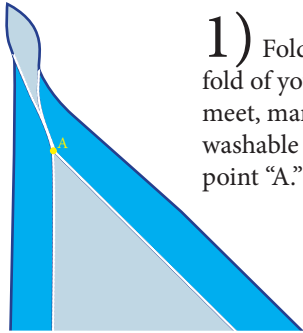


Mitered Hems

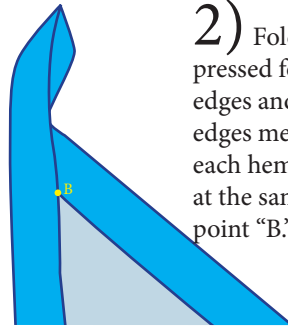
These steps should be done after pressing both folds of your hems, but before sewing the hems.

If working with an already-sewn-in hem, you'll need to unpick several inches of hem on either side of the corners so that you have unhemmed edges to fold and work with.

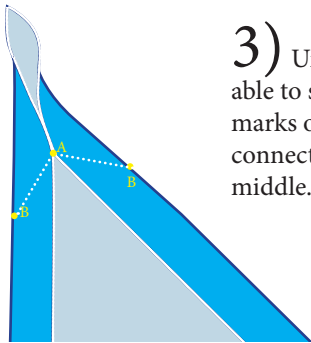
This technique should work with all angles; right, acute, or obtuse.



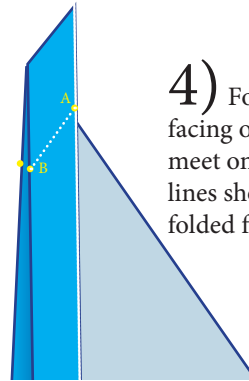
1) Fold both edges along the first pressed fold of your hems. Where the two raw edges meet, mark the fabric with something washable (pencil, chalk, etc.). We'll call this point "A."



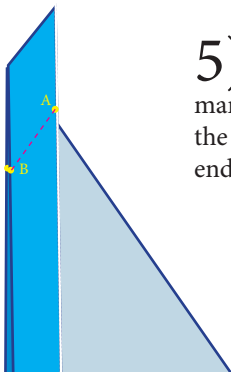
2) Fold both edges again along the second pressed fold of your hems, encasing your raw edges and hiding point A. Where these two edges meet, mark the fabric on the edge of each hem. These two marks (which should be at the same spot right now) will both be called point "B."



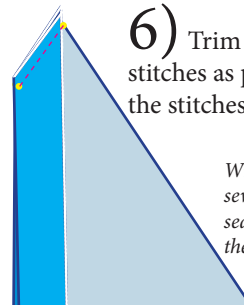
3) Unfold the second fold. You should be able to see point A again, and both point B marks on each edge. Draw a straight line, connecting each point B to the point A in the middle.



4) Fold the whole corner so the hems are facing outwards, and both point B marks meet on the outer edge. The marked B-to-A lines should line up on either side of your folded fabric.

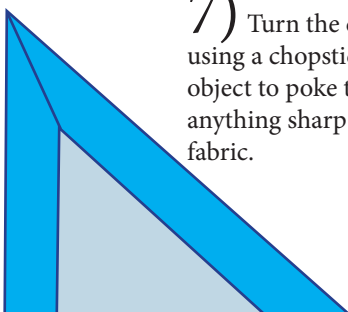


5) Sew a line of straight stitches along your marked B-to-A line, being sure to backstitch at the beginning and end of this line to lock the ends in place. Trim the ends of your thread.

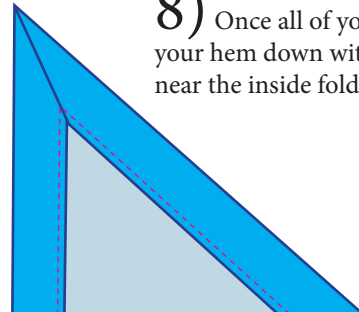


6) Trim off as much excess beyond the stitches as possible, without getting so close to the stitches as to cause unraveling.

With particularly loosely woven fabric, you can sew a tight line of zigzag stitches within this seam allowance to prevent unraveling through the corner, but this will add bulk to the corner.



7) Turn the corner right-side-out again, using a chopstick or similarly blunt but narrow object to poke the corner out. Avoid using anything sharp that could poke through the fabric.



8) Once all of your corners are mitered, sew your hem down with a line of straight stitches near the inside fold of your hem.