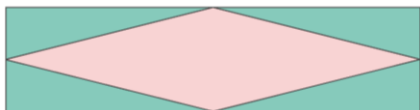


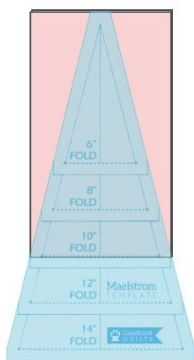
# Introducing the Maelstrom template

The Maelstrom is a simple one-piece template that - when combined with a square in a square block - enables you to create the perfect frame for **6" 8" 10" 12" and 14"** blocks that start with simple **squares** and **rectangles**.



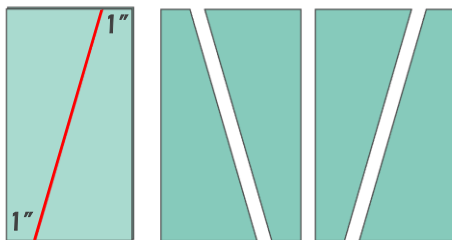
Let's learn how by first making a **2½" x 10"** side unit...

Finished Size	Cut <u>1</u> centre rectangle	Cut <u>2</u> corner rectangles
1½" x 6"	2" x 6½"	3" x 4"
2" x 8"	2½" x 8½"	3" x 5"
2½" x 10"	3" x 10½"	3½" x 6"
3" x 12"	3½" x 12½"	3½" x 7"
3½" x 14"	4" x 14½"	4" x 8"



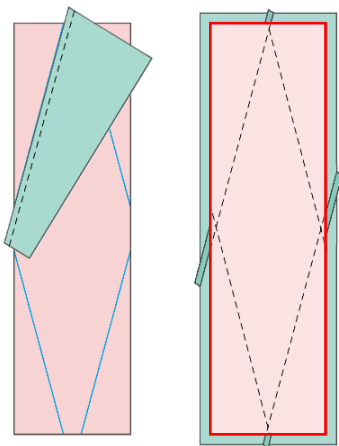
**1.** First **fold the centre rectangle in half** *wrong-sides-together* and line up the 10" dotted line on the Maelstrom template with the folded edge and corners. Using the template as your guide **mark placement lines** (with pencil or pen) then turn the folded rectangle to the other side and repeat.

**2.** Place two corner rectangles right-sides-together.



Trim them with a diagonal cut, **offsetting the cut by 1"** from opposite corners, to produce four oversized mirror image side pieces.

Whatever the size of your side rectangles, you will **always offset the diagonal cut by 1"** from opposite corners.

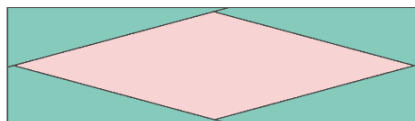


3. Place a trimmed side piece right-side-down on the marked placement line right-sides-together and **stitch with a 1/4" seam**.

Press the side piece 'open' and repeat with the remaining three side pieces.

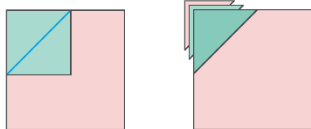
4. Turn the block to the wrong side and trim to size **using the centre rectangle as your guide**. The centre rectangle acts as a foundation for the block, but now that your corner pieces are stitched and trimmed you can also trim away the back layer of fabric to reduce bulk.

Your block will measure 3" x 10 1/2"  
(2 1/2" x 10" finished size).



Now let's make a matching 2 1/2" square in a square corner unit...

Finished Size	Cut 1 centre square	Cut 4 corner squares
1 1/2" sq	2" sq	1 1/4" sq
2" sq	2 1/2" sq	1 1/2" sq
2 1/2" sq	3" sq	1 3/4" sq
3" sq	3 1/2" sq	2" sq
3 1/2" sq	4" sq	2 1/4" sq



5. Mark a diagonal line on the back of a 1 3/4" corner square and pin right-sides-together to the corner of the 3" square. **Stitch on the line** and then press 'open' before trimming away the back layers 1/4" away from the seam. Repeat on the remaining three corners.

For painless point matching use the holes on the template to **mark the 1/4" seam allowance**.

