

HALF RECTANGLE TRIANGLE TUTORIAL

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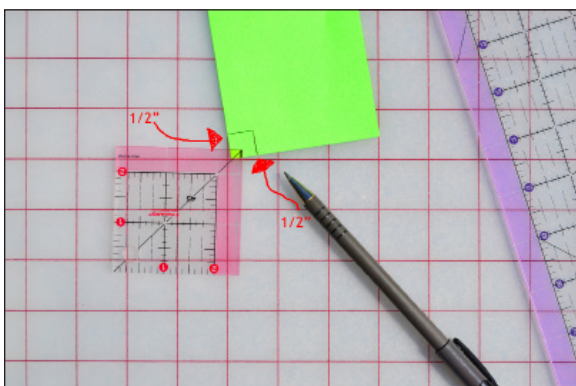


MATERIALS REQUIRED

- 2 – 5 x 7" pieces of fabric
- Rotary Cutter & Mat
- Index card (optional)
- Fabric Marking Pen/Pencil
- Ruler

DIRECTIONS (LEFT-RIGHT HRT'S)

1. You will need a 1/2" guide. If you have a ruler that is easy for you to see then use it. Otherwise you can make a guide from an index card. Simply mark 1/2" from both edges of the corner of the index card.



2. Lay out both pieces of fabric.

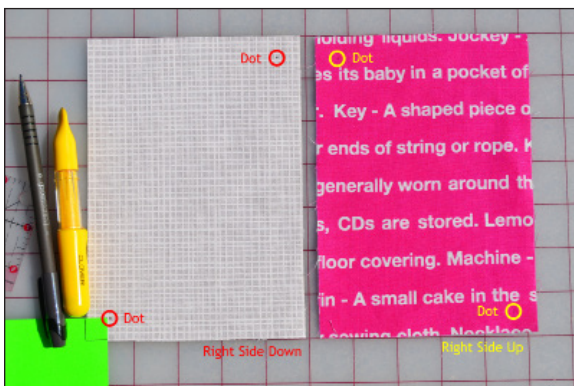
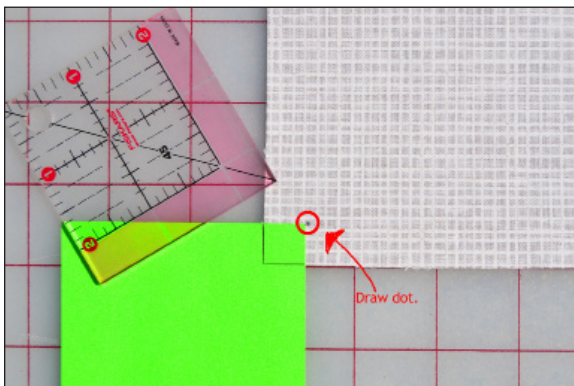


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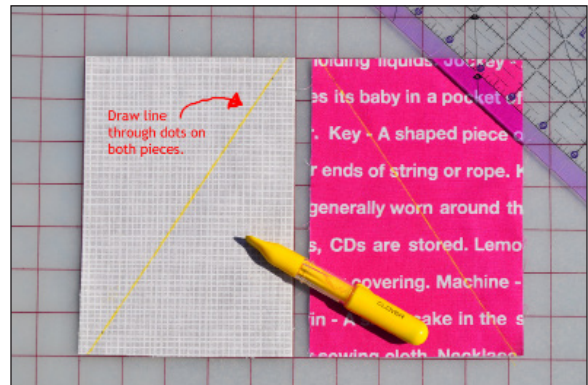
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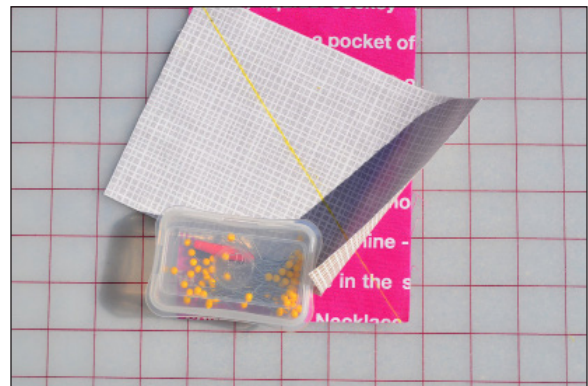
3. Flip the left piece so the wrong side is facing up. Using the index card guide draw dots on the LOWER LEFT and UPPER RIGHT of the face down fabric on the left. And draw dots on the UPPER LEFT and LOWER RIGHT of the face up fabric. Since these dot will be well into your seam allowance, it doesn't matter what type of marking pen that you use.



4. Draw a diagonal line that connects the dots on each piece of fabric.



5. Lift the face down piece and rotating to the left slightly place on top of the face up piece and match the diagonal lines.



6. Pin in place.

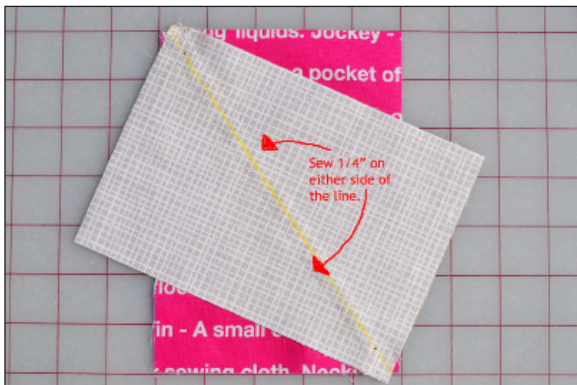


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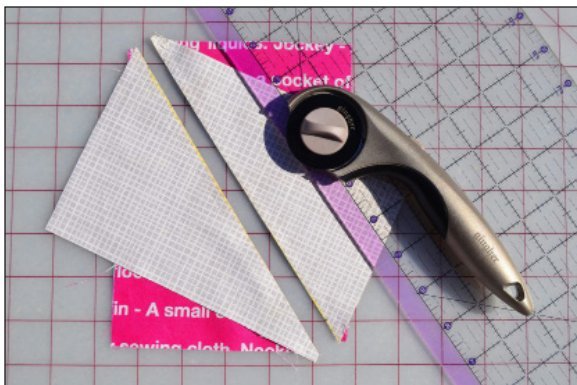
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7. Using the diagonal line as a guide sew a seam 1/4" on either side of the line.



8. Cut on diagonal line.



9. Open blocks and press.



10. And you have two HRT's!

"SQUARING" UP YOUR HRT

1. First you want to make sure your long edges are straight and parallel. As you can see, they should be pretty close and may just need to be trimmed a little.



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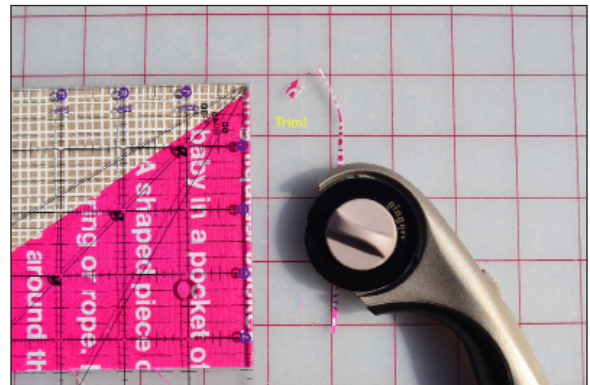
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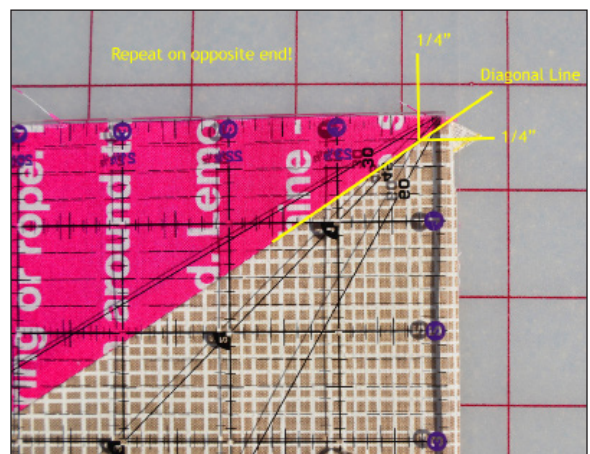
2. Trim. Rotate and repeat on opposite side.



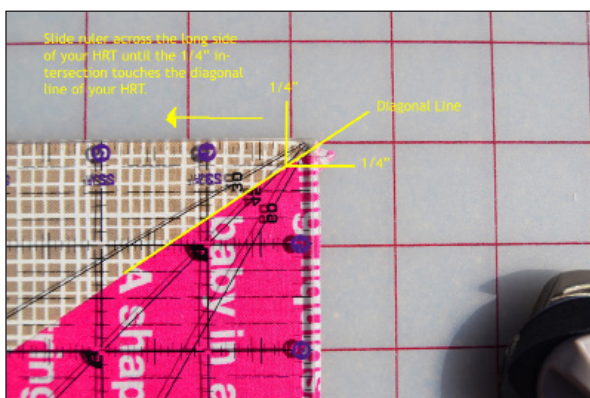
4. Trim.



5. Rotate and repeat on opposite end.



3. Rotate block 90 degrees so that it is laying on it's side. Keeping your ruler lined up with the long side, slide ruler across the HRT until the 1/4" intersection touches the diagonal line of your HRT.



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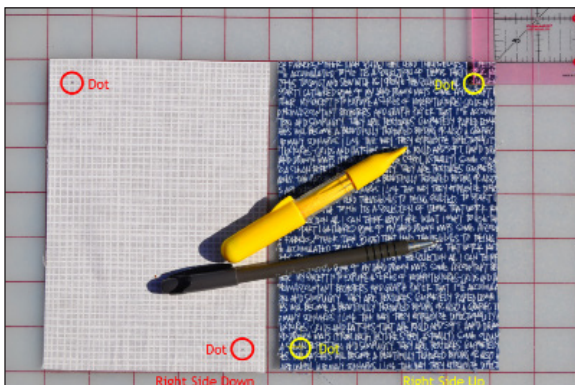
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DIRECTIONS FOR OPPOSITE HRT (RIGHT-LEFT HRT'S)

Note: Unlike Half Square Triangles, your diagonal line will be in the same orientation on both of your finished Half Rectangle Triangles no matter how you turn it. To make a set of Half Rectangle Triangles with a diagonal line in the opposite direction steps 3 and 5 will be different.

3. Flip the left piece so the right side is facing the cutting mat. Using the index card guide or the half inch intersection on your ruler draw dots on the UPPER LEFT and LOWER RIGHT of the face down fabric. And draw dots on the LOWER LEFT and UPPER RIGHT of the face up fabric.



4. Draw line through the dots on each of the pieces of fabric.

5. Lift the face down piece and rotating to the right slightly place on top of the face up piece and match the diagonal lines. (Not shown in pictures but it is essentially like step 5 above, you just rotate right instead of left.)

All other steps are the same.

QUILTS!

As with Half Square Triangles, Half Rectangle Triangles can be used in countless arrangements to make fun and interesting quilts. Here's another quilt using long skinny HRT's. This one is called the Merge Quilt:



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