

# Half Square TRIANGLES

## The Pros and Cons of the Different Methods

Half Square Triangle Technique	PROs	CONs
Template	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tool to use for checking your accuracy</li> <li>- No tips or "ears" to deal with when sewing</li> <li>- Can cut out one – no waste</li> <li>- Do not need rotary cutter/ruler/mat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Time consuming to make template</li> <li>- Time consuming to cut</li> <li>- Have to deal with bias when sewing</li> </ul>
Rotary Cutting Square with 7/8" added for Seam Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quickest way to cut out two triangles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you only need one triangle, you waste fabric</li> <li>- May not be accurate after sewing</li> <li>- Tips or "ears" hard to deal with</li> <li>- 7/8" is difficult fraction to add</li> <li>- Have to deal with bias when sewing</li> </ul>
Rotary Cutting Square with 1" added for Seam Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easy measurement to add (+ 1")</li> <li>- "Squaring up" allows you to be more accurate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extra step needed to "square up"</li> <li>- Have to deal with bias when sewing</li> </ul>
Rotary Cutting AND Sewing Square with 1" added for Seam Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Don't have to deal with bias when sewing</li> <li>- Easy measurement to add (+ 1")</li> <li>- "Squaring up" allows you to be more accurate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extra step needed to "square up"</li> <li>- Have to draw diagonal on fabric</li> </ul>
Mass Production with Squaring Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Best way to make many</li> <li>- Don't have to deal with bias when sewing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extra step of "squaring up" and cutting</li> <li>- Have to draw out grid on fabric</li> </ul>
Paper or Foundation Piecing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most Accurate</li> <li>- Don't have to deal with bias</li> <li>- Don't have to worry about seam allowance or cutting accurately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Process is confusing as you sew on back</li> <li>- Removing paper is time consuming</li> </ul>
Pre-printed Half Square Triangle Fabric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perfect Triangles every time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limited size of triangles</li> <li>- Seam allowance missing</li> </ul>

