

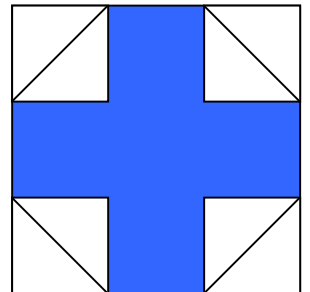
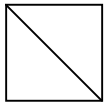
Creating “Magic Corners”

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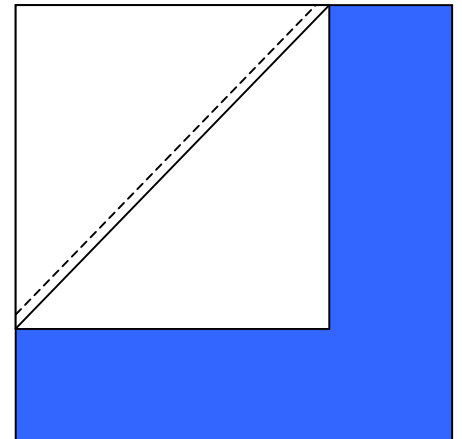
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This is a method of putting triangles on corners of blocks without cutting templates. An example of this would be a Snowball Block.

- First, cut the larger square. For the purpose of this exercise, let's say we want a 6" snowball. We would cut this square $6 \frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Then cut 4 smaller squares. For the purpose of this exercise, let's say we want the snowball to match with 9 patches, so it would be $\frac{1}{3}$ of the finished size of the snowball, plus seams. So, this would be $\frac{6}{3} = 2 + \frac{1}{2}$ ", or four $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
- Lightly draw a diagonal line with a pencil or water-soluble marker from one corner to the other on the back of each of the smaller squares.
- Right sides together, place the 4 smaller squares on the larger one, with the diagonal lines touching two sides of the larger one.



- Sew about 1 thread from the line or a scant $\frac{1}{16}$ ", closer to the corner. The diagram to the right is much too far from the line, but shows which direction I mean.
- Press the triangles to the corner. There should be none of the snowball fabric (here, the blue) or the wrong side of the triangle fabric showing behind the corner triangles. If there is, you have stitched too close to the line. Turn the block over. If there is any of the corner fabric showing, trim it off.



The snowball piece has been cut to the correct measurements. Trimming the corner to the edges of the snowball before cutting off the seam will help your block to retain the correct measurements.

- Carefully fold the corner back toward the middle, and cut at $\frac{1}{4}$ ", where the heavy line is. Because you have cut these at the same time, you should never have the darker fabric shadow through the lighter one.

You may wish to press the seam in the other direction to reduce bulk where seams come together.

