

**Royal City Quilters Guild  
Summer Milady Mystery 2021**

**Week One**

**Half-Square Triangles**

This week is devoted to making all the necessary half-square triangles (HSTs) for the quilt. Many people have their favourite method of making them, so go ahead and make them as you wish. If you want to learn other methods, go to the full instructions, watch the videos, and/or use the tape method described.

**Cutting Instructions**

- Strips are cut to use in future clues as well as this one.
- WOF means width of fabric.
- Most HSTs will finish 2" (2 1/2" unfinished). The few that don't will be clearly indicated.
- Keep all remnants of fabric until the top is finished.

**Fabric #1:** ⇨ Cut one (1) strip 5 1/2" wide WOF. Subcut into eight (8) 5 1/2" squares. (You may not have enough fabric for all eight. Cut a second strip if necessary. Use the remainder of the strip to make the 3" strip that follows.)

⇨ Cut one (1) strip 3" wide WOF (or from above remnant). Subcut into four (4) 3" squares.

**Fabric #2:** ⇨ Cut one (1) strip 3" wide WOF. Subcut two (2) 5" squares. Subcut the remainder of the strip, cut into two (2) 3" strips. Subcut into twenty-two (22) 3" squares.

**Fabric #3:** ⇨ Cut two (2) strip 3" wide WOF. Subcut into fourteen (14) 3" squares.

**Fabric #4:** ⇨ Cut three (3) strips 3" wide WOF. Subcut into thirty-six (36) 3" squares.

**Fabric #5:** ⇨ Cut one (1) 5 1/2" strip WOF. Subcut into eight (8) 5 1/2" squares. (You may not have enough fabric for all eight. Cut a second strip if necessary. Use the remainder of the strip to make the 5" strip that follows.)

⇒ Cut one (1) strip 5" wide WOF (or from above remnant). Subcut two (2) 5" squares.

## Piecing Instructions

- Sew all seams right sides together.
  - Follow the pressing instructions. Some are pressed open, some to the side.
  - Trim the HSTs with your desired tool. I love the Bloc Loc trimmers. The Tucker Trimmer works really well too.
1. Using the twenty (20) 3" squares cut from fabric #2 and twenty (20) 3" squares from fabric #4, **make** forty (40) HSTs using the eight-at-a-time method. Press the seam to the darker fabric #2.
  2. Using the twelve (12) remaining 3" squares cut from fabric #4 and twelve (12) 3" squares from fabric #3, **make** twenty-four (24) HSTs using the eight-at-a-time method. Press the seams open.
  3. Using two (2) 3" squares from fabric #1 and two (2) 3" squares from fabric #2, **make** four (4) HSTs using the two-at-a-time method. Press the seam open.
  4. Using two (2) 3" squares from fabric #1 and two (2) 3" squares from fabric #4, **make** 4 HSTs using the two-at-a-time method. Press the seam to the darker fabric #1.
  5. Using two (2) 3" squares from fabric #3 and two (2) 3" squares from fabric #4, **make** four (4) HSTs using the two-at-a-time method. Press the seams open.
  6. **Trim** all of the HSTs made so far to 2 1/2" **unfinished blocks**.
  7. Using two (2) 5" squares from fabric #2 and two (2) 5" squares from fabric #5, **make** four (4) HSTs using the two-at-a-time method. Press the seams to the darker fabric # 2. **Trim to 4 1/2" unfinished blocks**.
  8. Using the eight (8) 5 1/2" squares from fabric 1 and the eight (8) 5 1/2" squares from fabric 5, **make** sixteen (16) HSTs. Press toward the darker fabric. **Do not trim**.