

NAUTICAL TUMBLE BLOCK ONE—36 PATCH

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We are starting our Nautical Tumble with this simple pieced block but we are doing it in a different manner than you might expect...

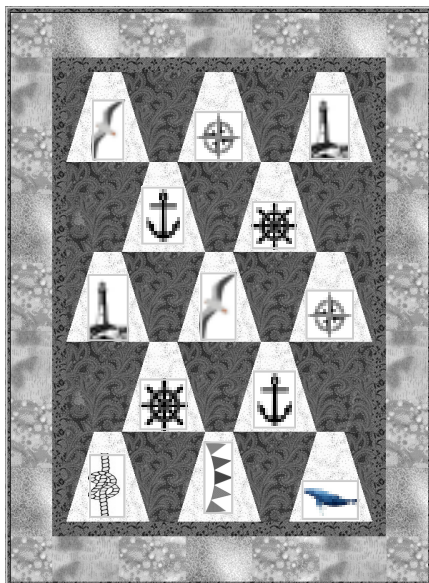
CUTTING:

3 Mediums and 3 Darks One Strip of Each - 2 1/2" x about 16"- 20" (1/2 Width of Fabric)

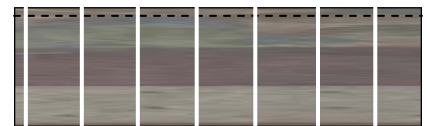
ASSEMBLY:

1. Lay out the strips alternating mediums and darks. Stitch together as laid out to make a strip set 12 1/2" x 20".
2. Fold the strip set bringing the long edge of the bottom dark to meet the top medium and stitch RST forming a tube.
3. Cut the tube into 2 1/2" loops. Cut 6 loops.
4. Find the top medium square of the first loop and unsew the seam between it and what was the bottom dark square. On the next loop, unsew the seam between that dark and the adjacent medium. Lay the strips next to each other and you'll see the pattern starting to form.
5. Work your way through the loops, unstitching on each the next progressive seam then laying the strip along side the last.
6. When all 6 strips are laid out and the pattern has been checked, stitch the strips together to form the block. Block should measure 12 1/2" square.

Set aside this 36 Patch. Next week we do our first Applique Block. We will cut all blocks into tumbler shapes at the end to avoid stretching the bias edge.



Sew Strips Together



Stitch into Tube, Cut Tube Into Loops



Unsew Loops To Form Strips



Stitch Strips Into Block