



Tree Farm

Edyta's Half Square Triangle Exchange

It's a Party! It's a great way to do some fast and easy sewing this Summer! We're going to have a half square triangle exchange, make up some quilts, then have a party with Laundry Basket Quilts designer Edyta Sitar to show and tell and win door prizes! Here's how it works:

For the sake of consistency, we'll make the triangles using 2" triangle paper on the roll. Don't use steam on this paper—it might distort. You'll sew your half-square triangles (HSTs) and cut them apart, but not press or take the paper off. **LEAVE THE PAPER ON!** Be sure to shorten your seam length to about half of what you usually stitch. The two fabrics should be right sides together and the paper should be on the light fabric.

We'll have little "twigs" with two fabric strips and the paper ready to sew for \$2.99. You may purchase these, or make up your own, but please use the same paper we are using for consistency (triangle paper rolls are available, and paper strips for 28 HSTs are available for 50¢). We would LOVE for you to purchase fabric from us, but you are also free to dig into your stash, as long as the fabrics are quilt shop quality. Be sure to check out the colors of our twigs—they are somewhat muted—ballerina slippers and flamingos won't work here! We reserve the right to return any triangles that won't work for the exchange.

You will return the HSTs in groups of 28, with each of the groups in a ziploc bag with your name and phone number on it. We'll log them in and keep track of how many you've returned. Get more "twigs" and sew some more! We'll continue to receive HSTs until Saturday, September 12. On Sunday, September 27, we'll start our Autumn off right with the distribution of the HSTs, which we've mixed and sorted out to each of you. If you turn in 280 HSTs, you'll get 280 back. You will probably get some of your blocks back, and you can always add to your exchanged blocks when you're working on your projects.

Now comes the fun and creative part! Depending on the pattern you choose, or make up, you may need anywhere from a few dozen to several hundred half square triangles! You can use the HSTs as blocks or sashings, settings or borders. You can also be ambitious and make more than one project. Make it your goal to complete your tops by the Party with Edyta in early March 2010. You have to participate to come to the party! There will be door prizes, and one lucky winner will receive a Laundry Basket full of gifts from Edyta.



Mountain Top

Remember:

- Don't steam paper
- Fabrics right sides together
- Paper against light side
- Shorten stitch length
- Don't press HSTs or take the paper off
- Turn in HSTs in groups of 28

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