

## Scan quarter-inch seam

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## Why do you need a scant quarter-inch seam?

It turns out, when you press your seams (either open or to one side), you lose a tiny bit of fabric as it folds around the thread in your seam. The amount you lose can vary based on things like:

- The ply and weight of your thread
- The way you press your seams (open or to one side)
- Your pressing accuracy
- The number of seams in your block

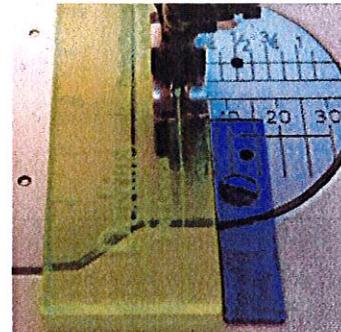
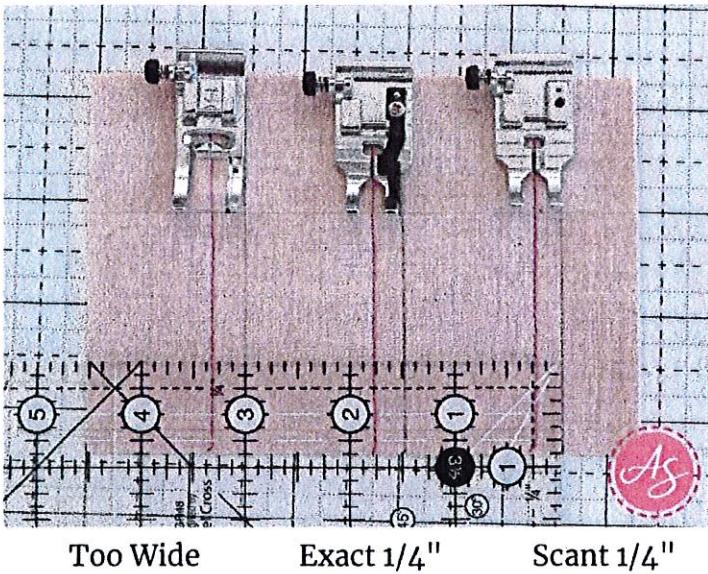
## Pressing direction and technique

Press seams open, gives me a more accurate measurement than pressing seams to one side. (This is because when you press your seam to one side, the fabric has a higher chance of creating a larger fold around the seam.)

## Needle position

## Fabric position

## What is a Scant 1/4" Seam Allowance?



Source: <https://www.diaryofaqilter.com/quilting-tip-scant-14-inch/>

## The 3-strip test (and make strip blocks to use later)

1. Cut three fabric strips: three at 2.5 inches wide by 6.5 inches long.
2. Sew the three 2.5" strips together.
3. Press the seams open.

4. **Measure:** The middle 2.5" strip should now measure exactly **2 inches wide**, meaning your 1/4" seams took up 1/4" on each side. Set should measure **6.5 inches wide**.

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