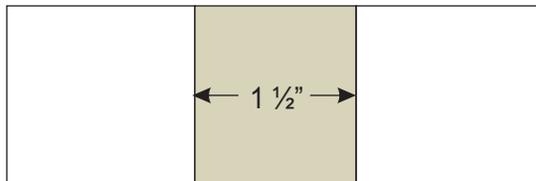


Suzie's Quick Tip: 1/4" and scant 1/4" seams

If you are sewing squares and rectangles together, a 1/4" seam isn't a suggestion, it's imperative!

Here's a quick way to check out your seam allowance:

1. Cut out (3) 2" squares.
2. Sew the squares together end to end, using a 1/4" seam allowance.
3. Press the seams, and then measure the center square. **It should be exactly 1 1/2" wide.** It is really important that this measurement is exact. This will insure that the quilt block is the correct size, and that the seams in your quilt block meet perfectly!

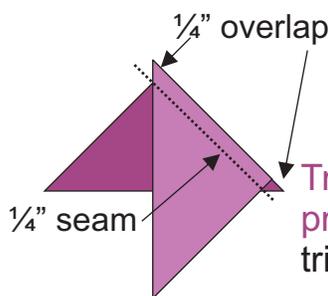


If the center square is off - even just a tiny amount, adjust your needle position, and try again. You'll be glad that you've spent the extra time doing this. In the long run, it will save time because you won't have to fuss with your block pieces in order to make them fit!

If you are sewing triangles together, a Scant 1/4" Seam is often better than an exact 1/4" seam.

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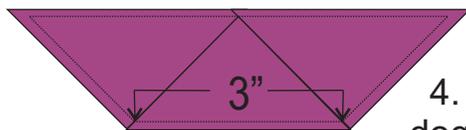
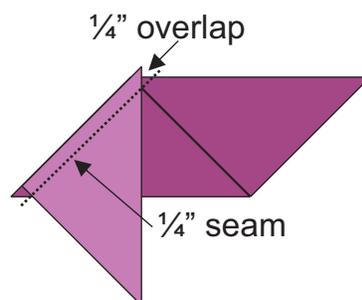
1. Cut a 4 1/4" Square, and cut it into 4 pieces diagonally. 



2. Sew two triangles to each other, right sides together.

3. Press the seam open.

Trim the dog ears after pressing. Then add a third triangle to the left hand side.



4. Press the seam open and trim the dog ears. Measure up 1/4" (seam allowance), and measure the bottom of the center triangle at the seams. **It should be exactly 3" wide.** If the measurement is off - even just a tiny amount, adjust your needle position, and try again. It is really important that this measurement is exact. This will insure that your quilt blocks are the correct size. You'll be glad that you've spent the extra time doing this.