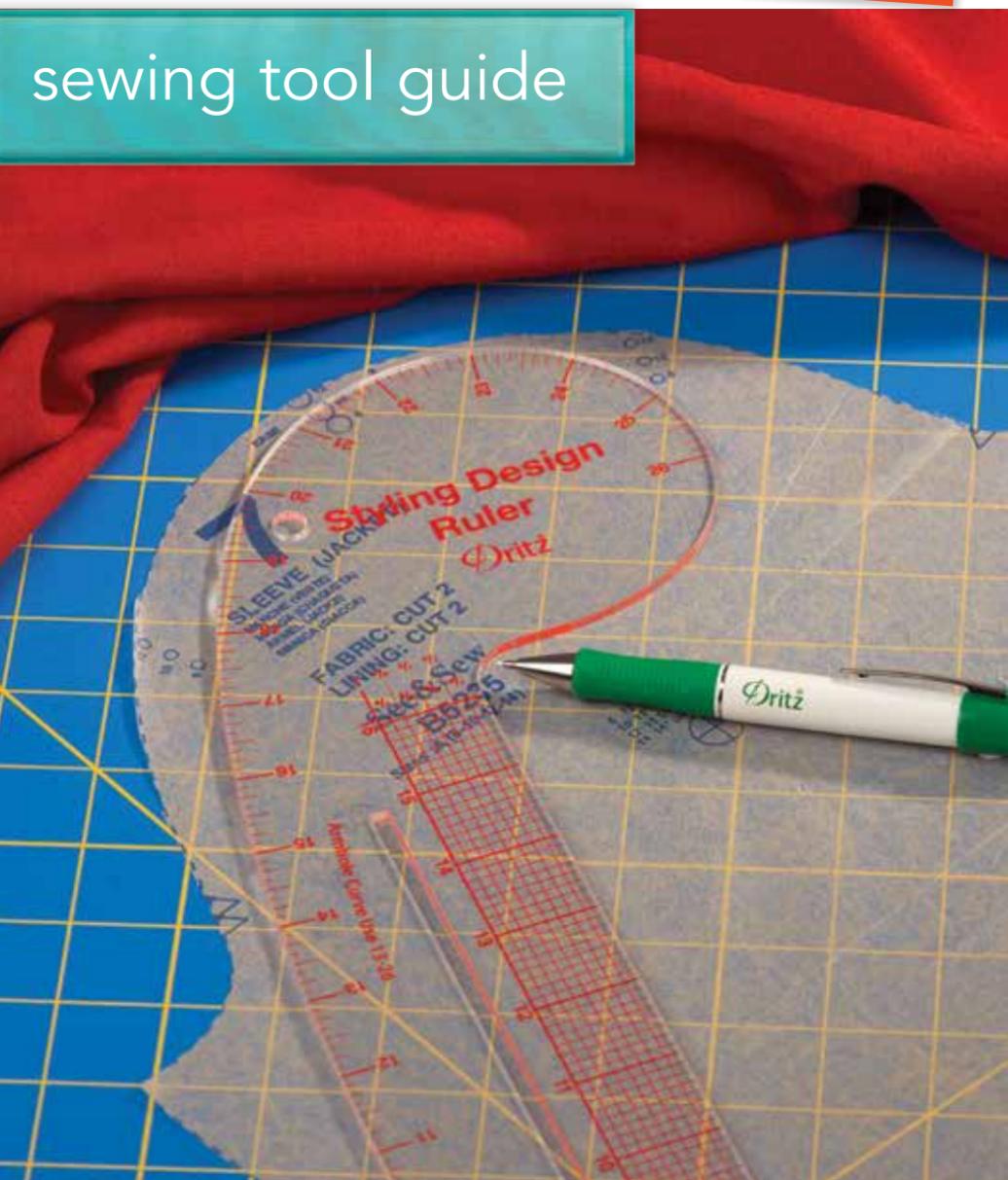


FREE

sewing tool guide



Creative Ideas from Jo-Ann

more projects, tips & techniques at Joann.com

Measuring

Accuracy in measuring is as important today as when the first tape measure was introduced during the War of 1812. Each measuring device has characteristics inherent to its design, specific to its task. There is a tool to make measuring easy and accurate, whether hemming a pair of pants or measuring for a home décor project.



GAUGES

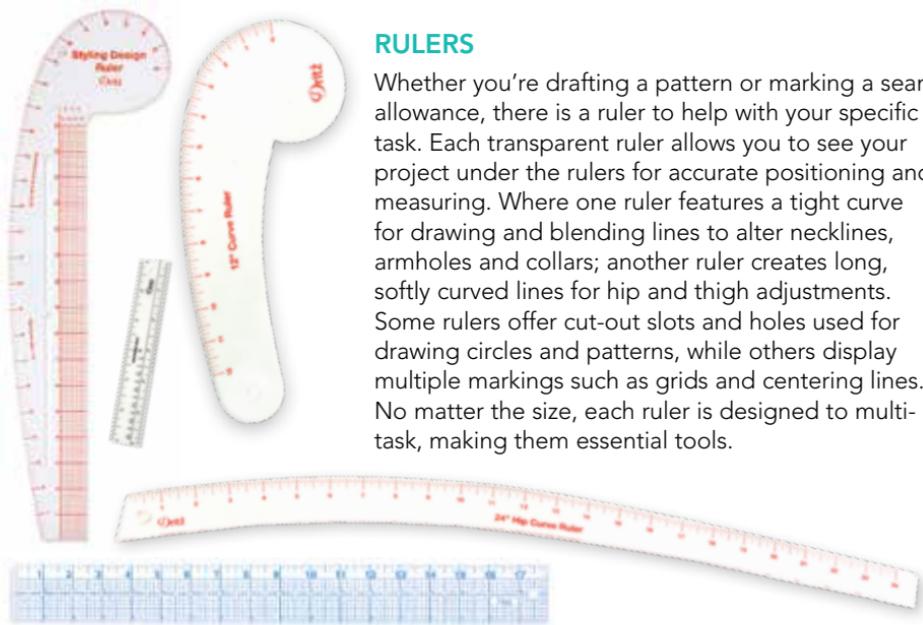
The Ezy-Hem[®] Gauge has markings to measure curved or straight hems. Simply fold fabric over the edge and press directly onto gauge.

Multipurpose 6" and 7" sewing gauges have a sliding indicator to mark a specific measurement. The small size and clear markings make them ideal to repeat measurements on hems and seam allowances and for spacing tucks, pleats and buttonholes. The longer gauge includes a point turner that can be used to push out corners on collars, lapels, cuffs, pockets and waistbands.



RULERS

Whether you're drafting a pattern or marking a seam allowance, there is a ruler to help with your specific task. Each transparent ruler allows you to see your project under the rulers for accurate positioning and measuring. Where one ruler features a tight curve for drawing and blending lines to alter necklines, armholes and collars; another ruler creates long, softly curved lines for hip and thigh adjustments. Some rulers offer cut-out slots and holes used for drawing circles and patterns, while others display multiple markings such as grids and centering lines. No matter the size, each ruler is designed to multi-task, making them essential tools.



Marking

Accurately marking a design or transferring a construction detail to a sewing project can make the difference between success and failure. Choose a marking tool that is appropriate for the fabric. Test on a scrap of the same fabric as the project to ensure the marking does not damage the fabric and that the marks can be removed properly.

PENCILS

No matter the style, traditional wooden or refillable mechanical, pencils are used to mark construction details such as darts, pleats and buttonholes. Select the color of lead that will contrast with your fabric color and be clearly visible. Marks can be removed with a brush, water or eraser.



PENS

Pens are formulated with special ink, perfect for marking construction details and guidelines for surface embellishments.

Water-soluble ink can be removed with plain water. Air-soluble ink will disappear in 24 to 72 hours or can be removed sooner with water. Only use pens on washable fabrics, never on dry-clean-only fabrics.



CHALK

Chalk is a classic marking tool and works on various types of fabrics because it is easily removed. Tailor's chalk is in a solid form and can be used alone or placed in a plastic holder. A chalk sharpener removes rough edges and nicks, and creates a fine, even edge. Chalk wheels provide a powdered form of chalk and are refillable. The tiny wheel rolls smoothly across the fabric and disperses an even, fine line of chalk.



TRACING PAPER & WHEELS

Tracing paper is ideal for marking stitching lines, placement lines and darts. The wax-free paper is available in multiple colors and is either single- or double-sided.



Tracing wheels are the tools used to transfer markings through tracing paper to fabric. A serrated tracing wheel makes dotted markings and is used for marking multiple layers and bulky fabrics. Use a smooth tracing wheel for marking lightweight, delicate and



Ergonomic Sewing Tools

Hands that ache from arthritis or carpal tunnel syndrome, due to repeated use of sewing tools, demand ergonomic engineering. Some of the most frequently used tools have a new ergonomic design with soft-grip features that make them easier to hold and handle with comfort.

TRACING WHEEL

The proper way to use a tracing wheel is with the index finger extended along the top edge of the handle. The ergonomic tracing wheel is designed with a gently curved handle that follows the natural form of the hand.



SEAM RIPPERS

No matter the sewing skill level, from time to time all sewers reach for a seam ripper to practice the task of reverse sewing. The ergonomic seam rippers have a conical shape with soft finger grips that provide a comfortable grip. The handles can be extended by attaching the transparent cap to the base of the handle. Depending on the project and preferences, choose the shorter handle with a fine blade or the larger handles with a heavy duty blade.



AWL

An awl is used to pierce a hole in a variety of materials from fleece and leather to wood. The awl has a soft cushion cap that provides support to the hand when significant pressure is applied at odd angles. The cap is removable and can be placed over the sharp point for protection when not in use. The closed tool can also sit on the work surface within reach for the next use.



Helpful Sewing Tools

Tools are designed to accomplish specific tasks. Use of the correct tool makes completing the project easier and quicker.

FLEXIBLE YARDSTICK

This 36" yardstick is made from flexible, non-stretch fiberglass. The shorter length is easy to handle and is ideal for smaller projects. The front markings include yardage markings, and the back features a centering ruler with markings 0-18".



GETTA GRIP® CLIPS



These lightweight, easy-to-use clips will not leave marks on fabric or create holes in specialty fabrics. They are ideal for laces and satins, stretch knits, metallic fabrics, chiffon, rubber, leather and furs. Use them for garment sewing: shaping darts, creating pleats, pinning up hems and holding seam allowances together when using a sewing machine or a serger. Use them also for fitting, draping, alterations, quilt binding, knitting, scrapbooking and more.

Getta Grip® Clips were designed and patented by Paul Gallo of Gallofornia. Patent No. US8,348,251 B2.

SEAM-FIX™

Use the seam ripper to remove stitches, and the innovative rubbery tip to grab and "erase" loose threads away.



Courtesy of Dritz®

Please read & follow all manufacturers' instructions for all tools & materials used. Provide adult supervision if children participate in this project.
#047-8638

©Jo-Ann Stores, LLC 2016

JO-ANN
fabric and craft stores®