

PRACTICE TIME #3 - Half Square Triangles

#1

If you need a brief refresher on making half-square triangles, Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill of Whole Circle Studios has this blog post about three ways to make them.

[https://blog.wholecirclestudio.com/?p=5942#:~:text=8%20method\)%3A-,Determine%20the%20size%20you%20want%20your%20unfinished%20HST%20block%20to,make%20your%20half%20square%20triangles.](https://blog.wholecirclestudio.com/?p=5942#:~:text=8%20method)%3A-,Determine%20the%20size%20you%20want%20your%20unfinished%20HST%20block%20to,make%20your%20half%20square%20triangles.)

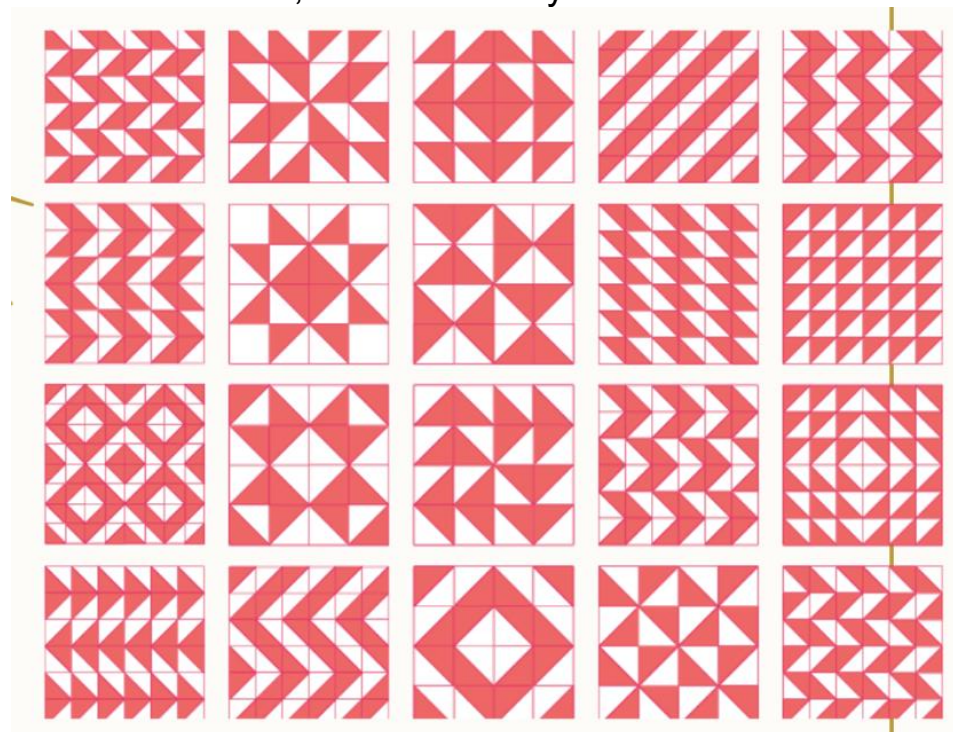
Using her measurements, if you want to make two at a time:

- cut two 5-1/2" squares to make two 4-1/2" unfinished HSTs or
- cut two 7-1/2" squares to make two 6-1/2" unfinished HSTs.

To make eight at a time, cut the squares twice as large (11" for eight 4-1/2" unfinished and 15" for eight 6-1/2" unfinished HSTs.)

#2

This chart from Amy Lollis shows twenty different ways you can arrange HSTs. Of course, there are many more.

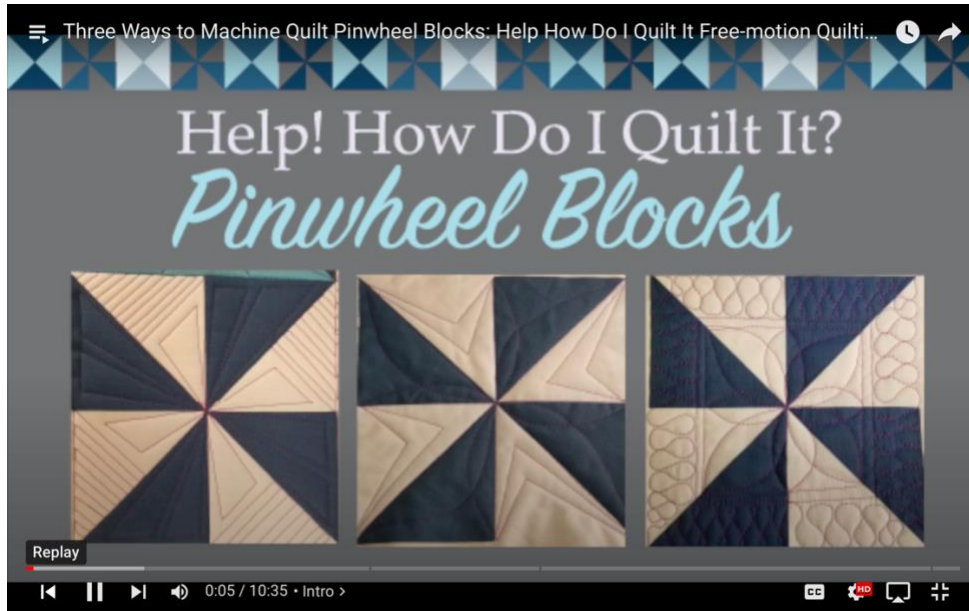


Amylollisdesigns.com

#3

Angela Walters has a video in one of her challenge series on three ways to quilt pinwheels. 10min 35sec

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUUU6HX9_o8&list=PLEhp5XdH4BaF5sotvMqCX-nx2eUrb0gEh&index=19



#4

In the same challenge series, Angela has another video on quilting in Flying Geese blocks. 6min 48 sec.

We'll be covering them in June (after Chris Stout's class) but you can pick up some tips and tricks from this video since the body of the FG block is the same as the triangle in a HST block.

One point she makes is that she often chooses her quilting design based on where she wants to end up (back where she started or elsewhere on the block).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Miwg1Jo1ZrM&list=PLEhp5XdH4BaF5sotvMqCX-nx2eUrb0gEh&index=13>

Don't worry about the feathers she demonstrates in the video, we'll also be getting to them in June.