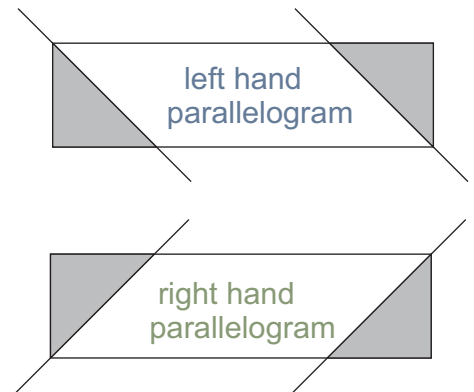


Suzie's Quick Tip: Cutting and Sewing a Parallelogram

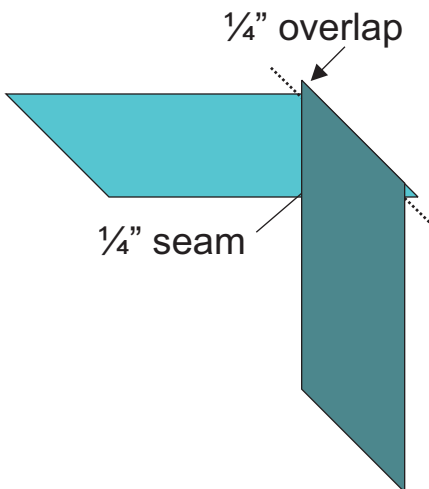
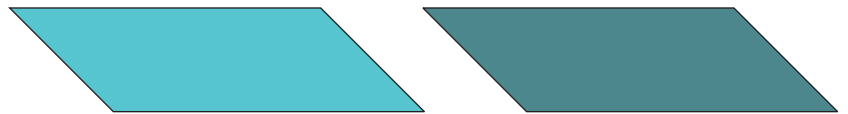
Many times, there will be **Parallelograms** in a quilt. Often, this situation is solved by cutting rectangles and then attaching a triangle to each end. The problem is that this can add extra bulk, or a visual break in the fabric's motif. A **Parallelogram** is the solution. The **Parallelograms** in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

The seam allowance for a Parallelogram is 1 1/4".

These pieces are very simple to make: cut a rectangle to the given size, then orient it horizontally (**right side up**) on your cutting board. Use your ruler or the guidelines on your cutting board to make your cut for both ends. Carefully check the orientation of the removed triangle prior to cutting.



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 right on top of the piece on the left, right sides together. Note that the two ends overlap each other by about 1/4".

Stitch the two pieces together using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Press the seam open. **Trim the dog ears after pressing.**

