



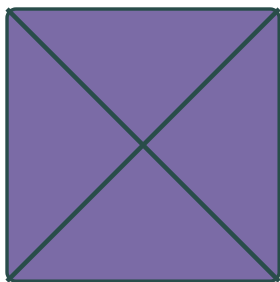
A QUILTPLAN PIECING REFERENCE

HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLES

the magic 8 method: eight units from one pair

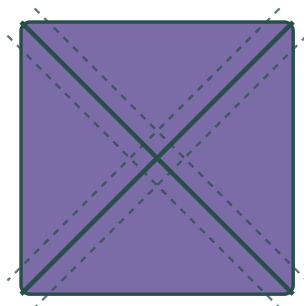
Trade one seam for four and one cut for four more, and one pair of squares yields **eight matching HSTs** instead of two. Handy any time a block calls for a stack of identical units in the same two fabrics.

+ Add **1"** to your finished size, then **double it**. That's your starting square.



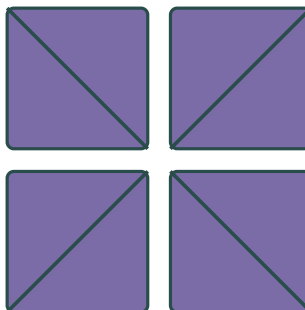
1 · Mark

Layer two squares right sides together. Draw both diagonals, corner to corner each way.



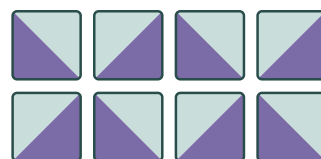
2 · Sew

Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of *each* line: four seams total.



3 · Cut in quarters

Cut the square in half horizontally, then in half vertically.



4 · Cut & press

Cut each quarter apart on its diagonal. Press toward the dark. Eight separate HSTs.

FINISHED	CUT SQUARES	TRIM TO
2"	6"	2½"
2½"	7"	3"
3"	8"	3½"
3½"	9"	4"

FINISHED	CUT SQUARES	TRIM TO
4"	10"	4½"
4½"	11"	5"
5"	12"	5½"
5½"	13"	6"

The starting square is bigger and the seams take longer to sew, but you're piecing and pressing **once** for eight units instead of running the two-at-a-time method four separate times. Worth it any time a block needs a full matching stack.

■ Fabric A — dark ■ Fabric B — light

Just need two? The classic two-at-a-time method is its own reference sheet.

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