

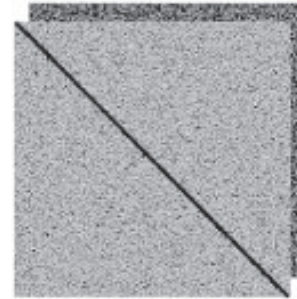


Mystery Quilt Part 3: Half-Square Triangles - Cheryl Petreman

If you are only using 4 colours, put aside one 6" square of each fabric for later. Otherwise, put aside one 6" square.

Using the 6" squares cut in Part 1, make half-square triangle units (HSTs) as follows

- 1) Mark the centre diagonal line on one of the squares. I usually do this by ironing them in half, although you can also draw a line from corner to (corner on the wrong side) with a pencil or chalk marker.
- 2) Place the marked square **directly on top** of another square (right sides together)



The picture shows them slightly askew, but the raw edges of both squares should match up so that you won't see the bottom square

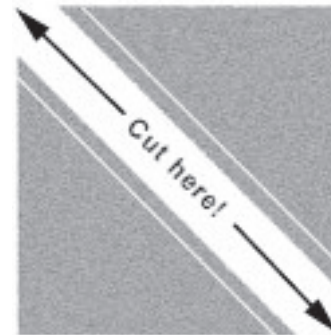
If you are using 4 fabrics, then always sew fabric A to fabric B and fabric C to fabric D while making HSTs.

You can create a nice effect by always sewing a medium to a dark, but it's not necessary. You can also mix & match randomly.

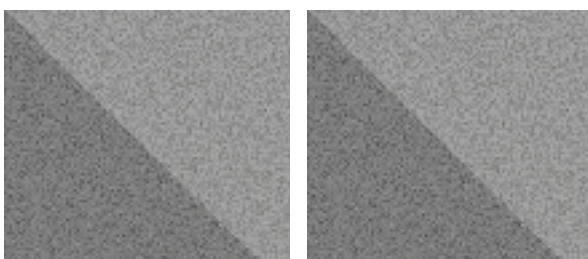
- 3) Sew a scant 1/4" away from the left side of the marked line. Turn the squares around and sew a scant 1/4" away from the other side of the marked line.



- 4) Use your rotary to cut the squares apart on the marked line.



- 5) Open the two pieces up and press the seam allowances towards the darker fabric. You will have 2 identical HSTs:



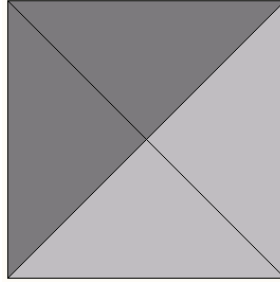
- 6) **Don't bother** squaring up any of the HSTs yet, just put the following number aside for later and move on to making hourglasses:

Crib	Double	Queen
8	18	25

Mystery Quilt Part 3 (continued): Hourglass Blocks

(also called Quarter-Square Triangles)

- 7) Using 2 HSTs from the previous step, mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of one as follows

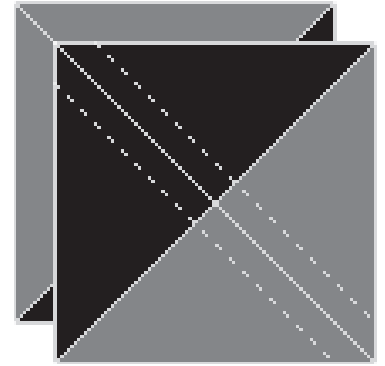


- 8) Place the marked HST on top of the other (right sides together).

If you are using 4 fabrics, make sure to always place an HST made of fabrics A & B on top of one made of fabrics C & D so that A is on top of C and B is on top of D.

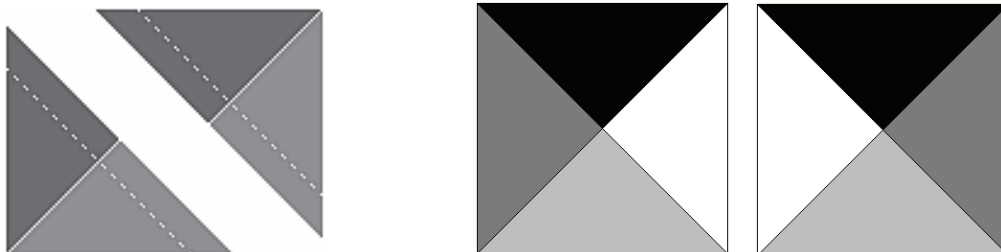
Be careful **to match the seam lines**. *If you have the seam allowances in alternate directions, you should be able to slide the pieces together until they 'lock'.*

Don't worry if the raw edges don't match exactly – that is because our HSTs from step 5 were not straightened... we'll get around to that later.



- 9) Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the left side of the marked line. Turn the squares around and sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the other side of the marked line.
- 10) Using your rotary cutter, cut the squares apart on the marked line. Open the two pieces up and press the seam allowances towards one side.

If you are using 4 fabrics, you will end up with a clockwise & a counter-clockwise block.



- 11) You will need the following number of hourglass blocks for your quilt:

Crib	Double	Queen
15	77	154