

# Tutorial by Andra & Ivy

## Sewing Half Square Triangles- Two methods

### 1. Two at a time method:

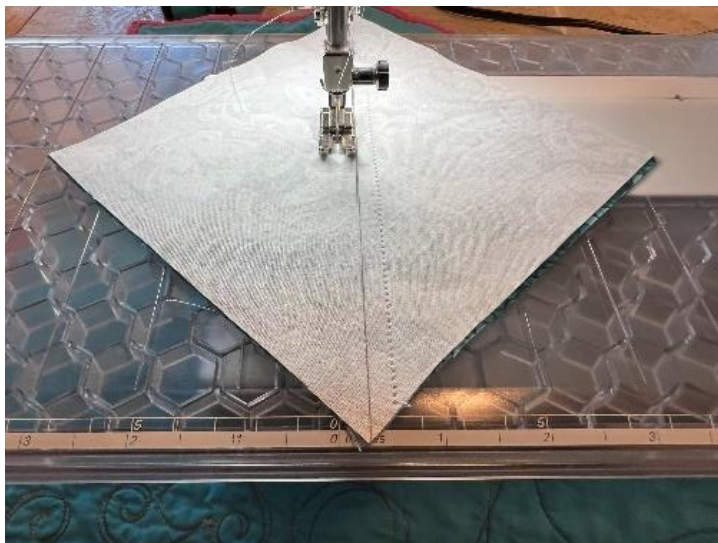


This block uses a Half Square Triangle Method that follows a rule: Add  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an inch to the measurement of any square to make 2 half square triangles- any time you want to make a half square triangle and you need more than one, you can make two at a time with this rule as a guide.

This pinwheel block is a great example.

You need four half square triangle blocks that each measure  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches before you sew them together. So, add  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  which comes out to  $5\frac{7}{8}$  inches. Cut all your squares at this measurement. If you need  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch squares, cut them at  $3\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8}$  inch =  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inch squares. It works for all measurements.

Take a white square and a dark square. On the white square you need to draw a diagonal line. You will sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  away from this line on each side.



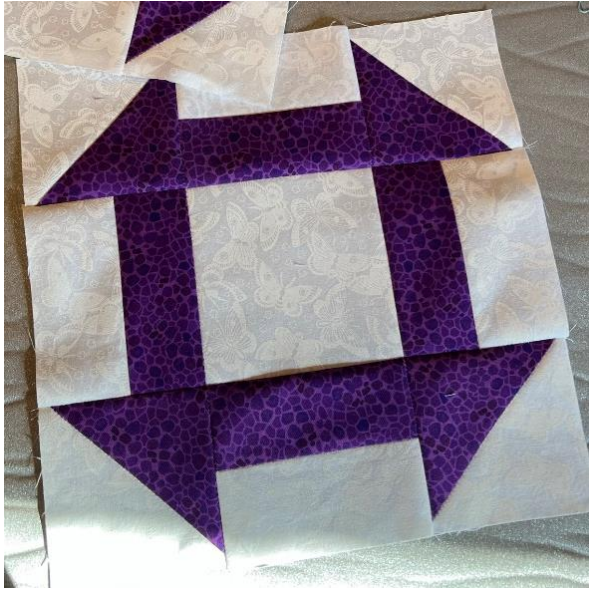
Use the line as the seam guide for the edge of your  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch presser foot.

Then you will cut the pieces apart on the line you drew and press them towards the colored fabric so that the points will NEST nicely in the center.



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## 2. Sew on the line method:



This block uses the sew ON the line half square triangle method. Cut your squares exactly the size you need. Draw a diagonal on all the white squares. Line up with dark square. **Sew on the line.** Trim the excess and press towards the color.

