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
One Background $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Three Color Three/Background Geese
One Color Two $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square



-Make Two

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Day Five

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DAY FIVE –

We are at Falmouth, Jamaica today and ready to explore.

Excursion 72, you knew it was coming... you will be busy today while the others only have to begin assembling the quilt.

All of the units for the quilt have been made at this point, so all that is left is putting everything together.

We will start that process today, finish it tomorrow, and add borders on Day Seven. The Finish Line is close!

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day five

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Fabric:

Additional Piecing for Excursion 72.

MATERIALS NEEDED:



COLOR ONE

1 2 1/2" X WOF

- Cut two 2 1/2" x 20"

The remaining 2 1/2" strip from day 4

- Cut three 2 1/2" x 10"



COLOR TWO

The remaining 4 1/2" strip from day 4

- Cut two 4 1/2" squares



COLOR THREE

1 2 1/2" X WOF

- Cut two 2 1/2" x 10"



BACKGROUND

1 4 1/2" X WOF CUT IN HALF

1 2 1/2" X WOF

- Cut four 2 1/2" x 10"

The remaining 5 1/2" strip from day 4

- Cut two 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

- Cut four 2 1/2" x 6 1/2"

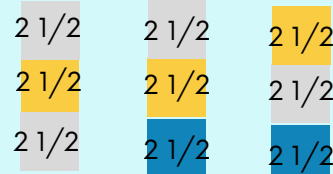
Assembly:

Sew strip sets together as shown.

- Sew a strip set together using a Background 4 1/2" half strip and a Color One 2 1/2" half strip.
- Press the seams towards the background fabric.
- Subcut this strip set every 2 1/2" to give 8 units.



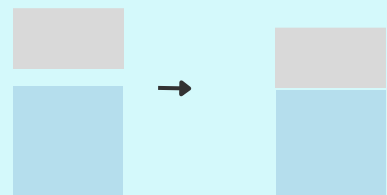
- Repeat this process to make **FOUR** of the following strip sets.



Make 4 of each unit using half strips, sewing strip sets, then subcutting at 2 1/2"

Make Center Units:

- Sew one 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" Background piece to one 4 1/2" Color Two Square.
- Repeat to make two.



Make two.

Sew Strip Sets together for Excursion 72:

- Using all of the strip sets made, sew two rows together as shown.



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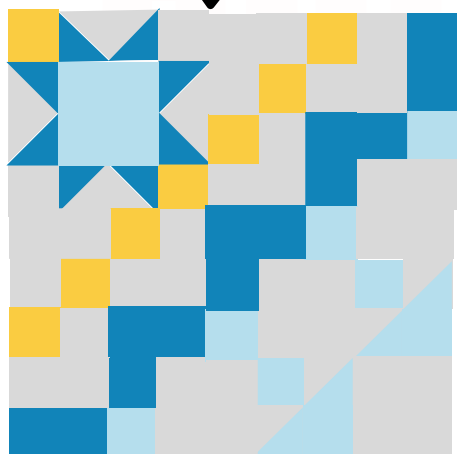
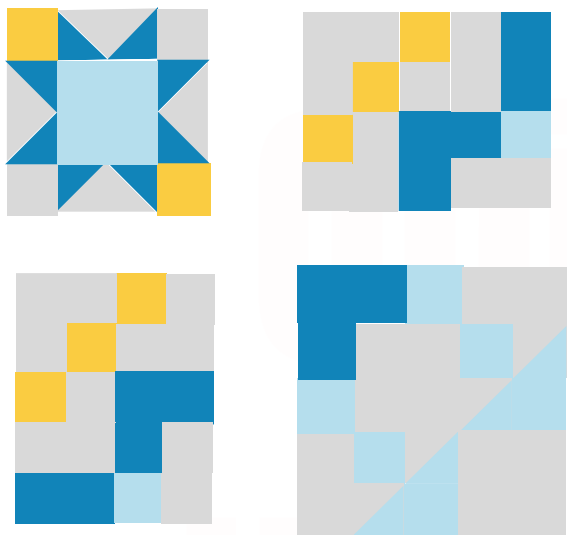
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Assembly:

Excursion 48 and Excursion 60:

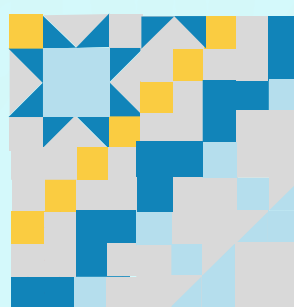
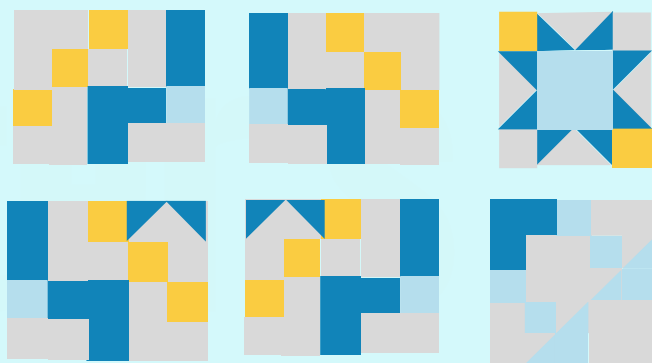
- Uses four STAR ONE blocks, four of each strip set made on day one for the Excursion 48/60, and the units completed at the end of Day Two.



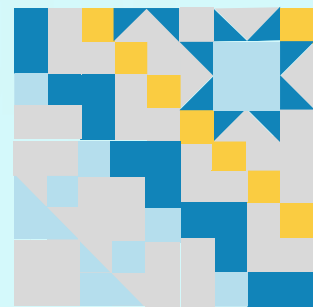
Make four.

Excursion 72:

- Uses four STAR ONE blocks, all of the strip set units made on day one for the Excursion 72, and the units completed at the end of Day Two.



Make two.



Make two.

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Day Six

WOF = width of fabric. At least 40" wide.

DAY SIX –

Today is our Final Sea day, so it's time to knock this quilt out. We have one more day of work then it's time to get off the boat. Are you ready?

I still have a few Ice Cream cones left to consume, a few days without never-ending laundry (though I did manage to knock out a couple loads yesterday), and a few days to enjoy not cooking meals!

How have you been doing with SEA-sing the day? Is your quilt almost done? Don't forget to share pictures. You can post them in QH Community and/or on the comments of each day's post on the Quilter's Hideaway Facebook Page. We will have a little friendly competition or a drawing from the posts when I get back.

Is anyone having withdrawals from the shop? I'm ready to be back!!

Without further delay, Day Six! It's time to finish assembling this quilt!

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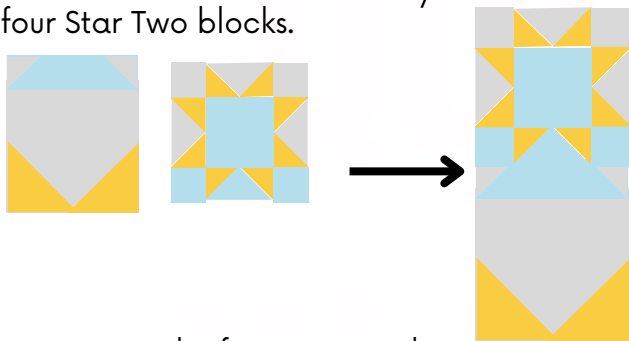
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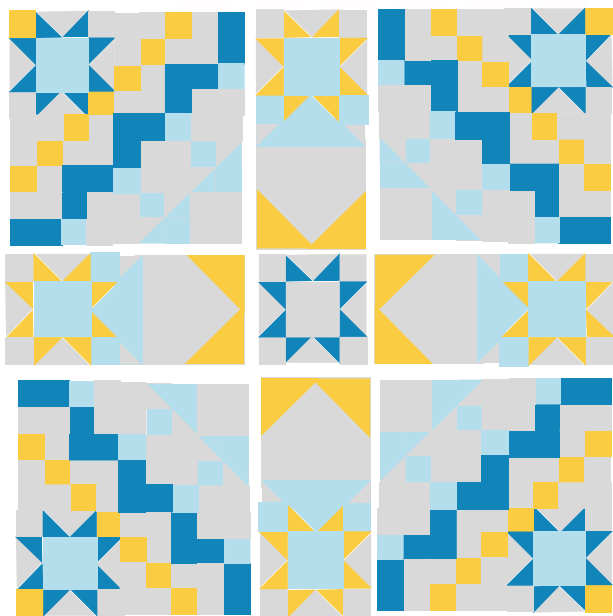
Assembly:

Excursion 48 and Excursion 60:

- First sew the unit made on day Three to the four Star Two blocks.

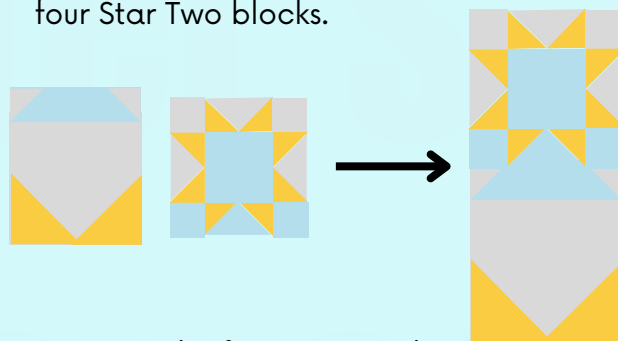


- Now use the four units made on Day Five and one Star Three from Day Four to assemble the quilt

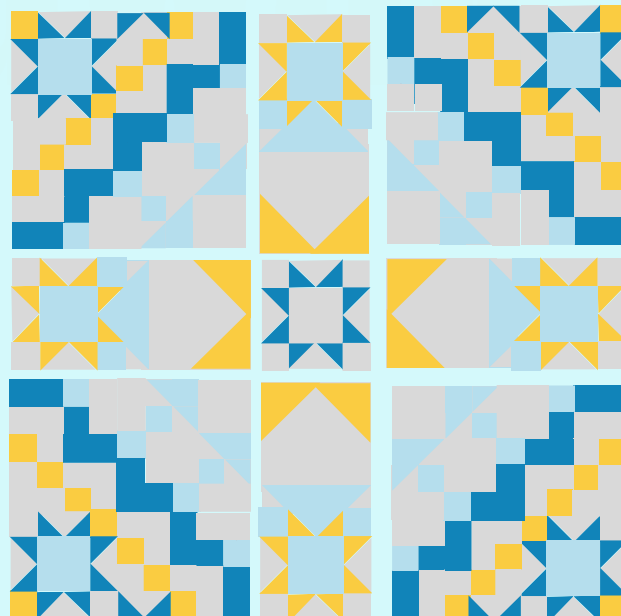


Excursion 72:

- First sew the unit made on day Three to the four Star Two blocks.



- Now use the four units made on Day Five and one Star Three from Day Four to assemble the quilt



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Day Seven

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DAY SEVEN –

THIS IS MY FAVORITE DAY!! We are docked at Disney's private island. It's going to be hot today, but we are ready to enjoy some beach time and dip our feet in the ocean.

It's also your LAST day of instructions for our Sail Away Mystery Quilt.

Excursion 48 has one small border to finish it out, but Excursion 60 and 72 wrap up today with a couple more borders. Easy Peasy!

Pack it up, Finish those seams, Clean the room – It's time to head out and get back to reality!

SAIL AWAY MYSTERY

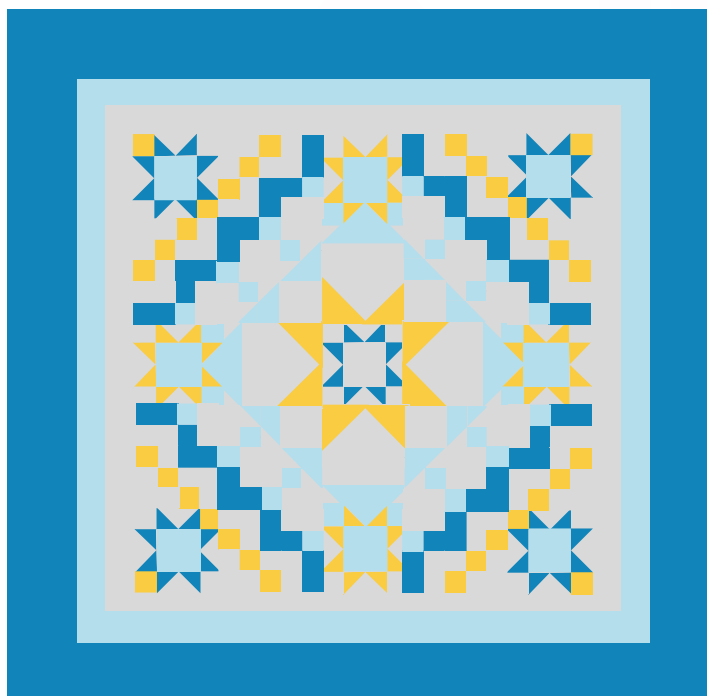
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Assembly:

Excursion 48 and Excursion 60:

- Now add the 2 1/2" Background border, the 2 1/2" Color Two Border then the 4 1/2" Color Three outer border.
- Excursion 48 only has a 2 1/2" Background border to finish it.



Excursion 72:

- Use the two units made at the on Day Five and add them onto the top and bottom of the Center piece finished on Day Six.
- Lastly, add the 2 1/2" Background border, the 2 1/2" Color Two border and the outer 4 1/2" Color Three border.

