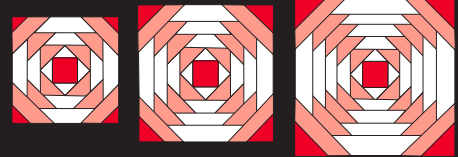


NON-SLIP Pineapple Trim Tool Mini



Create perfect 4", 5" or 6" finished Pineapple blocks. Since each round of strips is squared up before the next set is added, the blocks are perfectly square.

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Block size: 4", 5" or 6" finished blocks

Getting Started

The tool has corners on three sides and a 45° on one side. Centering squares and diagonal lines help with lining up the tool when trimming each round of strips. The white squares and lines are used to trim the 45° angles on the odd numbered rounds. The black squares and lines are used to trim and square up the even numbered rounds.

Cutting

Center Squares

Cut a precise 1½" square.

Strips

Cut the strips for rounds at least 1¼" x width of fabric (WOF). If you prefer to cut your strips to size for each round, measurements are as follows:

Round 1 – 1½"	Round 6 – 3"
Round 2 – 2"	Round 7 – 3¼"
Round 3 – 2½"	Round 8 – 3½"
Round 4 – 2¾"	Round 9 – 3¾"
Round 5 – 2¾"	Round 10 – 3¾"

Rabbit Ear Corners

Each size block is squared off with corner triangles (after the final round of strips has been added). Size of cut squares are as follows:

4" blocks - Cut 2" squares.
5" blocks - Cut 2½" squares.

6" blocks - Cut 3" squares, recut each square on the diagonal for the perfect corner.

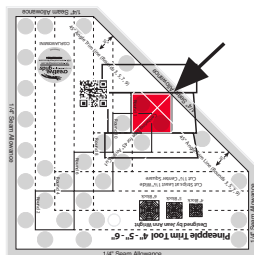
Sewing Tips

1. Sew all seams with a scant ¼" seam allowance. Seam allowances are always pressed toward the outside edge of the block. To complete a round sew a strip to each side of the center square. Sew strips to opposite sides of the square or in a clockwise rotation.

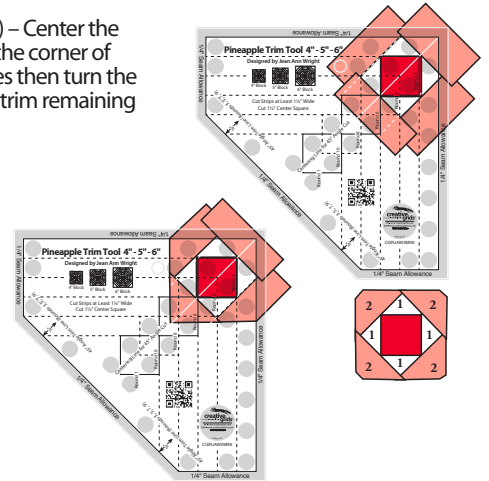
2. Finger press the strips as you sew each round. After all four strips in a round are stitched, press seams with an iron before trimming with the Pineapple Trim Tool.

Sewing 4" Blocks

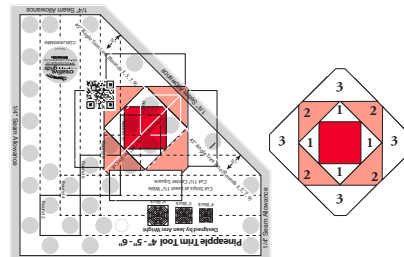
Round #1 1st Cut (angle) – Center the square on the outside edge of the 45° angle line on the center square of the stitched unit. Trimming 1 side at a time, trim all 4 sides.



Round #2 (straight) – Center the marked square on the corner of the ruler. Trim 2 sides then turn the unit a half turn and trim remaining 2 sides.

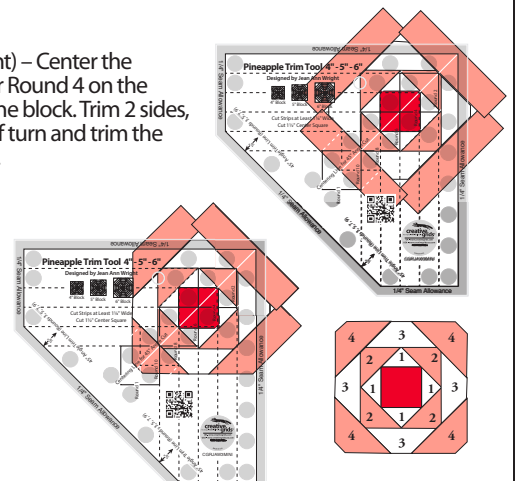


Round #3 (angle) – Position the 45° angle line parallel with the outside edge of the ruler on the stitched seam line of strip #2. (The 3 angled lines perpendicular to the angled edge of the ruler are additional guides to help position the ruler for all angled cuts.*) Trimming 1 side at a time, trim all 4 sides.

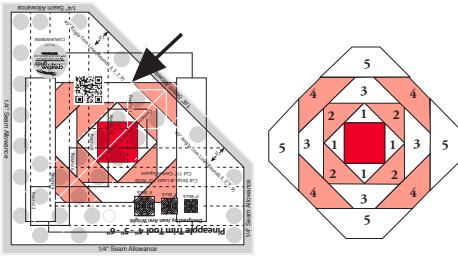


***Note:** The white marked center square lines up only for the first angled cut. This square will not line up on subsequent angled cuts.

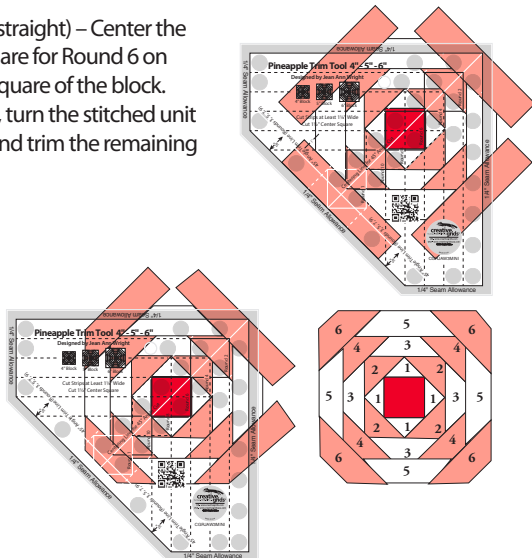
Round #4 (straight) – Center the marked square for Round 4 on the center square of the block. Trim 2 sides, turn the unit a half turn and trim the remaining 2 sides.



Round #5 (angle) – Position the angled line parallel with the outside edge of the ruler on the stitched seam line of strip #4. Trimming 1 side at a time, trim all 4 sides.

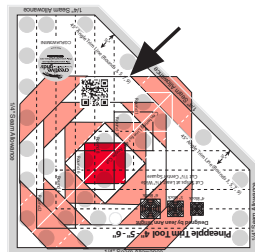


Round #6 (straight) – Center the marked square for Round 6 on the center square of the block. Trim 2 sides, turn the stitched unit a half turn and trim the remaining 2 sides.

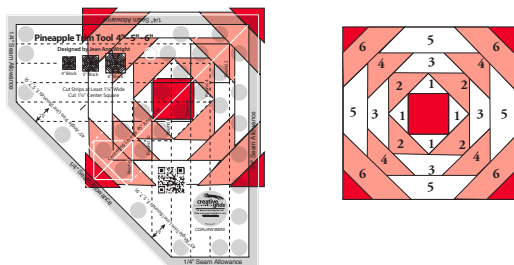


Finishing 4" Blocks

Corner Strip Trim – To finish the 4" block trim the outside edge of the strips in Round 6 to $\frac{3}{4}$ " using the 45° angle line on the ruler placing the trim line of the ruler on the seam line of the block to make an accurate cut. Trimming 1 side at a time, trim all 4 sides.



Corner Triangles – Add a 2" corner triangle to each trimmed corner strip. Use the Pineapple Trim Tool to square up for a 4" block. The block will actually measure 4½" including seam allowances.

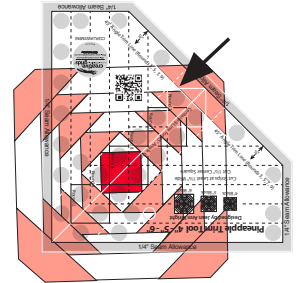


Sewing 5" Blocks

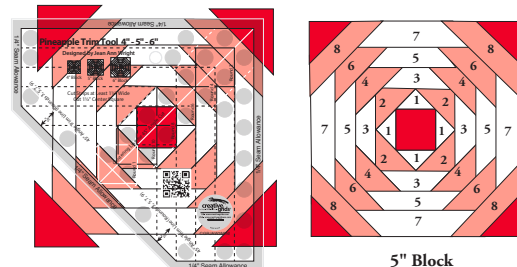
Sew the block the same as for the 4" block, stopping after Round 8.

Corner Strip Trim –

To finish the 5" block trim the outside edge of the strips in Round 8 to $\frac{3}{4}$ " using the 45° angle line on the ruler placing the trim line of the ruler on the seam line of the block to make an accurate cut. Trimming 1 side at a time, trim all 4 sides.



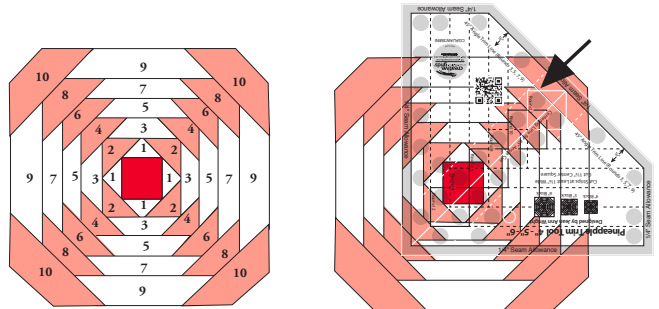
Corner Triangles – Add a 2½" corner triangle to each trimmed corner strip. Use the Pineapple Trim Tool to square up for a 5" block. The block will actually measure 5½" including seam allowances.



Sewing 6" Blocks

Sew the block the same as for the 5" block, stopping after Round 10.

Corner Strip Trim – To finish the 6" block trim the outside edge of the strips in Round 10 to $\frac{3}{4}$ " using the 45° angle line on the ruler placing the trim line of the ruler on the seam line of the block to make an accurate cut. Trimming 1 side at a time, trim all 4 sides.



Corner Triangles –

Add a 3" corner triangle to each trimmed corner strip. Use the Pineapple Trim Tool to square up for a 6" block. The block will actually measure 6½" including seam allowances.

