## NAU'TICAL TUMBLE BLOCK 19: 9 OR 16 HOURGLASSES

## Cutting for 9 Hourglass block:

Mediums: 5 ea. 5 1/4" squares
Dark: $\quad 5$ ea. $51 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ squares

1. Draw/Press both diagonals on all squares. Layer a medium and dark square right
 sides together. Stitch on both sides of one diagonal only. Cut on that diagonal. Press to dark. Repeat 5 times to make 10 Half Square Triangles.
2. Now layer two Step 1 units right sides together so that diagonal seam will nestle - that is so the light is against the dark. Here you can control the fabric placement or get scrappy. Stitch along both sides of the other diagonal. Cut on the diagonal to make an Hourglass block (See below.) Trim to 4 $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Repeat to make 9 Hourglass Blocks (with one leftover.)
3. Layout Hourglasses into 3 rows of three blocks forming a 9-Patch. Stitch together. Block should measure $121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square.

## Cutting for 16 Hourglass block:

Mediums: 8 ea. $41 / 4$ " squares
Dark: $\quad 8$ ea. $41 / 4$ " squares

1. Draw/Press both diagonals on all squares. Layer a medium and dark square right sides together. Stitch on both sides of one diagonal only. Cut on that diagonal. Press to dark. Repeat 8 times to make 16 Half Square Triangles.
2. Now layer two Step 1. Units right sides together so that diagonal seam will nestle that is so the light is against the dark. Control the fabric placement or get scrappy. Stitch along both sides of the other diagonal. Cut on the diagonal to make an Hourglass block. Trim to 3 1/2". Repeat to make 16 Hourglass blocks.
3. Layout Hourglasses into 4 rows of four blocks forming a 16-Patch. Stitch together. Block should measure 12 1/2" square.

*Just FYI: Instructions for cutting blocks into Tumbler Shape* will be given at a later date

## QUICK HOURGLASS BLOCKS

To create an Hourglass (Quarter Square) block, start with two squares (2 different fabrics) at least $11 / 4$ " than the desired finished size of block. Layer right sides together.


Place two HST Right Sides together, matching seams and have the fabrics reversed. Mark diagonal crossing the seam.
Stitch on both sides of diagonal. Cut to yield two Hourglass blocks.
Press and trim to desired unfinished size of block.


