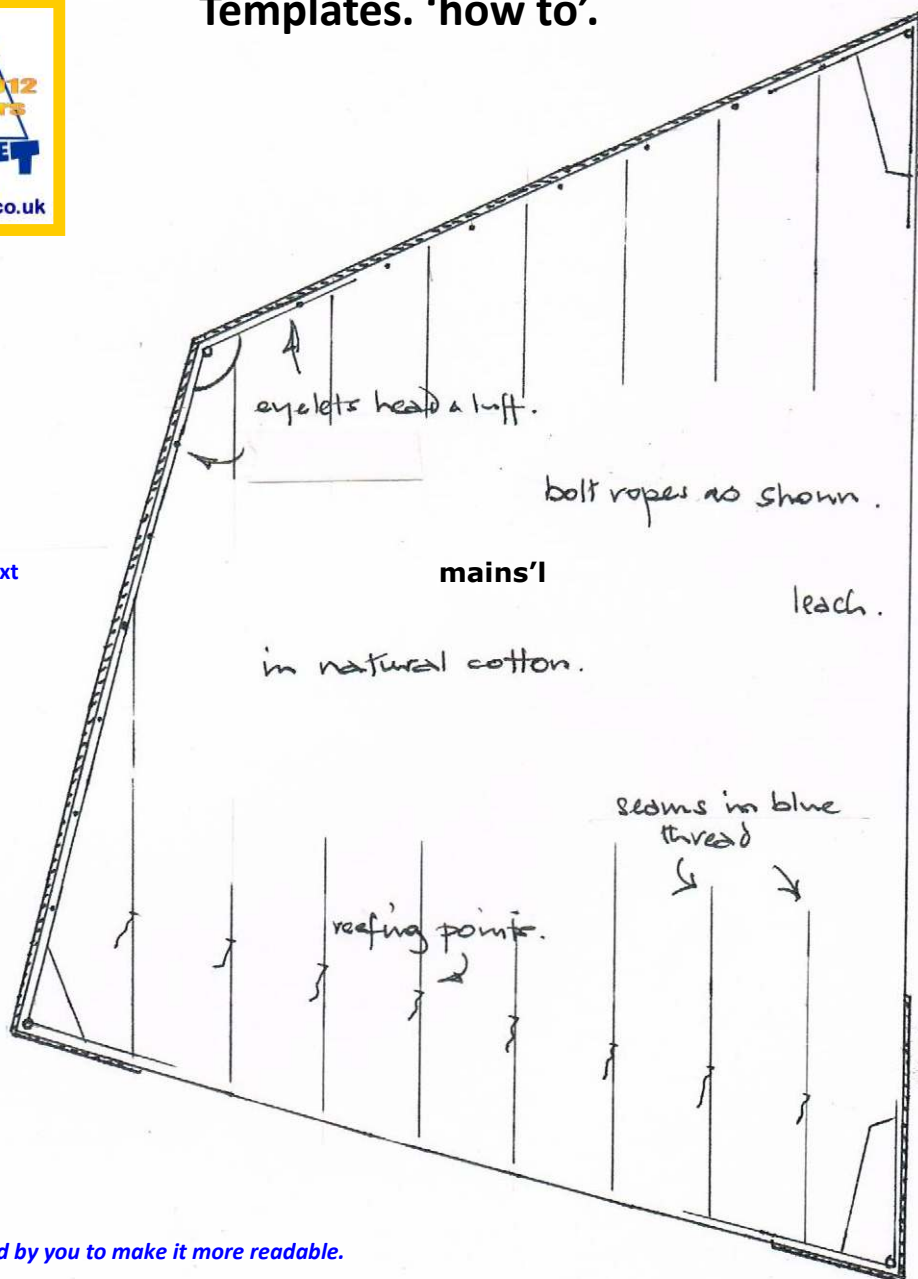
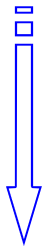




Templates. 'how to'.

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We have been asked in the past "how should I make a template"?

Seen above is a drawing of a typical gaff mainsail as either a template or a drawing. Drawings are ideal for quoting a price, a template is required however for making. The prime difference between the two is that the template is made full size and has no dimensions.

The 'secret' of a good template is that it has noted upon it all the information required for making and therefore there is no need for detailed instructions to be attached. A good useful template should contain no errors, it should be drawn neatly and have detail such as eyelets clearly marked in their position; corner stiffening may be indicated (particularly if they are a special shape/size), any seaming should be lined in accurately and with the colour of the thread, and the colour required for dyeing the cotton cloth (if desired). Any reefing points should be marked in. If bolt ropes are to be sewn on then that detail should be clearly shown where appropriate. The sail should be named and leech and/or luff edges should also be named, this is important on jibs and headsails, and on the latter the head edge should also be marked.

The paper (a brown Kraft paper, or white paper of reasonable gauge) upon which the template is drawn may be one inch, or thereabouts, larger than the finished (drawn) edge of the sail. Templates are preferred port side 'up' i.e. drawn on the port side, or at the very least the complete suit of sails should all be drawn same side uppermost.

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