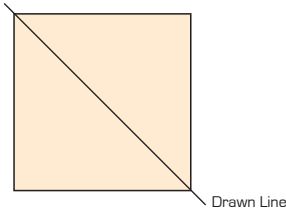


Half Square Triangles

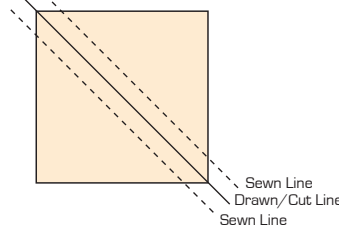
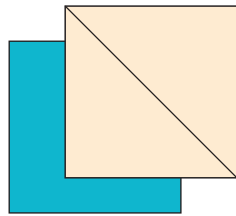
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1. Begin by cutting squares 1" larger than the size of your **finished** HST. Part of that additional inch will be trimmed away, and the other part will be the seam allowance for your HST unit. So, for a 8" finished unit cut 9" squares, which will be trimmed down to 8 1/2" squares.

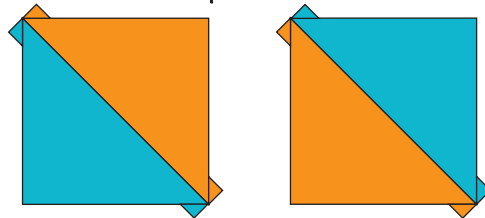
2. After cutting your squares, mark a diagonal line from corner to corner, through the center, on the wrong side, on half of the squares. You can mark the squares with a pen/pencil (draw lightly), or fold the square in half to mark this diagonal line.



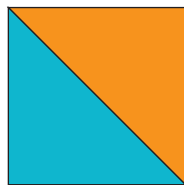
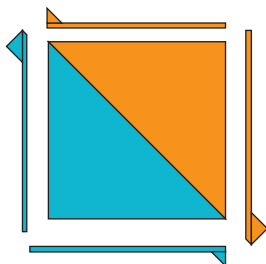
3. Next layer a marked square with an unmarked square, right sides together, and sew 1/4" away on each side of the drawn line.



4. Next, cut on the drawn line and you'll have 2 HST units. Press the seams open or to the darker fabric. I like to press the seams open, but it does take a little longer.



5. Trim each block so they are a 1/2" smaller than the size square you began with. If you started with 9" squares, trim each HST to 8 1/2", this will give you a 8" finished HST. If you have a ruler with a 45° diagonal line, align that diagonal line with the center seam and trim. Some people trim from just 2 sides, but I like to trim a little from all 4 sides, that way you also take care of the dogs ears if you pressed your seams open.



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