

Quilts of Valor Signature Cross Alternate Cutting Instructions

Using a point trimmer

(Remember how Debby said there was just enough fabric to cut your blocks? Well, I messed up and cut too many of the larger squares. These instructions were my way to selvage my mistake and I ended up with extra fabric.)

Red or Blue Fabric: cut four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
cut six $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Beige background fabric: cut four $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Muslin center: cut one $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Sewing Instructions:

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the four beige squares. Layer with four of the red or blue $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares; sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal line. Cut on the line and press four to the light and four to the dark sides (this will aid in matching your points). *Make eight $3\frac{1}{2}$ " half square triangles.*

Cut the remaining two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares in half on the diagonal, making four triangles. With a point trimmer, trim off the corners of all four triangles. If you do not have a point trimmer, stop in at the Attic Window and we can show you how to use one, they come in very handy. See diagram 1 below left.

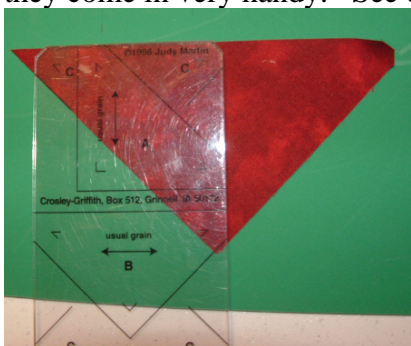


Diagram 1

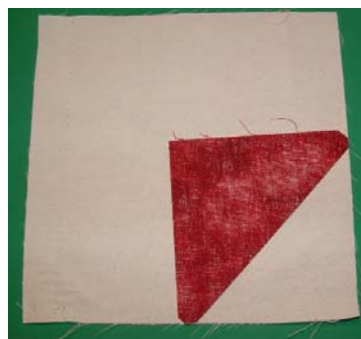


Diagram 2

Place one triangle, outside corner touching the center of the $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square. See diagram 2 above right. Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the hypotenuse (diagonal cut side). Press up to match the edges of your muslin block with your corner triangle. Trim off the muslin corners. Repeat on the opposite corner and then, do the last two corners. *Your center block is a square in a square and should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".*

Follow layout instructions from original kit pattern to complete your block.

As I said, this is an alternative way to make the block. It will take a little more time but if you are worried about not having enough fabric, this method will work.