

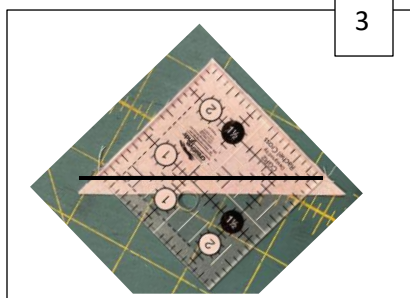
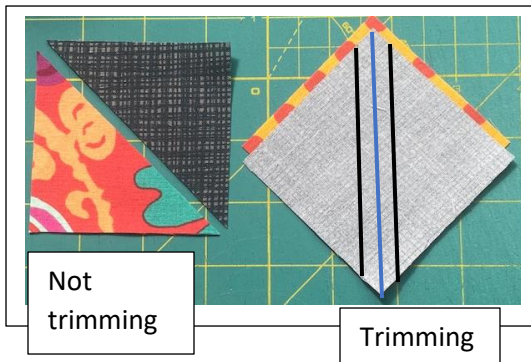
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Month 7 – Filler Blocks Pinwheel blocks

General Tips:

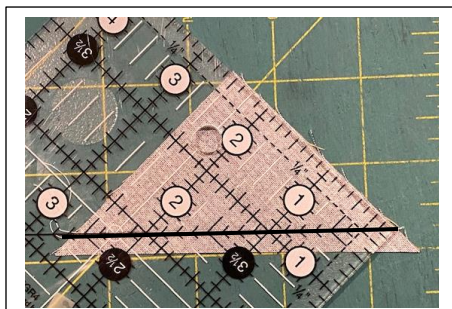
1. When following the book, an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is needed. Check you seams to make sure they are $\frac{1}{4}$ " and if the $\frac{1}{4}$ " is off, adjust before proceeding. Also be careful to make accurate diagonal cuts when instructed.
2. If you follow the instructions in the book, you are cutting on a bias edge. I suggest using starch to reduce the stretching.
3. Some of the fabrics had more shrinkage than others so I suggest preshrinking all the fabric. I do this by spraying the fabric completely with Best Press but you could also use water. I use Best Press since it also helps with the bias edges.

Half Square Triangles Block:



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2 ½" ruler – diagonal line from ruler is on stitch line (black line)



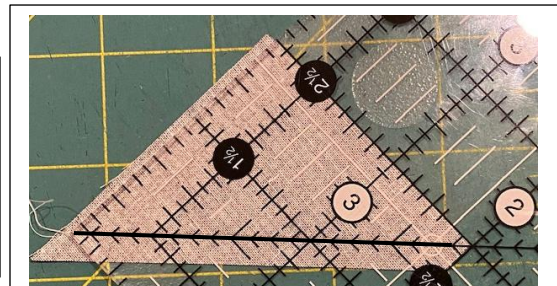
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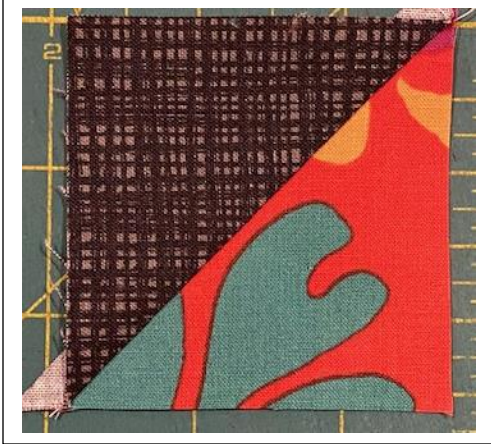
Larger ruler – diagonal line from ruler is on stitch line (black line)

If you prefer the results from cutting bigger and trimming down, follow the steps below. If you prefer to cut in accordance with the pattern and not trim, put the right side together and sew along the diagonal side.

Note: Blocks vary depending on which size. I started with the 4" blocks.

1. I cut the squares that I want to trim at least $\frac{1}{8}$ " larger than the pattern.
 2. With rights sides together, draw a line down the center and then $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the center. Sew on the black lines and cut on the blue line. If you are not trimming, you are put right sides together for the triangles and sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " down the diagonal side.
 3. If you have a 2 ½" ruler, line of the sew line on the diagonal line and make sure there is overage on both sides and trim both sides and dog ears.
 4. For larger rulers, line of diagonal line making sure coverage is past the 2 ½" mark. Trim first side. Line up ruler on the 2 ½" side and trim the second side.
- If not trimming, follow step 2 only. HST should measure 2 ½" for the 4" blocks.





5. Place HST as shown making the pinwheel.

6. Sew into 2 rows.

7. Sew the rows together.

8. Four of them will have borders. Add the shorter size first to be sides.

9. Add the longer rectangle to the top and bottom.

10. Repeat steps 1 – 4. One block will use HST trimmed to 2" and two blocks will use HST trimmed to 1 3/4".

NOTE: For the 3" block, the HST are trimmed to 2". For the 2 1/2" block, the HST are trimmed to 1 3/4".

I found a scant seam helped on the smaller blocks to get them to measure correctly.



4 Finished 4" blocks with borders



2 Finished 4" blocks without borders



1 Finished 3" block

2 Finished 2 1/2" block