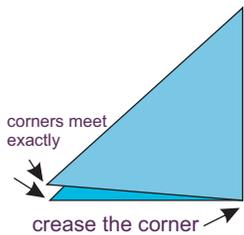


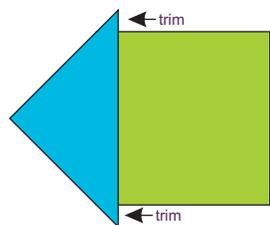
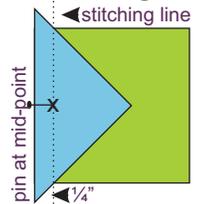
# Suzie's Quick Tip: Sewing Squares, Triangles, Parallelograms and Trapezoids Together

## Squares and Triangles

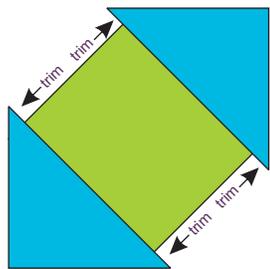
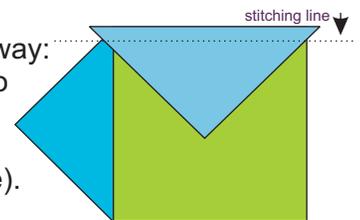


When you are sewing the long edge of a triangle and a square together, fold the triangle in half along the long edge, and gently finger crease it at the fold point. This is the middle of the triangle edge. Next fold the square in half, and crease the edge at the fold point.

Place the triangle on top of the square, right sides together, and pin at the point of the crease. The edge of the square, and the longest edge of the triangle will be even. The top and bottom corners of the triangle will overlap the square by about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side. Sew along the stitching line and press. Trim the "dog ears".

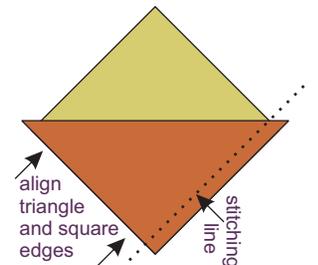


Adding a triangle on an adjacent side is done in the same way: fold the square in half (fold to the edge of the square, not to the sewn seam), and mark the middle, then pin the middle of the triangle and the middle of the square together. Sew along the stitching line (don't forget the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance). Press, and trim the "dog ears".



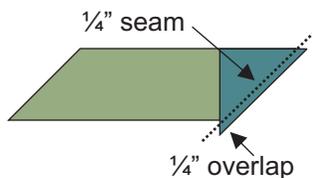
If you plan to add triangles to all 4 sides of the square, first sew triangles to opposite sides, trim the "dog ears", and then sew triangles to the remaining sides.

To sew the short edge of a triangle to a square, align both short edges of the triangle to the edges of the square. Stitch, and trim the "dog ears".



## Parallelograms and triangles

When sewing a parallelogram and a triangle together, you first want to orient them on a flat surface (right sides up) so that you can easily see where the angled ends meet.



Place the triangle on top of the parallelogram, right sides together. Note that the top edge of the triangle and the top edge of the parallelogram are even. The triangle bottom overlaps the parallelogram by about  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Stitch the two pieces together using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press the seam open. Trim the dog ears after pressing.

