

Hedgehog Hints

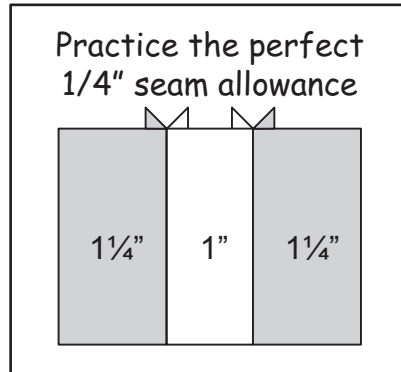
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Tips & Tricks for a Successful Project

Accurate 1/4" Seam

Consistent seam allowances are very important to keep your finished quilt straight and square. This exercise will improve your results.



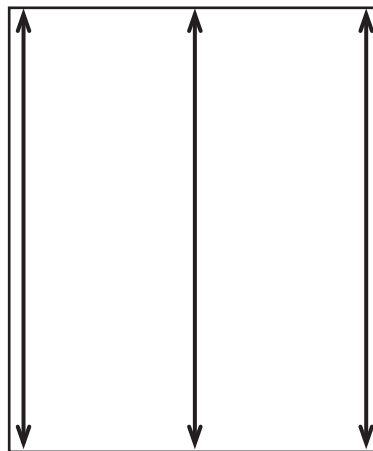
Start with three 4" long strips of fabric exactly 1 1/2" wide.

Sew together as shown and press seams open. Finished "block" should measure exactly 3 1/2" wide, with individual strips measuring 1 1/4", 1" and 1 1/4".

Adjust your technique until you can get consistent results.

Well behaved Borders . . .

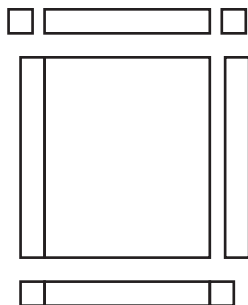
A word about borders: It is very important that you measure properly, trim the borders to size and pin in place before stitching. This will keep the quilt square and flat as you go and avoid stretching, distorting or rippling in the border. When you sew the first border to the quilt, sew with quilt on top and border strip against the bed of the machine so that you can see and control the block seams.



Get the Borders right!

Measure from top to bottom through center of the quilt and both outside edges. Add these measurements together and divide by 3 to figure the average length for the side borders. In the same manner, measure from side to side through the center, top and bottom to find the average width.

Border with Cornerstones



Determine the average width and length of the quilt before adding cornerstone borders. Cut all border strips to size. Add side borders pressing seams toward borders. Add cornerstone blocks, one to each end of top and bottom borders. Press seams away from cornerstones. Pin top and bottom borders to quilt, matching cornerstone seams to side borders seams, easing if necessary. Stitch and press toward center.