

Trimming Triangles Guide

Trimming for Square-in-a-Square Unit

Use the blue triangle trimmer to fit triangles precisely around a center square to make a Square-in-a-Square Unit.

1. Lay triangle atop square (Photo A). Both triangle tips extend beyond the square. To fit the triangle exactly to the square, use the blue trimmer to trim the triangle tips perpendicular to the hypotenuse (long side) of the triangle.
2. Remove the triangle from atop the square. Place the blue trimmer atop one end of the triangle, aligning edges of trimmer with corresponding edges of fabric triangle. Trim the tip off the fabric triangle. Repeat to trim the tip off the other end of the fabric triangle (Photo B).
3. Trim remaining triangles before joining to center square (Photo C).



Photo A



Photo B



Photo C

Tip: Once you have determined the correct trim, trim a stack of triangles at one time. — Liz

Trimming for Brave New World Unit

There are dozens of design possibilities for the versatile Brave New World Unit. We've had hours of fun experimenting with different arrangements.

To make 1 (4"-finished) unit, you will need 1 (4"-finished) dark half-square triangle and 1 (2"-finished) square. From light fabric you will need 2 (2"-finished) half-square triangles.

Tip: You can cut these pieces quickly and easily by using the Fons & Porter® Half & Quarter Ruler to cut the triangles and the Basic Cutting Ruler to cut the square. You will need 2 ½"-wide and 4 ½"-wide dark strips and a 2 ½"-wide light strip to cut the pieces. — Marianne

1. With right sides facing, lay one light triangle atop a square, aligning square corners. The tip of the triangle extends beyond the square. Lay each triangle trimmer atop the triangle to see which will trim the triangle tip even with the square. To fit the triangle exactly to the square, use the pink trimmer to trim the triangle tip perpendicular to the leg (short side) of the triangle (Photo D). Stitch the triangle to one side of the square.



Photo D

2. Open out triangle and press seam allowances toward triangle. With right sides facing, lay the second triangle atop the joined pieces. Again lay each triangle trimmer atop the pieces to determine which will trim the triangle tip to exactly fit the stitched pieces. Use the blue trimmer to trim the triangle tip perpendicular to the hypotenuse (long side) of the triangle (Photo E). Join the triangle to the adjacent side of the square. Open out triangle; press seam allowances toward triangle.



Photo E

Tip: If you accidentally trim a triangle tip at the wrong angle, you can correct it by creating an "engineered" corner that is angled in both directions. If you trimmed with the blue trimmer but needed the pink one, simply trim the tip again with the pink trimmer. — Liz

3. Join pieced unit to large dark triangle to complete unit. Press seam allowances toward large triangle.

