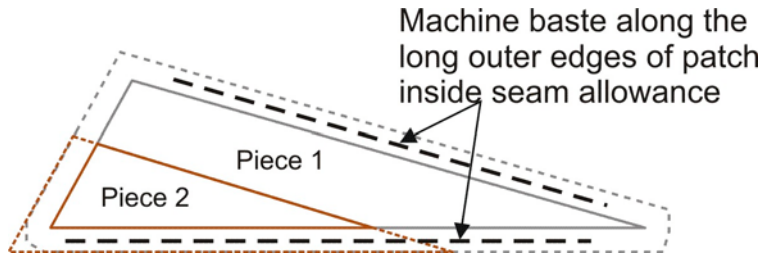


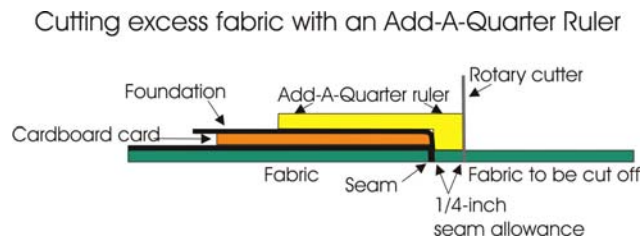
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Foundation Piecing Hint #2 ACHIEVING GREATER ACCURACY WHEN SEWING PATCHES TOGETHER

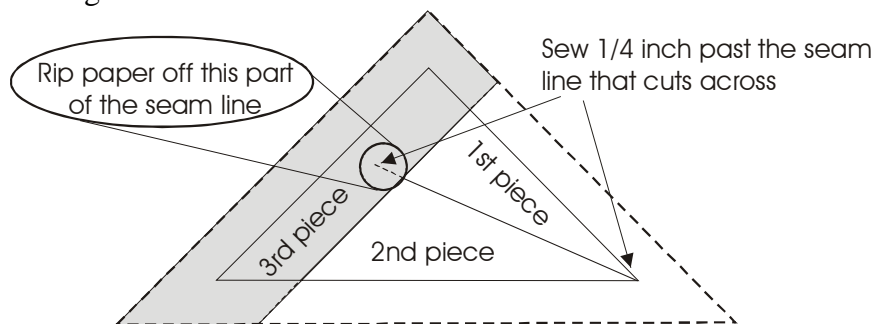
- To anchor the first piece and for long exposed sides of patches, machine-baste (at a setting of 3.5 or 4) inside the seam allowance so the fabric won't shift when assembling.



- Use a 6-inch *Add-A-Quarter* ruler to line up with a post card for cutting seam allowances.



- Stitch length can stay at normal (2.5) for water-soluble stabilizer but if you are using regular paper that will be removed later, you must use a very short stitch (1.5) to facilitate ripping the paper out later.
- Be very fussy about keeping the needle in the middle of the sew line. Even a hair to the side of the center of the line can make a difference when putting the foundations together.
- Long triangular pieces can be tricky to place accurately. Place piece against foundation and hold up to the light to check for alignment.



- When you sew a seam that will be crossed by the next piece, go past the end of the seam line $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. If you go further, you may have trouble ripping the paper off the seam line when you fold the paper back over the card when cutting the seam allowance.