Quarter-square Triangle

Instructions:

Explore the design possibilities that a single unit of four triangles can make, or plan something larger depending on your time and fabric stash.

To cut fabric quarter-square triangles any size you like, follow the simple formula: decide on the length of the longest side and cut squares of fabric adding a 3cm (1¼in) seam allowance to the square. Then cut the square into four triangles.
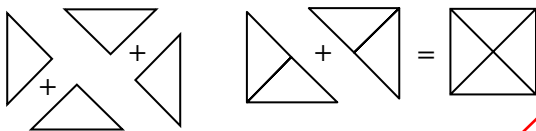
Stitching:

Stitch the triangles into squares first, then proceed to stitch these either into rows or to work in units.
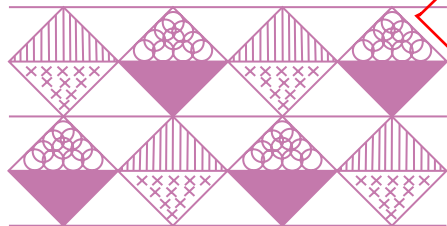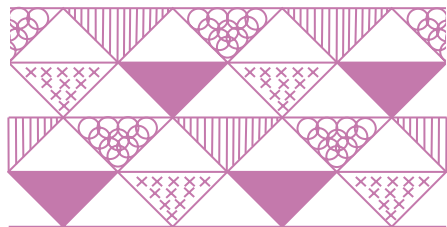
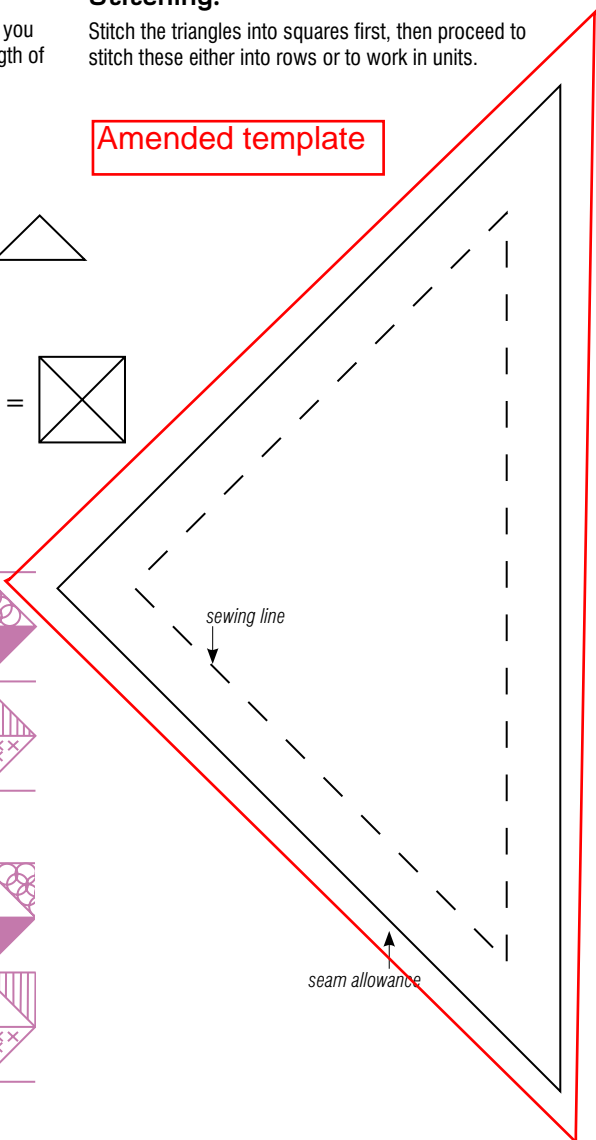**How to join the shapes:**

Option 1

Option 2

Design idea 1

Design idea 2

Amended template

sewing line

seam allowance

45° Diamond

Instructions:

Lots of interesting patterns can be created with this simple diamond, but the stitching is usually very straightforward.
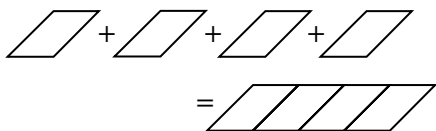
Stitching:

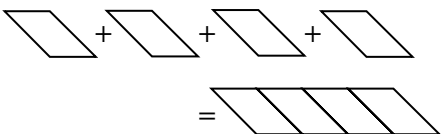This patch is most easily stitched in straight lines of rows of patches. Flip the shape over to create designs with more movement, such as the zigzag in Design idea 1 below.
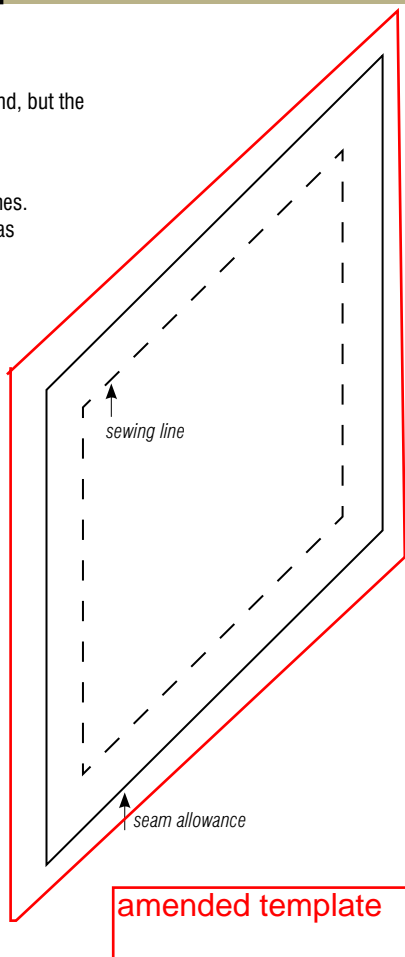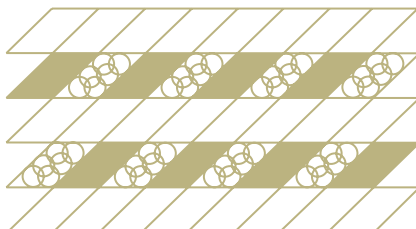
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Design idea 1
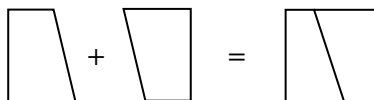

Design idea 2

Half-square

Instructions:

This is a great little shape that can make so many different quilts. When there is a stark contrast between the two patches in the square, many different combinations can be worked into quite different-looking designs.
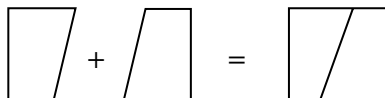
Stitching:

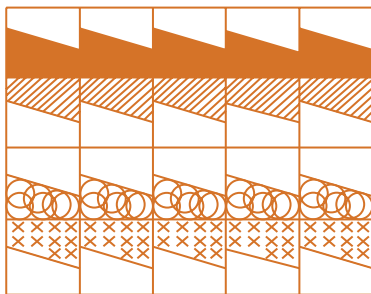Stitch the patches into squares before continuing to larger units or rows.

Design idea 1

Design idea 2

How to join the shapes:

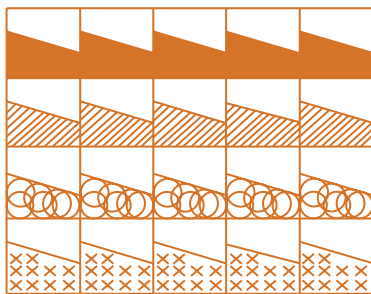*Option 1*

Option 2

seam allowance

amended template

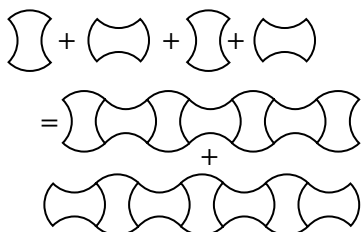sewing line

Apple Core

Instructions:

A great shape for practising your curved piecing and, once you get the knack, this patch will hold no fear. If it seems a bit daunting, then practise using a larger template before attempting a smaller shape.
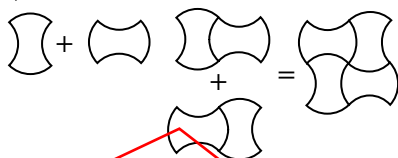
Stitching:

This is most easily worked in rows, or sew four patches together to make a square, then work these into rows.
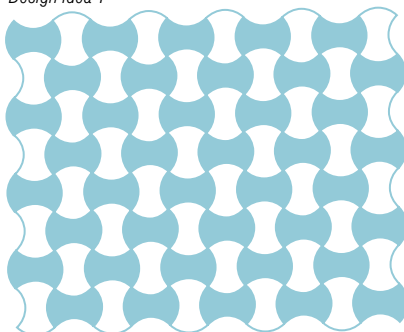
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