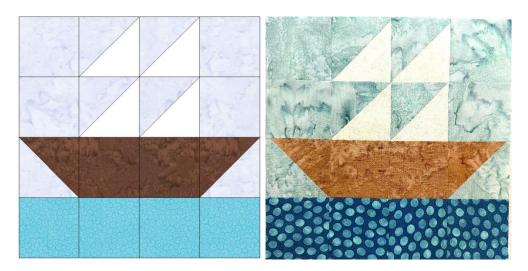
## **BMQG January Block of the Month – Sailing Block**



12 1/2" Square unfinished

## Fabric:

White solid

• 2 - 4 inch squares

Medium Blue (solid, batik or tone on tone)

•  $4-3\frac{1}{2}$  in squares

Light Blue (solid, batik, cloud pattern or tone on tone)

- $4-3\frac{1}{2}$  in squares
- 3 4 inch squares

Brown (solid, batik or tone on tone)

- $2-3\frac{1}{2}$  in squares
- 1 4 inch square

## Instructions: Sew all seams a scant 1/4 inch

- 1. Make the 4 half square triangles.
  - a. Line up one light blue and one white/cream 4 inch square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the white 4" square.
  - b. Sew a quarter inch seam allowance on each side of the line you drew.
  - c. Cut the triangles in half along the line.
  - d. Press the half square triangles seam towards the colored side.
  - e. Trim off the corners and square them up with a ruler. (Should be 3.5 inches square). Repeat with the remaining white and a light blue 4 inch squares.

- 2. Create 2 half square triangle segments with one light blue and one brown 4 inch square, following the directions in step 1.
- 3. (Row 1 and 2) Following the diagram for segment orientation, sew a light blue 3½ inch square to one of the white/light blue half square triangles, then add another white/light blue half square triangle. Sew a light blue square to the other side for the first row as in the diagram. (should measure 3½ inches high x 12 1/2inches wide). Press the connecting seams all in one direction. Repeat for row 2 with reversing the connecting seams to row 1.
- 4. (Row 3) Sew a light blue/brown half square triangle to the 3½ inch brown square ensuring the directions of the triangles match the diagram. Add another 3½ inch brown block before adding the final brown/light blue half square triangle and ensure the correct direction as per the diagram. This row should also be 3½ inches by 12½ inches. Press the connecting seams to the opposite direction to the row above.
- 5. (Row 4) Sew the final row of medium blue 3 ½ inch squares together. This segment should measure 12 ½ inches wide by 3 ½ inches high. Press the connecting seams to the opposite direction to the row above.
- 6. Sew the top row (Row 1) to row 2 with long edges right side together, nesting the seams. Sew the next row (Row 3) to the top two rows and finally the bottom row (Row 4), nesting the seams.
- 7. Unfinished block should measure 12 1/2" square.

