

Half-Square Triangle Fun Student Supply List

Basic Sewing Kit

- thread - machine piecing thread in a neutral shade to match your fabrics
- straight pins
- seam ripper
- fabric shears
- thread snips
- fine tip marking pencil or pen (a Frixion pen works nicely)

Sewing machine in working order. Be sure to also bring:

- extension table for your machine (if you have)
- 1/4" piecing foot (if you have)

Rotary Cutting Tools

- rotary cutting mat (18" x 24" is a good size)
- rotary cutter with a fresh blade
- acrylic ruler - the following sizes work well:
 - 6" x 24"
 - 4" x 14"

Bloc Loc Ruler:

- 6-1/2" size works for both the Lap and Baby size quilts
- 4-1/2" size can only be used for the Baby size

Marking Rulers:

- 1/2" marking ruler:
 - Creative Grids 15" Seam Guide Tool (my favorite), OR
 - Fons and Porter 1/4" Seam Marker, OR
 - Studio 180 Quilters Magic Wand, OR
 - Omnigrd 4", 6", and 12" Marking Ruler Trio

Optional Supplies:

- Gypsy Quilter Cutting Gizmo or Sunflower Original Thread Cutter
- Cluck Cluck Sew's Diagonal Seam Tape
- rotating cutting mat or small cutting mat approx. 6 x 8"

The School of Sewing by Shea Henderson

Note: This book is not mandatory, but the half-square triangle quilt that you will be stitching is based on the final project in this book. The chapter contains a number of wonderful layout options for half-square triangles. You may find it helpful to obtain the book ahead of time so that you can study the layout options before selecting your fabric.

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Fabric:

First, decide if you want to make a baby (40 x 48") or a lap-size (60 x 72") quilt. Then, choose either a quilt with just two colors, or a scrappy/multicolor quilt with a variety of fabrics. Refer to the charts below for yardage amounts. Select quilting cottons for this project. Solids, or small or medium scale prints will yield the best results. Keep in mind that contrast is critical within the block unit for the overall design of the quilt to be seen, so make sure there is enough contrast between the two fabrics if you choose the Super Simple option, or between the background fabric and accent fabrics if you choose the Scrappy/Multicolor or Super Scrappy options. The more fabrics you use, the greater the depth and variety in your quilt. You may want to purchase additional fabric just to be on the safe side and to give you more options.

Super Simple (Two Fabrics)

Material	Baby 40" x 48"	Lap 60" x 72"
Cotton Quilting Fabric	1-1/2 yards of each fabric	2-3/4 yards of each fabric
Backing	3 yards	4 yards
Binding	1/3 yard	1/2 yard
Low-loft Cotton Batting	Crib size or 44" x 52"	Twin size or 64" x 76"

Scrappy/Multicolor (Variety of Fabrics)

Material	Baby 40" x 48"	Lap 60" x 72"
Background Fabric: (one fabric or a combination of fabrics totaling the amount in the column)	1-1/2 yards	2-3/4 yards
Accent Fabrics	(9) 1/4 yard pieces	(12) 1/4 yard pieces
Backing	3 yards	4 yards
Binding	1/3 yard	1/2 yard
Low-loft Cotton Batting	Crib size or 44" x 52"	Twin size or 64" x 76"

Super Scrappy (Large Variety of Fabrics)

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Material	Baby 40" x 48"	Lap 60" x 72"
Background Fabric: (one fabric or a combination of fabrics totaling the amount in the column)	1-1/2 yards or (60) 5-1/4" squares	2-3/4 yards or (60) 7-1/4" squares
Accent Fabrics	(60) 5-1/4" squares	(60) 7-1/4" squares
Backing	3 yards	4 yards
Binding	1/3 yard	1/2 yard
Low-loft Cotton Batting	Crib size or 44" x 52"	Twin size or 64" x 76"

If you want to have more time for sewing on the day of class, please cut your squares ahead of time. Squares for the Baby size should be cut at 5-1/4" square; squares for the Lap size should be cut at 7-1/4" square.

Charm Packs (pre-cut 5" squares) can be used for the Baby size, but you will need to take care that you do not sew too deep of a seam; otherwise your blocks may be too small.

You will need 120 squares total, no matter which size quilt or style you choose:

- Super Simple - cut 60 squares of each fabric
- Scrappy/Multicolor or Super Scrappy - cut 60 Background squares and 60 Accent squares

If you are unsure of how to cut your fabric, feel free to wait until the day of class to do your cutting; I'll be happy to coach you through that step.

Any questions?? (I know the yardage charts can be a bit confusing!) Feel free to e-mail or call me. Looking forward to stitching with you!

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