
Instructions for Using the Half Square Triangle Templates

Step 1: Choosing the correct template size

The template size is the size the half square triangle will be after it is cut from the template and pressed open, before it is sewn together in a block or quilt. You will need to remember that the template size should be a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch larger than your finished blocks will be. This allows a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance on each side. For example, I am making a quilt with 2 inch finished blocks. My template size should be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Step 2: Pin template to fabric

You will need to press your fabrics and place them face to face. You will then pin your template to the back side of the fabric. If using more than one template, make sure that the black lines are lined up together. It also helps to tape the template pages together to avoid shifting as you sew.

Step 3: Sew on the blue lines

Start sewing at the corner of the template on the blue line. Sew in the direction of the arrows. Once you get to the end of a blue line, leave the needle down in the fabric and rotate the fabric to continue sewing in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Step 4: Cut on the black lines

Once you have sewn on all blue lines, it is time to cut out the pieces. Using a ruler and rotary cutter, cut on all black lines.

Step 5: Remove paper and press open

Now that your half square triangles have been cut, you can now remove the paper and press the half square triangles open.