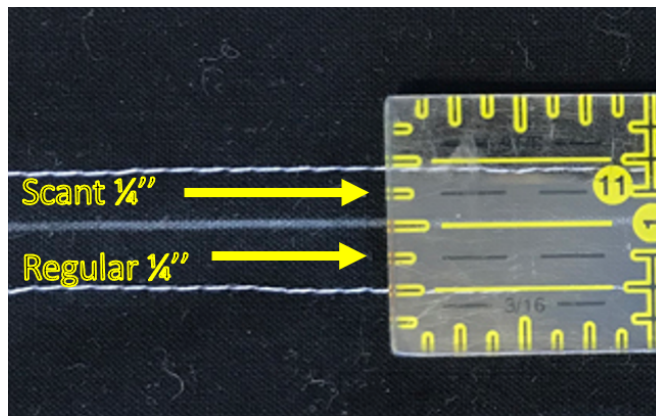


Scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " Seam Allowance

The seam allowance plays a major role in the accuracy of any quilting block. In most cases, an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance works well. However, there are times when you need to consider sewing with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

If your block has many pieces, it's understandable that each one of the seams will affect the finished size of the block. The thickness of your thread and the pressing of the seams to the side take up a slight bit of space, and by the time you have the block finished, you might be $\frac{1}{8}$ " – $\frac{1}{4}$ " off. That may not sound like much, but over the entire quilt, it will add up. Using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam will help.

What does a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance look like? It's a thread width smaller than a regular seam allowance.



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