

First, trimming your blocks is optional. You may wish to leave your blocks square and have a slightly larger quilt. But those Tumbler shapes are so unusual, the trimmed blocks are going to make a dynamite design!

In truth, only the pieced blocks are trimmed to **Tumblers** (think drinking glasses, wide at the top) while the appliqué blocks are trimmed to **Thimble** shapes (wide at the bottom). The blocks should all be trimmed to 12 1/2" centered. Then for trimming make a Freezer Paper Template from the templates given (Next Page). Because the shape is larger than a printer paper sheet, it is given in parts. So you need to **trace** the parts (A and B) to the Freezer Paper (at least 13" square), aligning at the dotted line, making one half the template. Then fold the FP in half along the link broken line and trace the second half. This will give you the total Tumbler template. The template **SHOULD** measure 6 1/2" across the bottom, 12 1/2" across the top, be 12 1/2" high and measure 12 7/8" along each (angled) side. Also mark the center lines on the template both horizontally and vertically.

To Use The Template: This is **NOT a cutting template**. It IS a drawing template. So to make it a bit sturdier, you may wish to layer **2 or 3 layers of FP**, iron them together and cut your template from that stack.

To Use Template: I suggest splitting your nautical blocks into *two stacks... One of Pieced Blocks and One of Applique*. These will be cut in **DIFFERENT** ways.

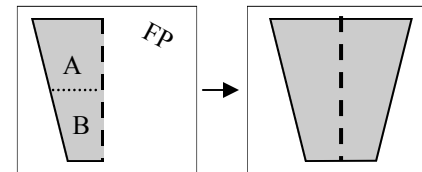
**Let's do the Pieced Blocks first:** Position template atop a single block. The pieced blocks are wide at the top so place the 12 1/2" edge of template at top of block. Using a pencil or marker (if you are brave) draw the angle sides on the blocks. **Do NOT cut yet.**

Once you have drawn the template onto the Pieced blocks, **pause** to reset your thinking and start on your stack of **Appliqué** blocks. These appliqué blocks have the narrow part of the template at the TOP. Also Note: *None of the Applique should be peeking out* when the FP templates are properly placed atop block. Draw the side lines along all the appliqué blocks.

**Stitching:** Because those sides are cut at an angle, they are **bias** so we are going to stitch just inside the line to stabilize before cutting. Now I mean just a few threads (about 1/16th of an inch inside the line) so run a stitch just inside your drawn angled line.

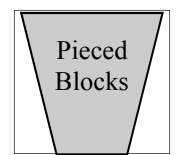
**Finally,** you are ready to cut along the drawn line to make your Tumbler and Thimble blocks. The stitched/angled/bias edge, though stabilized, should still be handled with care after cutting.

Tune in next week for Setting Info. Save that FP template. We are also going to cut some half blocks (plus Seam Allowance) to square up our rows so **DO NOT** discard your Template.



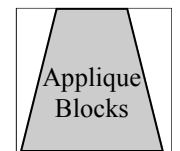
Trace Templates Then Fold to Trace Whole Tumbler Then Layer 2-3 Pieces of FP Before Cutting Template

TRACE shape onto



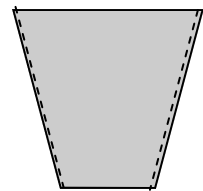
Wide End at Top

...Pause...



Narrow End at Top

Stitch Just Inside Line



And then Finally Cut the Desired Shape

**NAUTICAL TUMBLE:  
TRIMMING TUMBLER SHAPES**

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**TRIMMING BLOCKS SUMMARIZED:**

1. All Blocks trimmed to 12 1/2" Centered.
2. Tumbler Vs. Thimble
3. Trace Given Shapes aligned to FP.
4. Fold FP and Trace to get Whole Marking Template.
5. Layer Multiple FP then Cut out Marking Template.
6. Pieced Blocks = Tumbler
7. Applique Blocks=Thimble
8. Mark Side Angled Lines on All Blocks
9. Stitch Just Inside Lines
10. Cut on Lines

Complete Instructions on Page 1.

**A**

**B**

Note Template should measure 6 1/4".  
Use outer edge of lines as necessary.