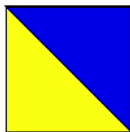


Making Half Square Triangles without Triangle Papers



Description:

The block called "Half-Square" triangles is a block that is composed of two different fabrics sewn together with the seam running diagonally from corner to corner. An example is shown above. When making these using this method, two blocks will be made at one time.

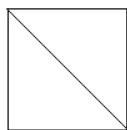
Fabric Requirements for two blocks:

Color A - One square that is at least 1" to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than your desired finished block.

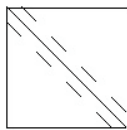
Color B - One square that is at least 1" to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than your desired finished block.

Cutting and Piecing:

1. From both fabrics - cut a square that is 1"- $1\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than the finished block needed. (i.e. for a 4" finished block, cut squares that are 5 - $5\frac{1}{4}$ " in size)
2. Turn one of the squares right side down on a solid surface. With a pen, draw a line from one corner to the corner opposite to it as shown in the picture below.



3. Take your two squares of fabric and put right sides together. If desired, pin the fabric together.
4. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the line that you drew in step 2. The seams that you just sewed are shown in the picture below as dotted lines.



5. Cut the two blocks apart on the solid line that you drew. Press the seam towards the darker fabric. After pressing the blocks open, trim the blocks to the desired size.

Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

Scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams, Half-square triangle construction

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