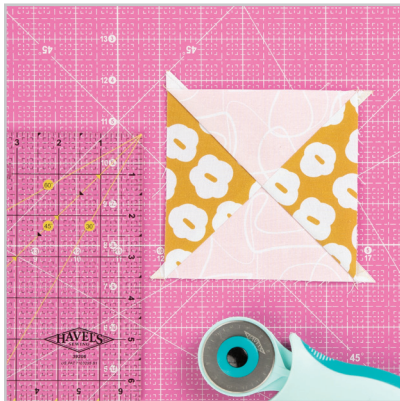


Try this method to make perfect hourglass units every time.



1. Make hourglass units using squares that are $1\frac{1}{2}$ "– $1\frac{3}{8}$ " larger than desired finished size of hourglass unit.



2. Using center point as a guide, draw lines on each edge of hourglass unit that represent size of finished hourglass unit plus $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



3. Position ruler on hourglass unit aligning ruler's 45° line on one diagonal seam, while aligning ruler's top right corner with lines drawn on the top and right edges.



4. Trim hourglass unit along top and right edge of ruler.



5. Rotate hourglass unit so trimmed edges become bottom and left sides. Re-align ruler with diagonal seam and drawn lines, and trim to square up hourglass unit.



6. The final unit will be perfectly accurate.

Products used: Havel's Self-Healing Cutting Mat, Havel's $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric Ruler, and Havel's 45mm Rotary Cutter. Fabric from Abstract Collage collection by Ampersand for Paintbrush Studio Fabrics.



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