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HST trim-safe cutting chart

Starting squares and unfinished trim sizes for oversized two-at-a-time and Magic 8 half-square triangles.

Finished (in)	Trim (in)	Two: start (in)	Magic 8: start (in)
1	1.5	2	4
1.5	2	2.5	5
2	2.5	3	6
2.5	3	3.5	7
3	3.5	4	8
3.5	4	4.5	9
4	4.5	5	10
4.5	5	5.5	11
5	5.5	6	12
5.5	6	6.5	13
6	6.5	7	14

CHECK THE ASSUMPTIONS

Fixed quarter-inch seams; zero additional trim margin. This is an oversized trim method, not the smaller conventional formula.

Pair one square from each fabric. Two at a time makes 2 HSTs; Magic 8 makes 8. Round required pairs up, separately for each fabric combination.

Sew a test pair, press, then align the diagonal seam corner to corner and trim to the unfinished size. Finished size is measured at quilt seam lines.

Extra trim of 0.25 inch adds 0.25 inch to the small starting square and 0.5 inch to the Magic 8 starting square.

Planning reference, not a full-size pattern. Return online for your own dimensions.