

# Ways to Make Half-square Triangles

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## Method I: Easy Half-square Triangles

1. Cut a light (background) fabric 4" (2") square.
2. Cut a dark or accent fabric 4" (2") square.
3. Place right sides together with one light (background) fabric and one of the dark or accent fabrics.
4. Draw a diagonal line down the middle of the lighter fabric. **Diagram 1 To prevent your fabric from stretching as you draw the lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under the square.**
5. Sew a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the line.
6. Cut each pair apart on the drawn line to make a total of 2 half-square triangle units. **Diagram 2**
7. Square up to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ") square. **Diagram 3**
8. Most of the triangle will be pressed to the darker fabric but some patterns require the triangles to be pressed to the lighter (background) fabric so the fabric will butt up to each other for easier piecing. Review the pattern before pressing.

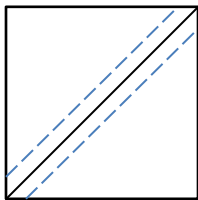


Diagram 1

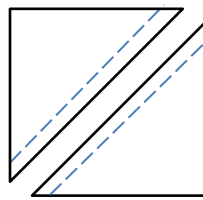


Diagram 2

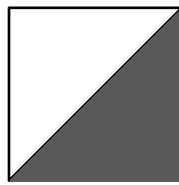


Diagram 3

## Method II: Triangle Strips

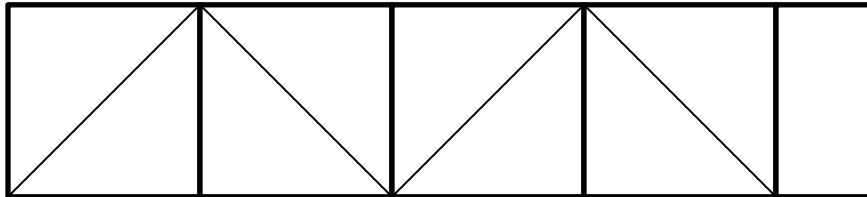
1. Cut a light strip 4" X  $16\frac{1}{2}$ " ( $2$ " X  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ").
2. Cut a dark or accent strip 4" X  $16\frac{1}{2}$ " ( $2$ " X  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ").
3. Pair one light strip with one dark or accent strip, right sides together. **To prevent your fabric from stretching as you draw the lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under the fabric.**
4. On the wrong side of the light strip, draw lines with a pencil every 4" (2") vertically (short direction).



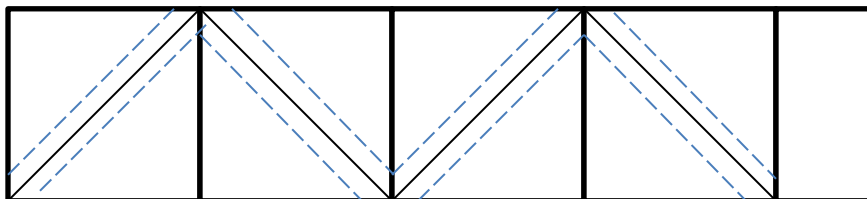
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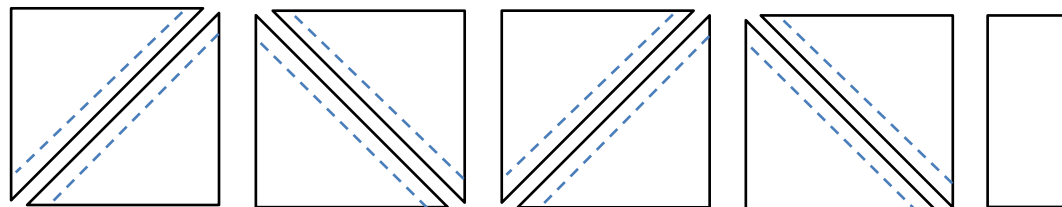
5. Then draw diagonal lines as shown.



6. Sew ¼" on both sides of drawn diagonal lines.



7. Rotary cut all solid vertical and diagonal lines. Discard the extra fabric.



8. Square up each unit to 3 ½" (1 ½") square.

9. Most of the triangle will be pressed to the darker fabric but some patterns require the triangles to be pressed to the lighter (background) fabric so the fabric will butt up to each other for easier piecing. Review the pattern before pressing.

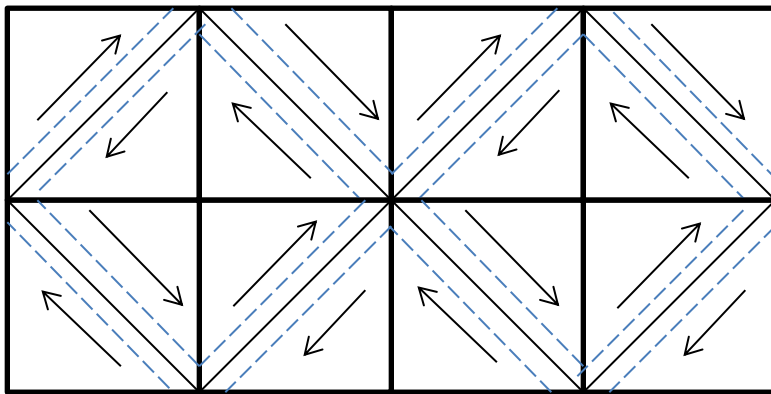
10. This will give you 8 half-square triangles.

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## Method III: Triangles on a Roll 3" (1") Finished Square

1. Using a continuous paper grid for accurate sewing of half-square blocks.
2. Cut two fabrics 8" (7 ¾") wide by desired length to obtain the number of blocks needed. For 3" finished there are 4 half-square blocks per repeat. (For 1" finished there are 8 half-square blocks per repeat.)
3. Lay fabrics right sides together, cut paper to fit and pin the fabric. Stitch on the dotted line, following the arrows.
4. For best results use a fine needle and short stitch.



5. Rotary cut all solid lines and tear paper away.
6. Most of the triangle will be pressed to the darker fabric but some patterns require the triangles to be pressed to the lighter (background) fabric so the fabric will butt up to each other for easier piecing. Review the pattern before pressing.

You can purchase "Triangles on a Roll" at [www.trianglesonaroll.com](http://www.trianglesonaroll.com) .

### Tutorial:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/113018276673974320246/WaysToMakeHalfSqTriangles?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCP-54oTi86-7qAE&feat=directlink>