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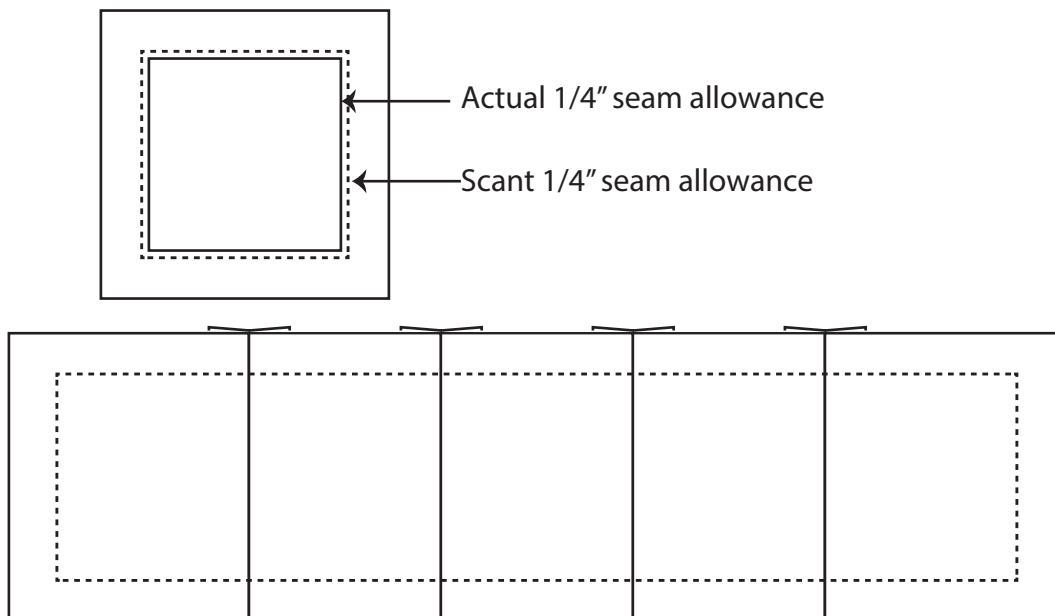
Perfect Piecing Class Kelly Gallagher-Abbott Jukebox Quilts

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Accurate Seam Allowances

Super accurate seam allowances are extremely important. The most accurate seam allowance actually is less than 1/4". This is referred to as a scant 1/4" seam allowance. This scant 1/4" compensates for the fabric taken up in the fold and around the thread when you press your seams. Confirm that your stitching is a scant 1/4" by doing the following.

In your kit are several 1 1/2" squares cut on a laser cutter. Take five of these, and sew them together. Press the seams open. The finished set of five should measure EXACTLY 5 1/2".



If your set does not measure 5 1/2", adjust your seam allowance and try with another five pieces of fabric until it does. If you've adjusted your needle position, make a note of that position on the sewn fabrics and keep these with your machine (tuck it in with the accessories). If you adjusted where the fabrics are fed under the presser foot, use painter's tape or an adhesive seam guide on your needle plate to mark this new seam allowance. Do all of your piecing using this guide, and your finished blocks should be much more accurate.