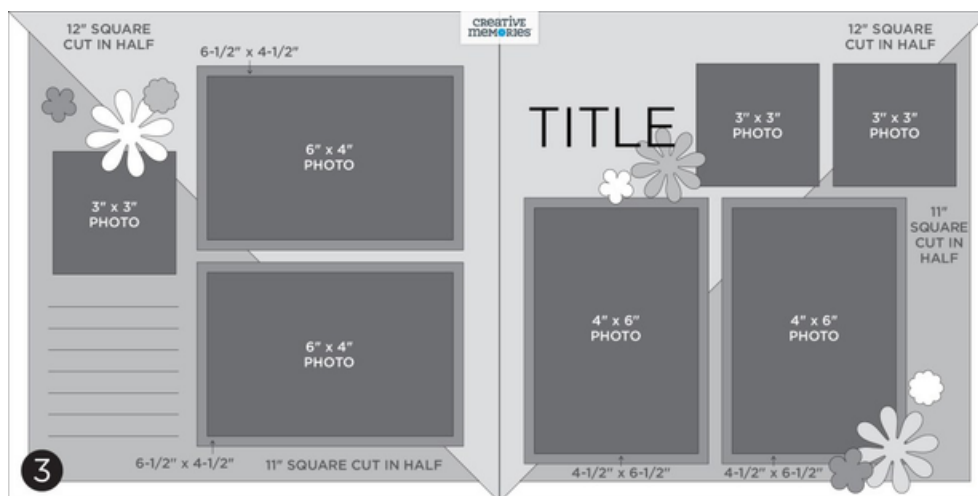




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TIPS FOR CUTTING A LONG DIAGONAL

Fold/Cut – *May leave a folded line on your paper*

- Fold a large square in half diagonally to create a triangle.
- Place the folded triangle in your trimmer with the point centered on the dashed cutting line.
- Cut using the blade of your choice.

12" Ruler, Pencil, Scissors – *no fold lines, but requires steady hand for cut*

- Use the ruler to find and lightly mark the center point of your paper.
- Draw a light pencil line from one corner to the center point. Repeat from the opposite corner to complete the diagonal line.
- Cut along the pencil line with scissors.

18" Ruler with Handheld Rotary Trimmer – *no fold line, but requires extra tools*

- Position the 18" ruler along the diagonal where you want to cut.
- Hold the ruler firmly in place and carefully guide the handheld rotary trimmer along its edge to cut the paper.

SKETCH INSIGHTS

Working With Directional Papers

- If you cut both 12" triangles from the same sheet of paper, choose a non-directional pattern. One of the triangles will be rotated 90 degrees when placed on the layout.
- The same consideration applies to the 11" triangles.

Alternative: Use Two Sheets of the Same Paper

- Cut two sheets of the same paper in half diagonally.
- Use one triangle from each sheet, flipping the lower triangle over to show the reverse side.
- Trim the lower triangle as needed to create the effect shown in the sketch.

This works best when at least one side of the paper has a non-directional pattern. Before cutting, check the direction of both sides of your paper to make sure they will work in the finished layout.