

## Half-Square Triangles (HST)

Cut squares finished size $+1^{\prime \prime}$

The cutting size is oversized to allow for trimming. Make a test sample to see if you have enough to trim along all four sides and if you don't, add another $1 / 4$ " to the measurement and make another sample.

1. Select the finished size of your HST unit and add $1^{\prime \prime}$ to each measurement ( $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ finished $=4 " \times 4^{\prime \prime}$ cut size). Cut squares from two fabrics. For every pair of cut squares you will get two HST units.
2. On the wrong side of the fabric, draw a line diagonally from corner to corner using a fine mechanical pencil or something that will produce a fine line.

3. Place pairs of squares "right sides together" so that they are exactly lined up.

4. Stitch $1 / 4$ " seam on each side of the drawn line. Press the unit now before it is cut into two HSTs. This will help keep both seams straighter in case you want to make Quarter Square Triangles.

5. Cut apart on the drawn line and press the seams to one side. Your pattern will often note which way to press the seams. If not noted in the pattern, press the seam toward the darker fabric.

6. For every (2) squares of fabric you get (2) HSTs.

7. Place your Bloc-Loc Ruler on the HST (groove side down) and lock the groove onto the seam allowance. When placed on the unit correctly, the logo of the ruler will be on the side of the HST unit without the seam allowance under it. Trim the first two sides, turn the ruler around and then trim the remaining two sides.


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