



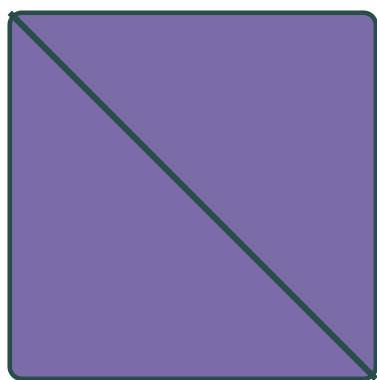
A QUILTPLAN PIECING REFERENCE

HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLES

the two-at-a-time method, start to finish

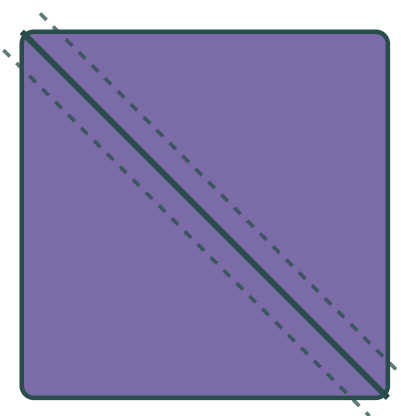
A half-square triangle (HST) is a square split into two triangles on the diagonal: the building block behind pinwheels, hourglass units, and dozens of traditional blocks. This is the classic method: one pair of squares, one seam, two HSTs.

+ Cut your starting squares **1" larger** than the HST's finished size.



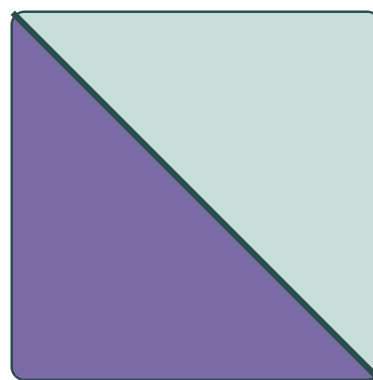
1 • Mark

Layer two squares right sides together. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the top square.



2 • Sew

Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the line.



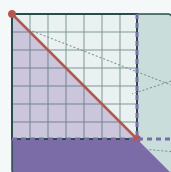
3 • Cut & press

Cut apart on the line. Press the seam toward the dark fabric.

FINISHED	CUT SQUARES	TRIM TO
2"	3"	2½"
2½"	3½"	3"
3"	4"	3½"
3½"	4½"	4"

FINISHED	CUT SQUARES	TRIM TO
4"	5"	4½"
4½"	5½"	5"
5"	6"	5½"
5½"	6½"	6"

Squaring up: line up the 45° line



the ruler's 45° line
lines up with the seam

anchor one ruler corner
in the block's corner

trim the two far edges

The ruler's own **45° line runs corner to corner of the ruler**. Match it to the sewn seam with one ruler corner anchored in a corner of the block, then trim the two edges that stick out past the ruler. Rotate the block, realign the 45° line the same way, and trim the remaining two edges to your unfinished size.



Fabric A — dark



Fabric B — light

Need eight from one pair instead of two? See the Magic 8 method.

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