

- 5** Sew carefully along the two outside lines. Open up both sides to check that all the seams are lined up. If not, use a seam ripper to open the areas that are off, shift them carefully into place, and re-sew them back in the correct position.
- 6** Cut apart along the middle line. Press the seams open. You now have one block A and one block B (**Fig. 7**).
- 7** Repeat Steps 3 to 6 for the other two blocks, and make another A/B set for a total of two blocks each of A and B.

block. Keeping it lined up, have the  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " (5.5 cm) mark lined up with the two long striped seam lines (**Fig. 8**). Mark with a fabric marker along the edges of the ruler. Move the ruler if necessary to draw your lines across the block (**Fig. 9**).

- 2** Flip the ruler around to the other corner, and line up the 45-degree angle with the diagonal. Measure and mark a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.5 cm) half-square triangle (HST) in the corner (**Fig. 10**). Connect all lines to make a block  $16\frac{1}{4}$ "  $\times$   $16\frac{1}{4}$ " (41.5  $\times$  41.5 cm).

- 3** Once all four sides are marked, trim away the excess. Repeat steps 1 to 3 for the other blocks.

## SQUARE UP THE BLOCKS

- 1** Place a block right side up. Place an acrylic ruler on top with the 45-degree angle following the diagonal in the

### Spotlight

This simple design is really flexible! You can play with it to get a variety of effects, depending on which way you orient the four blocks.

