

ACCORDIAN SEWING FOR HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES

This is a method for making half square triangles that will yield squares where no two blocks have the same color combination. I also found it to be a more efficient way of creating HST.

Using squares of desired size, sew the first two squares together RST, $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the RIGHT of the diagonal ONLY.

Holding the sewn squares in your right hand, keeping the stitches to the RIGHT, flip the left side of the diagonal into your right hand. Move the bottom three layers into your left hand. You should have only 1 thickness of fabric in your right hand. The right side should be facing you. Smooth out and finger press.

Lay your next square, Right side DOWN on the already sewn square. Line up the points.

Stitch to the right of the diagonal ONLY.

Continue sewing blocks in this way, holding the stitched square your right. Holding the blocks in your right hand, flip the top triangle into your Right hand, moving the underneath layers to your left. You should have 1 thickness of fabric.

When you have sewn a MINIMUM of 6 squares in this manner—you can make your "accordion" chain longer-- complete the chain this way.

Take the triangle on either end, right sides together. Matching the corners, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the diagonal. This will create what I call a tube.

Using a scissor, cut between the two rows of stitching.

Now you have an open accordion chain. Cut the HST blocks apart, making sure that you are cutting through ONLY 1 layer of fabric at a time.

HELPFUL THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Mark the stitch line and/or diagonal the first time you use this method.

Cut the squares larger than desired so you have wiggle room and can cut them to size when you square them up.

Sew with a contrasting thread.

Sew ONLY the stitch line to the RIGHT of the diagonal.

Sew through only 1 thickness of fabric.

Watch the YouTube 3 part video on this method. "Accordion Sewn scrappy half square triangle technique", Eve Paige.