



Prepare for Perfect Piecing

Prep-Tool™

The All-in-One Tool to
Prepare for Perfect
Hand or Machine
Piecing

- **Trim Triangle Points**
for Perfect Piece *Alignment*.

- Mark Seam Lines for Precise
Mitered Binding Corners
and **Set-In-Seams**.



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the USA**

- Align the Seam Guide to **Sew**
Accurate Scant 1/4" Seams.

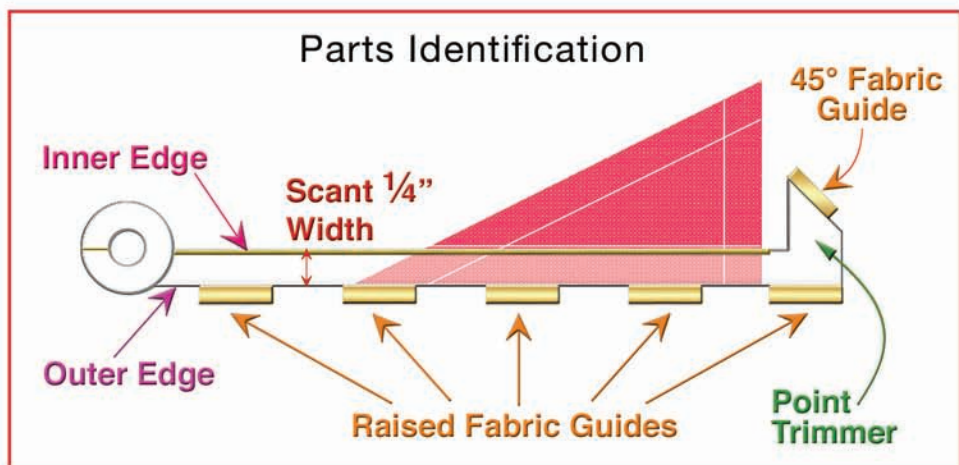
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Instructions inside this manual.
See product features on the back.

Reusable Seam
Guide Included



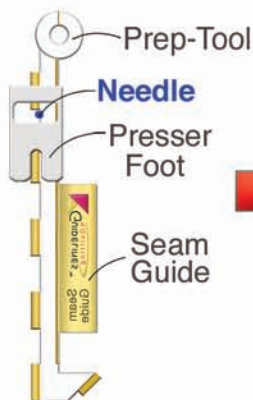
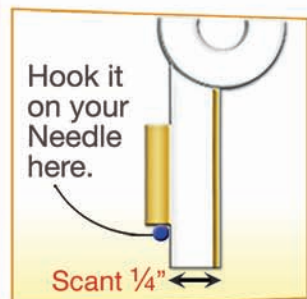
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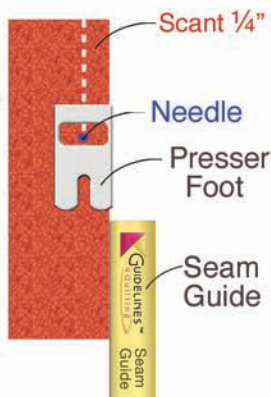
Sew Accurate Scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " Seams:

Line the Seam Guide up at a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " from your needle.

With the needle down, raise the presser foot and slide the Prep-Tool underneath.



Remove the Prep-Tool & start sewing accurate scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances.



With the Prep-Tool straight, attach the peel & stick Seam Guide in front of your presser foot, keeping it aligned against the inner edge of the Prep-Tool.

Watch instructional videos at
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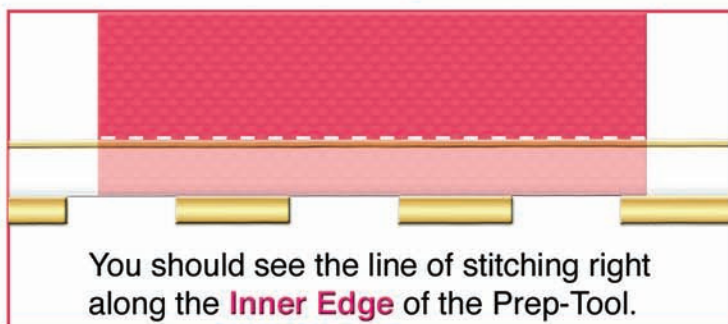
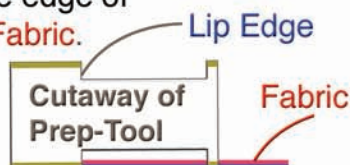
6-Pack Seam Guides available separately:



- Check the Accuracy of your Scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " Seam Allowance.

Line the Lip Edges of the Fabric Guides up to the edges of the pieces of fabric you've sewn together.

Raised Lip Edges self-align to the edge of the Fabric.



Mark Seam Lines for Accurate Piecing:

- Using the Prep-Tool to mark accurate seam allowances before hand or machine piecing.



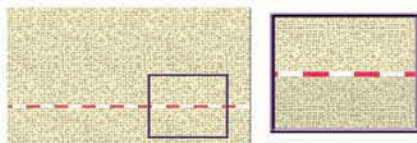
Before sewing, place the fabric right side down and line the Lip Edges of the Fabric Guides up to the fabric's edge.

Mark the wrong side of the fabric right along the Inner Edge of the Prep-Tool.

Note: Use a fabric marker with a sharp point to mark close to the Inner Edge.

- Align two pieces of fabric right sides together with the piece of fabric you marked on top.

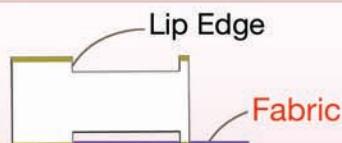
Sew right on the line for an accurate Scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " Seam Allowance.



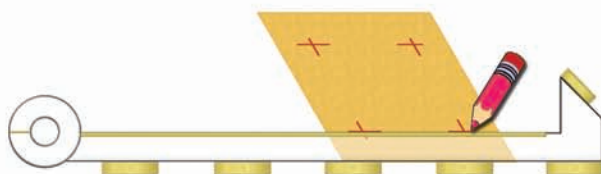
Set-in-Seams and Mitered Binding Corners:

Usually, it's good to cross your seam lines when joining two quilt pieces together because it keeps the stitching from unraveling. **But there are times when you need to make sure not to cross your seam lines, or you'll create a pucker and the fabric will never lay flat.**

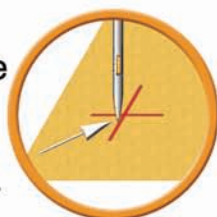
Raised Lip Edges Self-Align to the Edge of the Fabric as shown on the cutaway image of the Prep-Tool:



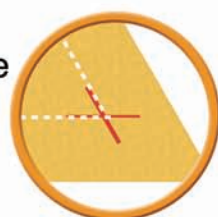
Set-In-Seams: Mark the Seam Lines near the corners where they cross.
(Also known as Y Seams)



Start with the needle at one seam intersection.

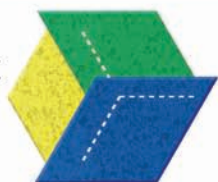


Stop at the next intersection.



Make Sure to Back or Lock Stitch at Each Intersection.

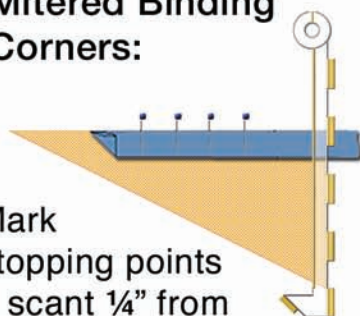
Y Seam in a Tumbling Block Unit from wrong side.



Use this technique for star patterns such as LeMoyne Star.



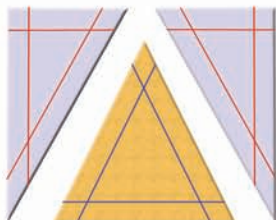
Mitered Binding Corners:



Mark stopping points a scant 1/4" from corners.

Line Up Offset Pieces, Using Seam Intersections:

To line up offset pieces such as those used to make a Triangle-in-a-Square Unit, mark the whole seam line or just where they cross on each piece.



Put right sides together, lining up the seam intersections. You may want to pin through the seam intersections to keep the pieces accurately aligned while sewing.

(The side triangle is shown here half transparent.)



Note: If the seam intersections don't match, the pieces are not accurately cut. It is better to know and fix before sewing.

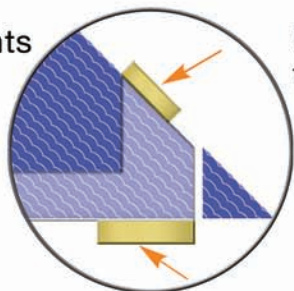


Finished Unit

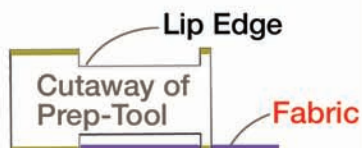
Press the seams and trim the points to finish.

Pre-Trim Triangle Points for Easy Alignment:

Pre-trimming points off triangles and diamonds takes the guesswork out of lining up offset pieces.



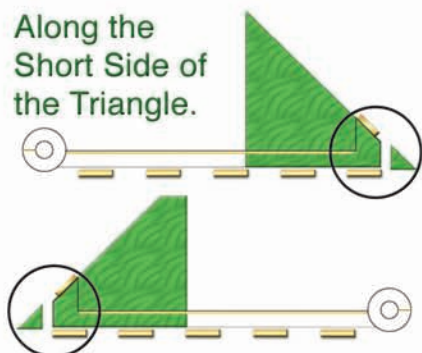
Raised Lip Edges Self-Align to the Edge of the Fabric.



Two ways to Trim Triangle Points with the Prep-Tool

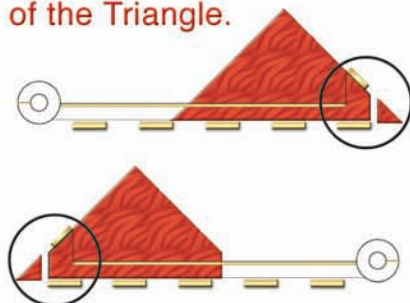
● Short Side Trim:

Along the Short Side of the Triangle.



● Long Side Trim:

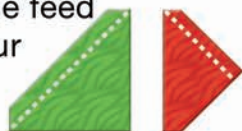
Along the Long Side of the Triangle.



Apply a Short Side Trim on Half Square Triangles and a Long Side Trim on Quarter Square Triangles to make them match perfectly with Squares in the same block.



Pre-Trimming points also keeps them from getting caught in the feed dogs of your sewing machine,



and makes piecing blocks like these much easier:



■ Squares ▲ HSTs ▲ QSTs

For more Quilt Block Breakdowns, visit: GL4Q.com/FSQ.html

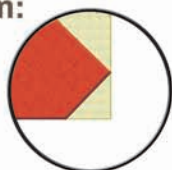
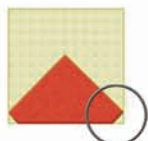


Which Trim Should You Use?

Use the trim that makes the trimmed edge of the triangle line up with the edge of the piece you are sewing it to.

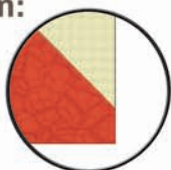
Example: Trimming Triangles for Square in a Square Units:

Short-Side Trim:



Edges don't match.

Long-Side Trim:



Edges match perfectly.

Once you know which trim to use, stack up a bunch of triangles and trim them all at once.



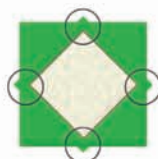
Use Long-Side Trim for Square in a Square & Flying Geese:



Line up, right sides together, and sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



Press the seam to the triangle side. Then, add remaining triangles.

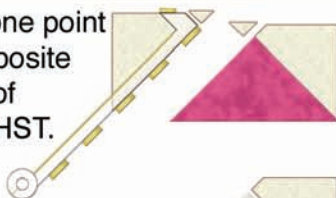


Trim off the remaining points.



You'll end up with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance all around.

Trim one point off opposite ends of each HST.



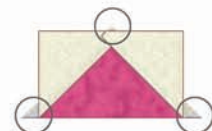
Line up, right sides together, and sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



Press seam to HST side.



Add second HST. Press and trim off remaining points.



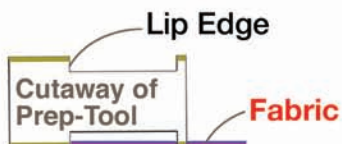
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Want to make quilt blocks, including Square in a Square & Flying Geese any size with No Math? See how at: GL4Q.com/FSQ.html

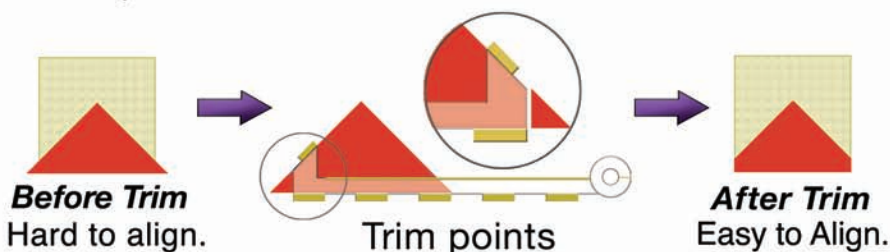
Easy, Accurate Alignment:

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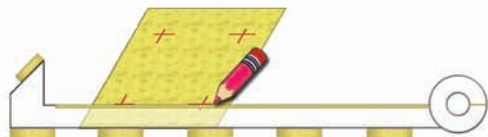
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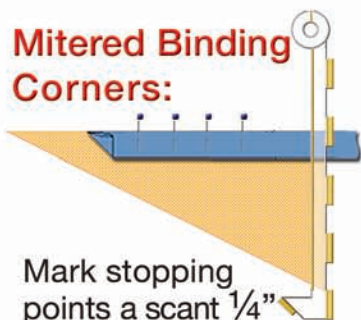
Mark Precise Seam Lines:

Set-in-Seams

Mark seam inter-
sections, and you'll
know exactly where
to start & stop sewing.



Mitered Binding Corners:

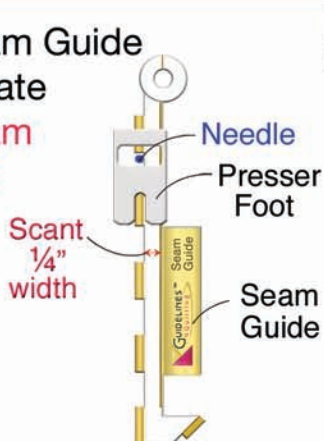


Mark stopping
points a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ "
from corners.

Align the Seam Guide to sew accurate scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances:



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Remove the Prep-Tool
& sew scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams.

