

How to Piece Half Square Triangles

Step 1 - Stack two squares of fabric right sides together. Mark a diagonal line from corner to corner. Usually you will put the lighter fabric on top and draw your line on the lighter fabric.

Step 2 - Stitch exactly 1/4 inch away from the marked line. Turn the stack and stitch 1/4 inch away from the other side of the marked line.

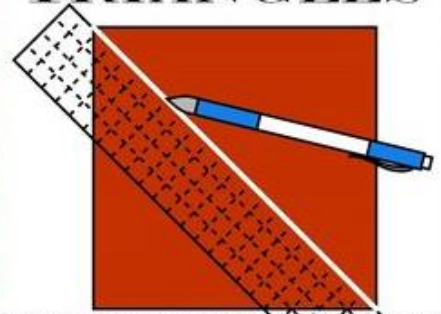
NOTE: Some quilters prefer to use a “scant” 1/4” seam instead of an exact 1/4” seam. A scant seam allowance is just shy of a true quarter inch seam which allows for the width of the thread when pressing the seam.

Step 3 - Cut the pieces apart along the marked diagonal line.

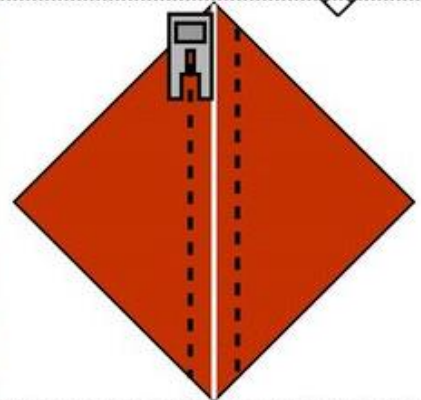
Step 4 - Press the seam allowances open or to the darker fabric very carefully and enjoy your two finished half square triangles!

This method always results in two triangles created for every two stack of squares you stitch. This makes it fast and easy to piece dozens of half square triangles at once.

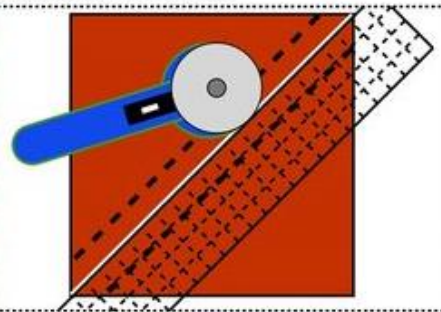
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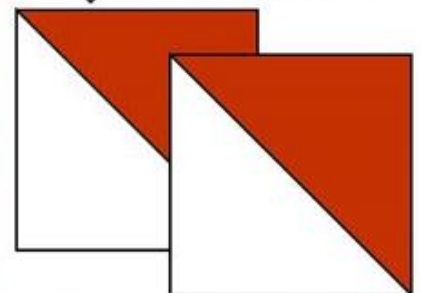
1. STACK TWO SQUARES & MARK A DIAGONAL LINE CORNER TO CORNER.



2. STITCH 1/4 INCH AWAY FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE.



3. CUT THE TRIANGLES APART ALONG THE MARKED LINE.



4. PRESS THE SEAMS OPEN AND SMILE!