

Variations..

There are thousands of ways of arranging the triangles - try a few for yourself

The quilt would look good in just two fabrics - perhaps blue and white? You will need approx 1 metre of each colour.

You can make larger or smaller triangles for different effects. Cut your original squares about 1 inch bigger than the desired size, and don't forget that the finished blocks are 1/2 inch smaller each way once they are sewn together...

Add a really bold print for interest, or striped fabrics turned alternate ways for a subtle effect.

What you need

One Oakshott Snap Charm Pack of eighty squares of fabric - makes the front of the quilt

Or a total of approx 2 metres of assorted fabrics - cut into 5 inch squares

A piece of thin batting/wadding, preferably cotton
approx 36 by 44 inches

Fabric for backing and binding -
approx 1-1/4 metres

Square quilters' ruler and rotary cutter

Thread for piecing and quilting

Micro Pattern



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Many Triangles Quilt

Easy machine piecing to make a pretty and practical cot or wall quilt

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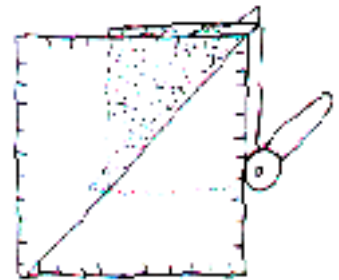
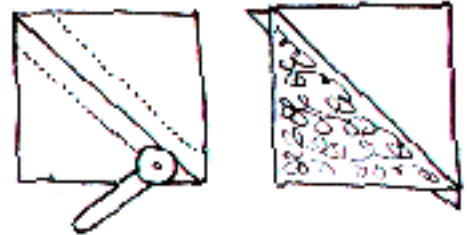
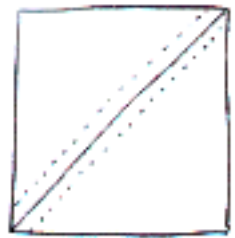
1. Put the squares together in pairs, face to face.

I took the top square from the pile and transferred it to the bottom, then picked up the squares in pairs all down the pile.
Or as you will...

2. Make your Half Square Triangles.

Use 1/4 inch seams throughout.
On the back of half of the squares, (on the lighter ones!) draw a line exactly between the corners, with pencil or quilt marking pen. Mark a line 1/4 inch away from the centre line on each side.
Sew along both these outer lines...

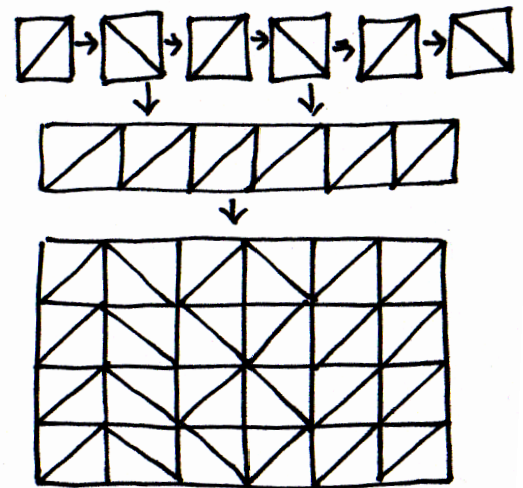
Cut the two halves apart along the centre line, using a cutter and ruler or scissors.
Press the resulting Half Square Triangles with the seam towards the darker colour...



3. If desired, or if your squares vary somewhat, trim to 4-1/2 inches (if very variable, to 4-1/4 inches). If you have sewn accurately you can omit this step..

Lay your square quilters' ruler on top of the pressed square, with the diagonal line on the ruler exactly on top of the diagonal seam. Check that you are allowing a little larger than the desired finished size, then trim the right and top sides (if you are left-handed, turn everything round and trim the left and top sides). Turn the square round so that the diagonal matches the ruler again, and trim the remaining two sides to the final size.

If you don't want to use a rotary cutter, mark with a pencil and cut as accurately as you can with scissors. A card template may help...



4. Arrange your squares to please your eye, and sew together into eight rows of ten, pressing the seams alternate ways in each row.

I have made the sample in "Broken Dishes" style, but there are many variations
Pin and sew the rows together, matching the points nicely..

5. Layer this panel with your batting and backing and quilt as desired. I usually start with the diagonals, then fill in with wiggly lines.

Trim to the edge of the patchwork.

6. Make the Binding

Cut 2-1/2 inch strips from the backing fabric (or another) to make the binding.
Join the strips into one long strip.
Press the seams open and press the binding in half, right-side out. Sew the binding to the edges of the quilt, mitreing the corners as shown.

Finish on the back by hand and proudly show off your work!

