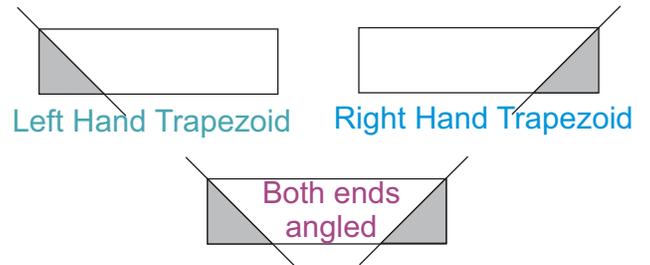


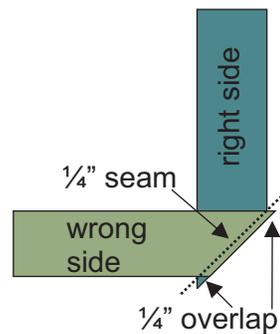
# Suzie's Quick Tip: Cutting and Sewing a Trapezoid

Many times, there will be trapezoids in a quilt. Often, this situation is solved by cutting rectangles, and then attaching a triangle to the appropriate end. The problem is that this can add extra bulk, or a visual break in the fabric's motif. A trapezoid is the solution. The Trapezoids in this top have a 45 degree triangle removed from either one end, or both ends of a rectangle.

The seam allowance for a Trapezoid is the same as the seam allowance for a Half Square Triangle:  $\frac{7}{8}$ ". Trapezoids are very simple to make: cut a rectangle to the given size, then orient it horizontally (right side up) on your cutting board. Use the 45 degree angle guidelines on your cutting board to make your cut to the correct end of the rectangle. Note that the cutting instructions in the pattern will show the correct orientation of the trapezoid.



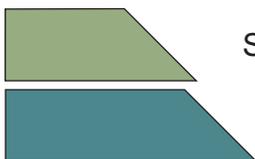
Once cut, these pieces are also quite easy to sew together. First, orient them on a flat surface (right side up) so that you can easily see where the angled ends meet.



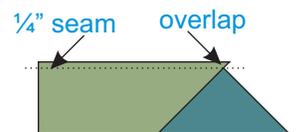
Place the piece on the left on top of the piece on the right, right sides together. Note that the two ends overlap each other by about  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press the seam open.

Trim the dog ears after pressing.

Stitch the two pieces together using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



Sewing two trapezoids with only one angled end together is quite easy. Place the shorter piece on top of the longer piece, right sides together. The un-angled ends will meet exactly, and the angled end of the top



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