



Disappearing Half  
Square Triangle (HST)

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Blockette of the Month

This was a Missouri Star tutorial. I changed up the size of the starting block as I'm not too fond of HST on the bias

Materials: *(starch before cutting as it makes a better cut and less raveling)*

Background:

\* white or what reads as white (e.g., white on white)

\* **2 squares cut at 7 7/8" or (my fave 8")**

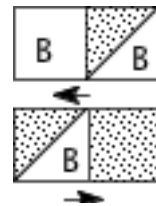
Print Fabric:

\* your choice with a children's theme. These blocks will finish at 3 1/2" (after cutting) .  
So, I would stay with smaller prints.

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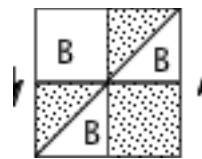
1. Make 2 HST using 1 background and 1 print. Draw a line corner to corner and sew 1/4" from the line on each side of the line. Remember, right sides together.
2. Cut apart along the line. You now have 2 HST. Press seam open (preferably) which minimizes the bulk.
3. Repeat for the second pair of squares. You will have 4 HST that are approximately 7 1/4" square.
4. Square up each HST to 7".
5. For each HST, measure over 3 1/2" from the edge and cut vertically. Do not move the pieces. Rotate your ruler and cut 3 1/2" from the bottom edge. You now have 4 squares which consists of 2 smaller HST, 1 background square and 1 print square. Repeat for the remaining large HSTs.

6. Sew a HST with a background square. Start and end at a 1/4" Press per arrow.



7. Sew a Print square with a HST. Start and end at a 1/4" Press per arrow.

8. Sew together. Press per arrow. Make 4 blocks. Note: you will spin the seam to minimize bulk. All seams should be clockwise.



7. Starting with block 1, take block 2 and rotate. Sew the 2 blocks together. Repeat with the other two blocks. Spin the seams. 12 1/2" square.

