

Peace Love Quilt Step 2

Now for something a little more intricate and fun! Half Square Triangles (HST) have got to be the most versatile quilt block EVER! And if you've ever made them, you'll know there's lots of cutting and drawing and then even more cutting. PHEW! Sometimes I dread making them just because of that! But I've recently found a method that is simple, produces an accurate HST and is a lot less work than other methods. Ready to give it a try?



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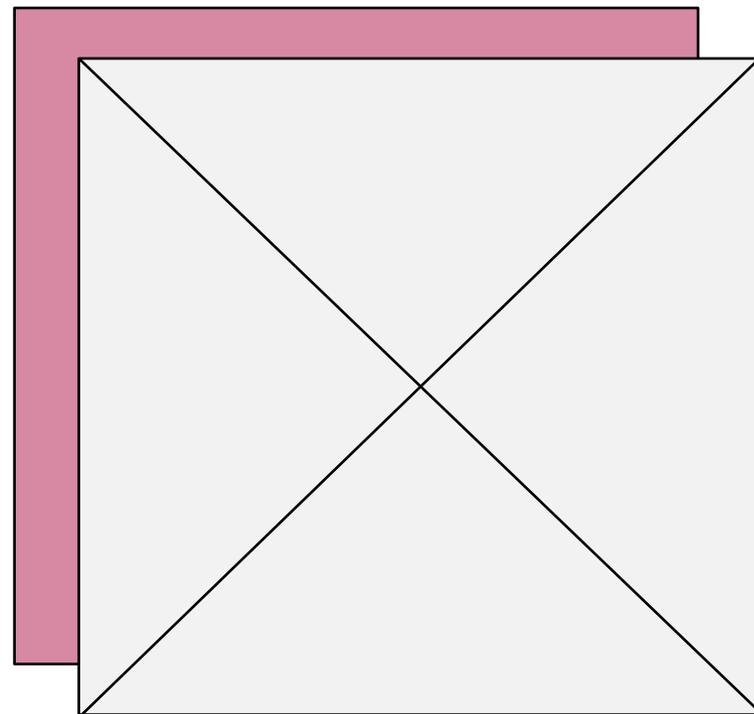
From your assorted Med/Dark prints:
Cut 16 squares 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

From your assorted Light prints:
Cut 16 squares 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

Pair up a med/dark and a light square, right sides together.

On the wrong side of the LIGHT square, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on BOTH diagonals.

Be sure that your drawn line is exactly at the tip of each corner.

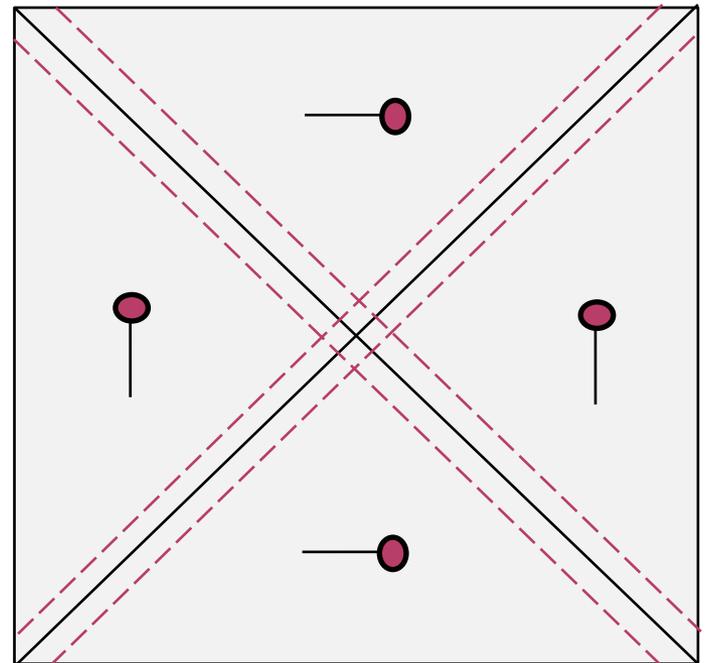


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Place 4 pins to prevent squares from shifting.

Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the drawn lines. It's extremely important that your seam allowance is SCANT $\frac{1}{4}$ ". You may want to try one pair to be sure you are accurate before you make all 16 pairs.

Remove pins and press gently.



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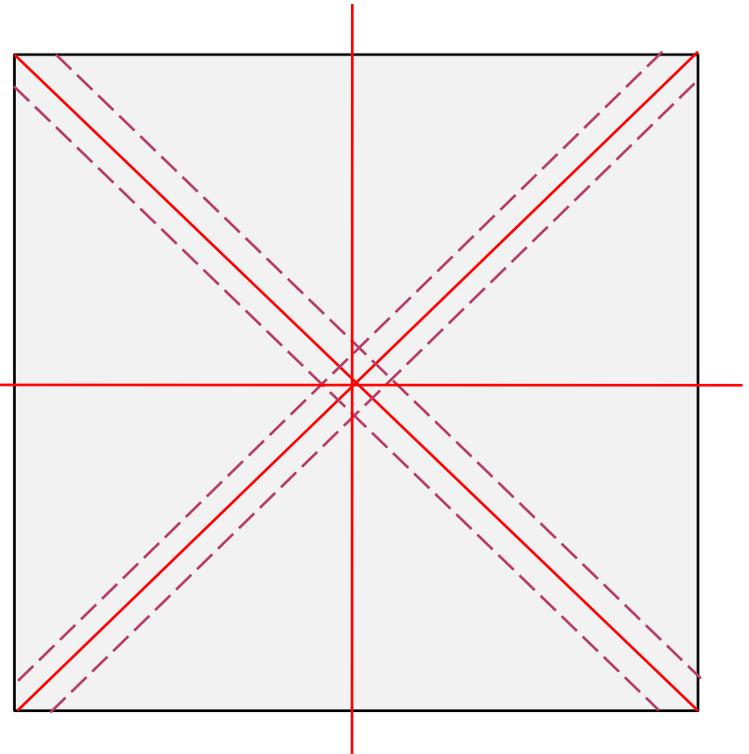
- Place on a rotating cutting mat. (If you don't have one, use a small cutting mat)

You will make 4 cuts (red lines). Do NOT move the fabric until you have made all 4 cuts.

First, place your ruler to make a cut exactly through the middle. The marking on your ruler should be at $2 \frac{7}{8}$ " (on the left edge of the block).

Without moving the fabric, rotate the mat one quarter turn and then cut again exactly through the middle.

Next, cut directly on the diagonal drawn lines.



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Now you have EIGHT Half Square Triangles! Press all seams toward the dark.

Repeat this for the remaining square pairs for a total of
16 square pairs = 128 HST

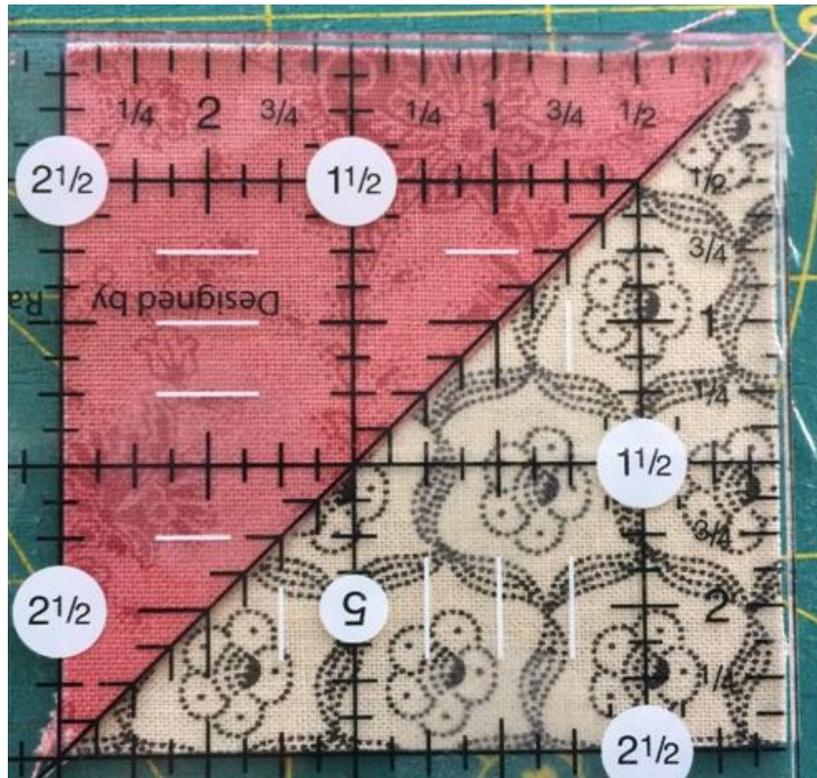
They should measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".



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Trim the little triangle excess bits from the corners, even with the HST.

TADAAAAA!



Until Step 3,
Happy Quilting,
and Stay Scrappy!

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