

Make 8 Half Square Triangles (HST) at One Time

This technique is handy when you need to make a lot of HST, especially small HST.

Size:
To make HST, you normally cut squares the finished size of the HST + 1" (this makes two HST). To make 8 at a time just double that. Example. If your finished size is 3", you would normally cut squares 4". To make eight at a time, cut the squares 8". See Figure 1

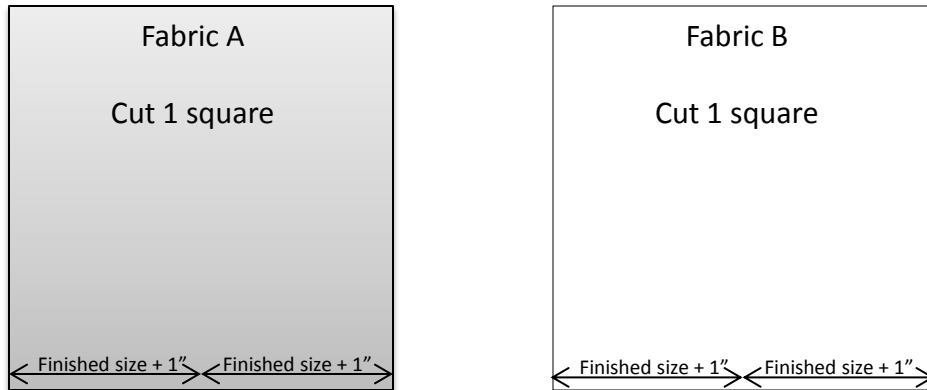


Figure 1

On the back of one square, mark cutting lines diagonally from corner to corner going both directions (makes an X) AND dividing the square in half going up-and-down, and side-to-side (makes a +). These are the light, solid lines on Figure 2.

Mark stitching lines a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the DIAGONAL cutting lines. These are the dark, dotted lines on Figure 2.

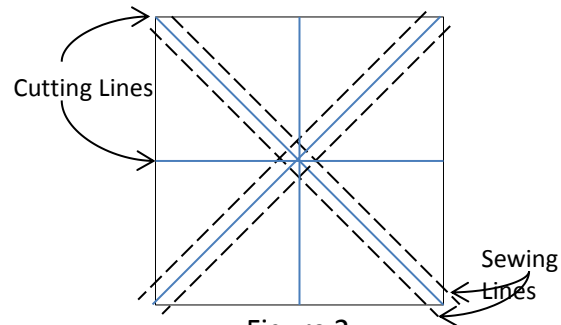


Figure 2

Stitch on the marked stitching lines & cut apart (Figure 3).

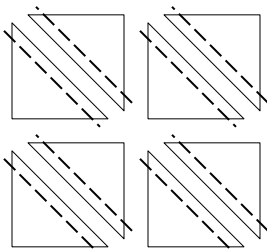


Figure 3

Press toward the darker color and trim HST to the finished size + $\frac{1}{2}$ " (Figure 4).

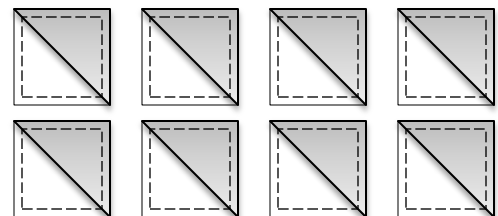


Figure 4