

Square Points

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When sewing to create square corners, most pattern instructions tell the sewer to stitch, pivot 90 degrees and continue stitching. They further instruct the sewer to trim off the corner point seam allowance before turning the corner right side out. But, by doing so how many times has a perfectly square corner resulted? In my experience, not many.

Step 1 — Stitching the corner, step 1



I no longer trim my corners before I turn them. I also don't sew and pivot 90 degrees. Instead I stitch off the end of the first side of the corner seam. Then I turn the fabric 90 degrees and stitch in the other direction. This creates a perfect 90 degree turn in the stitching.

Step 2 — Restitch the corner, step 2



To ensure a tight corner, I re-stitch the turn, using the pivot method, starting and ending about an inch from the turn. The original stitching provides a convenient guide to know when to pivot, creating a perfect 90 degree turn.

Step 3 — Insert thumb into corner



Depending on the weight and bulk of the seam I may trim the seam down a bit, but I never cut off the corner as most instructions advise. Instead, I place my thumb into the corner, between the layers of fabric. I then fold one side of the corner seam allowance downward along the seam line and hold it in place.

Step 4 — Fold down other seam allowance



With my fore finger and thumb together I fold down the other seam allowances to form the 90 degree square.

Step 5 — Turn corner right side out



Holding the folded seam allowances together, I turn the corner right side out. Voila, the corner point should be a clean 90 degrees.

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