



Y- Seam Construction

Often feared, a y-seam is created when three seams come together to create a “y” intersection. It is used in such blocks as tumbling blocks, lone star, Lemoyne star and carpenter’s wheel.



The first step in constructing a y (or inset) seam is to make a mark at the $\frac{1}{4}$ ” intersection along the bias edge of the base pieces that will form the “y”. Starting precisely at the marked intersection, lock the beginning stitches and sew the remainder of the bias seam. Press the seam open.



The corner piece is attached in a continuous seam with a series of steps where the stitching stops at the base of the “y”, pivoting with the needle down, repositioning the fabric, and completing the seam. With the corner square right side up, align the right side of the first edge of the prepared “y” section with the top and right edges of the corner square. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ ” seam, stopping with the needle down just past the first “y” section. The needle should be just touching the first top fabric, centred in the opening of the first seam, but only piercing the corner fabric.



With the needle still in the down position, raise the presser foot and reposition the top and bottom fabrics to align the rest of the “y” seam. Ensure that both the right edges and bottom edges are aligned and that the second piece of the top layer has been abutted with the needle. Sew the remainder of the seam.

The completed seam should be pressed away from the corner square.

