

Rotary Cutting
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Rulers

- Omnigrid with yellow lines easiest to see
- Don't use grid lines to cut, only to line up bottom of fabric
- Use rulers from same company for consistent measuring
- To keep from slipping – Invisigrip sticks to ruler, Qtools – strips the width of 2 layers of fabric– butt fabric, painter's tape

Cutters

- Blade should be on side next to hand
- 10 mm – small
- 60 mm – large
- Come in plastic, metal, ergonomic grips
- Clean blades with drip of machine oil around screw shaft; oil should be clear, not cloudy

Cutting

- Line up fold of fabric with grid lines
- Line up ruler with straight edge
- Begin cutting before edge of fabric
- Once you have straight edge, you can double fabric – 4 layers
- To avoid bowing, stick to 2 layers
- Keeping finger on fabric, walk hand up ruler

- Some rulers have edge to line up with straight edge of mat (JoAnn, etc.)
- When cutting, line up fabric RIGHT on edge mark of ruler
- If cut width is wider than ruler, use 2 rulers to add width, squaring up
- Replace rulers when they get out of square or lines wear off

Diagonal Cuts

- Line up angle with straight edge
- Then measure width from straight edge
- Cut degree of angle then match angle for other cuts
- Or use triangle rulers
- Can also do squares and cut once or twice