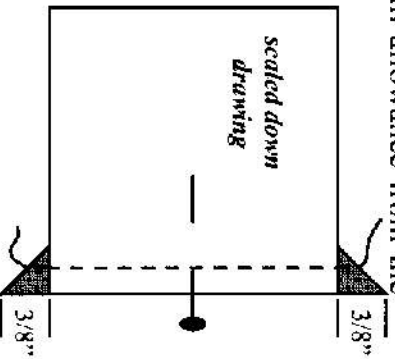


Piecing precision for Square-Within-a-Square and Similar Blocks

If you have had trouble with pieces fitting in the past it could have been because you eased the corner to meet the stitching line. When you do this, you are robbing valuable seam allowance from the next seam.

Match the center of the bias edge of the triangle with the center of the side of the square. Pin. The tips of the triangle will extend $3/8$ " beyond the edges of the square as shown at the right.

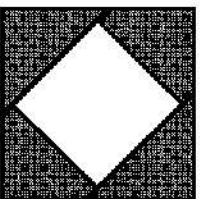
Stitch, as shown. Press the seam allowances toward the triangle. Repeat on the opposite side of the square.



scaled down
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$3/8$ "

$3/8$ "



Square-Within-a-Square Block

The actual size drawings will make a $3\ 1/2$ " finished size, square-within-a-square unit (4" with seam allowances still on the four sides). If you would like to do the exercise, cut the following:

- Center square: Cut one 3 " square.
- Dark triangles: Cut two $2\ 5/8$ " squares.

Cut the two dark squares once, diagonally, to make two half-square triangles from each.

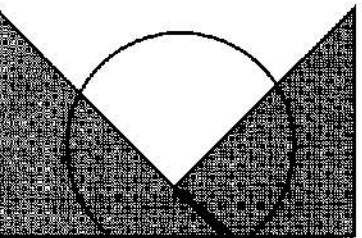


Sew the remaining triangles to the other two sides of the square.

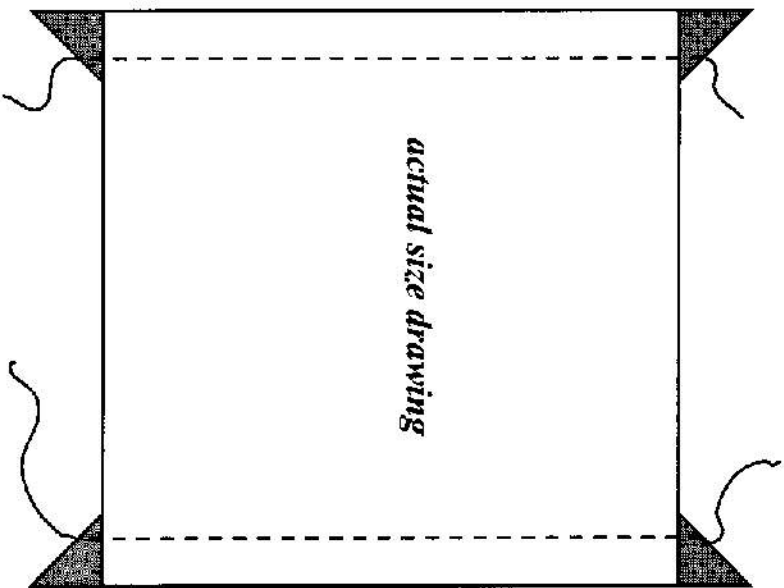
Notice: This time the pieces will meet at the seam line.

Press the seam allowances toward the triangles. Trim the dog ears.

This alignment will leave you with a perfect $1/4$ " seam allowance beyond the intersection of the stitching lines at all four corners of the center square.

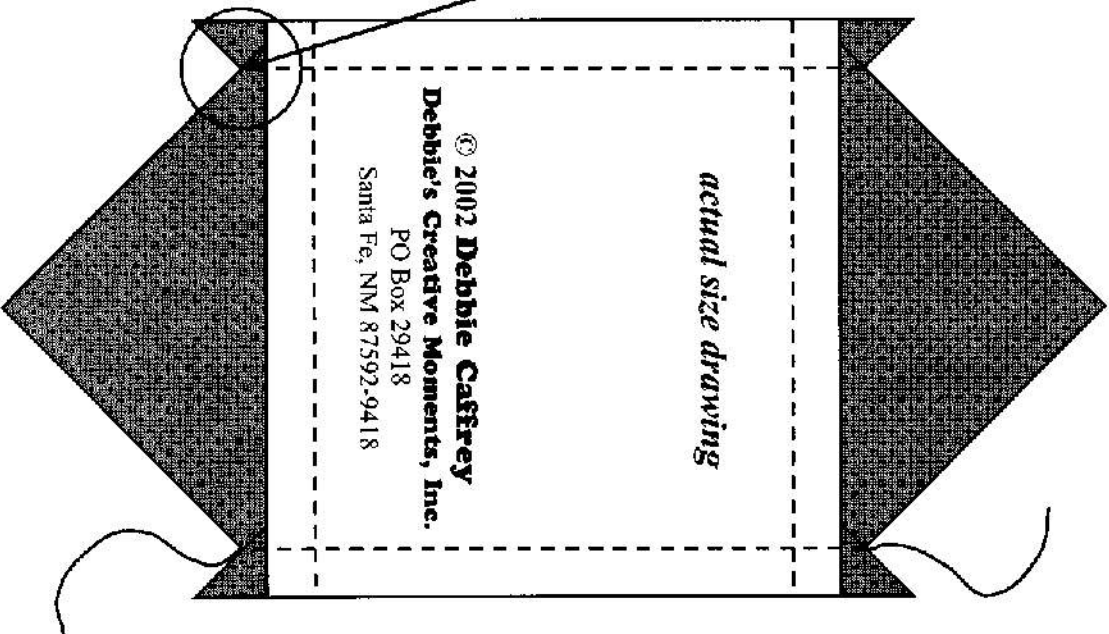


View in circle at the left is of the seam line intersection from the right side of the unit after the dog ears have been trimmed.



actual size drawing

actual size drawing



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