

HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLES

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WHAT IS A HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLE?

A square that has two fabrics joined along a diagonal seam. One of the most common units used in quilting blocks, traditional, modern and otherwise!

HOW TO MAKE?

2-IN-1

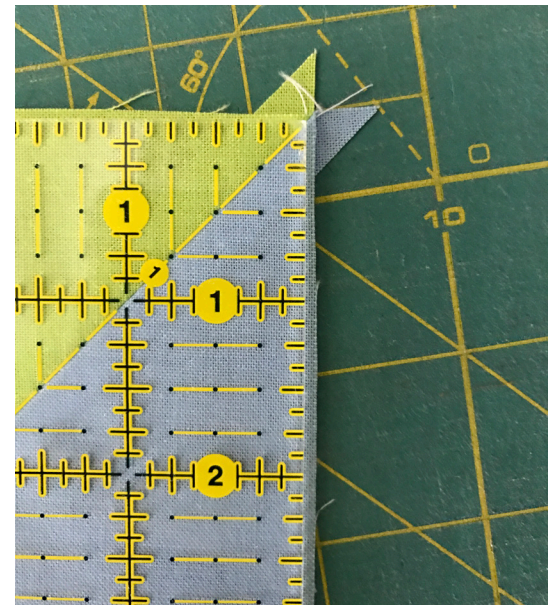
- Draw a diagonal line on the back of your lighter fabric using a marking tool of your choosing. Match up with another fabric, right sides together, with the line you've drawn facing you.
- Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the line you drew, then cut along the line to create two half-square triangles (HSTs).
- Press your two half-square triangle units and trim as needed.
- Press your HSTs and trim down to 3.5".



HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLE MATH

2-IN-1

- Feeling confident? Add $\frac{7}{8}$ " to the finished size you need to create two HSTs. Need two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " HSTs? Cut two $4\frac{3}{8}$ " squares. Prefer bigger lines on your rulers like me, or a little bit more wiggle room just in case? Just add a solid 1", and cut two $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. After you finish your block, use the 45 degree marking on a clear quilting ruler to trim your finished unit to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".



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