

Material Girls Present: The Traditional Quilt

November: To the Point

½ Square Triangles, ¼ Square Triangles & Flying Geese

PERFECT POINTS

Whether it is ½ or ¼ square triangles, flying geese or stars we beat ourselves up over perfect points. Patience and experience aids in our achieving this goal. However if you want to speed up the learning process check out the websites listed this month!

½ SQUARE and ¼ SQUARE TRIANGLES

There are several techniques out there for making triangles.

If you are new to ½ and ¼ square triangles here are a couple of products that make the task much easier:

Thangles can be purchased online & many shops now carry them. They are strip templates that eliminate that odd 7/8 measurement & can be chain sewn. Downfall: I heard they can slip when sewing; a dot of washable glue could be used to hold them in place instead of pins.

Ta-Da's can also be purchased online. This fusible interfacing has printed guidelines for ½ square and ¼ square triangles. Just press, sew and cut. I have not personally used this product; however I have heard it makes easy fun of this tedious work if making lots and lots of ½ square and ¼ square triangles.

FLYING GEESE

I know of two methods for sewing flying geese. One just seems to be so much more work than the other so I favor the simple method. However, I have included both in the websites listed in Wickedly Wonderful Websites this month. There are also rulers available to help make accurate patches for the flying geese block you desire. I like Lazy Girl's flyer geese ruler and have included that website as well.

WICKEDLY WONDERFUL WEBSITES

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TRIANGLES:

<http://www.thangles.com/index.html> Thangles ½ square triangle templates

<http://tadatriangles.com/default.aspx> ½ & ¼ square triangle templates on fusible interfacing

<http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltsettings/a/settingtriangles.htm> setting triangles

[http://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Intro to Half Square Triangles D4.html](http://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Intro%20to%20Half%20Square%20Triangles_D4.html) perfect triangles

<http://www.psqquilt.com/2010/02/half-square-triangle-tutorial.html> perfect triangles

POINTS AND SEAMS:

<http://www.craftandfabriclinks.com/quiltinstr/quiltinstr2.html> scroll down to points

<http://www.ctpubblog.com/2009/10/01/quilting-tips-sewing-perfect-points/> perfect points

[http://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Pinwheels-Specialty Tools D5.html](http://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Pinwheels-Specialty_Tools_D5.html) pinwheel tools

http://www.ehow.co.uk/how_8605987_make-up-sewing-quilting-squares.html matching seams/points

<http://video.about.com/quilting/Nest-Patchwork-Quilt-Seams.htm> nesting seams

FLYING GEESE:

[http://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Flying Geese-Make em fast-two methods D15.html](http://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Flying_Geese-Make%20em%20fast-two%20methods_D15.html) flying geese

[http://www.lazygirldesigns.com/products/item/Flying Geese Ruler/269/c48](http://www.lazygirldesigns.com/products/item/Flying_Geese_Ruler/269/c48) Flying geese ruler