



Directions:

1. Press the fabric. Lay the fabric facedown on the cutting mat, selvage edges parallel to the mat. Fold the fabric wrong sides together to match the selvages (see Photo A).
2. Fold the fabric in half again and align the fold with the selvages. Lightly crease the folds by hand.
3. To ensure straight cuts, align a large acrylic ruler along the bottom fold of the fabric. Align the 1" mark on a second ruler with the fold of the fabric, leaving a small amount of fabric under the ruler edge for trimming (see Photo B). Remove the first ruler. Use the second ruler as a guide (see Photo C) and the rotary cutter to trim away the fabric edge.

To cut strips:

1. Align the desired width mark on the ruler with the edge of the fabric. Hold the ruler firmly in place with one hand, one finger resting on the mat for stability. *Note: Some quilters arch their hand; some hold the ruler with their hand almost flat. Hold the ruler so it is comfortable for you and in a manner that prevents slipping and ensures that the blade does not come in contact with your fingers.*
2. Hold the rotary cutter in the opposite hand with the blade next to the edge of the ruler. Roll the blade across the fabric for a clean cut (see Photo D).

To cut squares:

Turn the cutting mat clockwise 90 degrees. Align the same width mark used to cut the strip (see Photo E) along the fabric edge, ensuring that the top and bottom edges of the strip are accurately aligned. For example, align the 2-1/2" mark along the left edge of the 2-1/2" strip and roll the cutting blade along the edge of the ruler to cut accurate 2-1/2" squares.

To cut rectangles:

Align the desired measurement on the ruler with the lower edge of the strip to cut rectangles. For example, align the 4-1/2" mark along the lower edge of the 2-1/2" strip and roll the cutter blade along the edge of the ruler to cut 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles (see Photo F). *Note: Check your pattern to determine whether measurements include seam allowances. If not, add 1/4" to each outside edge of the strips, squares or rectangles before cutting.*

To cut half-square triangles (two triangles from one square):

Align the edge of the ruler diagonally with opposing corners (see Photo G) and cut along the ruler edge for two half-square triangles.

Rotary Cutting continued



Photo A

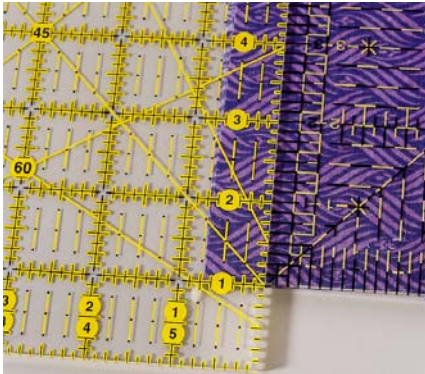


Photo B



Photo C

Directions continued:

To make a 4" finished half-square triangle block:

1. Cut a 4-7/8"-wide fabric strip.
2. Cut a 4-7/8" square from the strip.
3. Cut the square in half diagonally as shown in Photo G.
4. Join two 4-7/8" half-square triangles to make one 4-1/2" triangle-square, which finishes to 4" square when joined to additional 4-1/2" blocks. *Note: To figure cutting measurements that include seam allowances, add 7/8" to the finished size of the half-square triangle block before cutting the square.*

To cut quarter-square triangles (four triangles from one square):

1. Align the ruler diagonally with opposing corners and rotary-cut in half.
2. Keep the triangles together; reposition the ruler along the opposite corners and cut again (see Photo H).
3. Sew four quarter-square triangles together to make one square.

To make a 4" finished quarter-square triangle block:

1. Cut a 5-1/4"-wide fabric strip.
2. Cut a 5-1/4" square from the strip.
3. Cut the square in diagonal quarters (in an X) as shown in Photo H.
4. Sew together four 5-1/4" quarter-square triangles to make one 4-1/2" quarter-square triangle block, which finishes to 4" square when joined to additional 4-1/2" blocks. *Note: To figure cutting measurements that include seam allowances, add 1-1/4" to the finished size of the quarter-square triangle block before cutting the square.*

To cut fabric wider than the ruler length:

Align the ruler along the fabric to cut as you would for strips. Cut along the length of the ruler, nearly to the end. Leave the rotary cutter in place on the fabric and slide the ruler ahead several inches, aligning the ruler edge with the cut fabric edge. Continue cutting and sliding the ruler along the fabric edge to cut the length of fabric needed.

Skill Level: Some experience helpful

Approximate Crafting Time: 2 hours

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Photo D

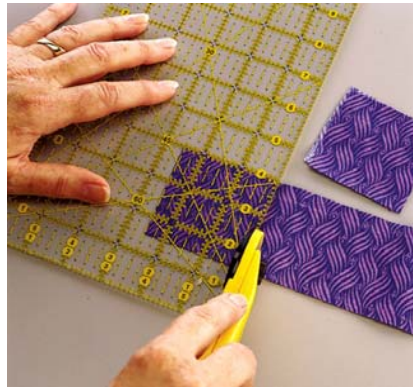


Photo E



Photo F



Photo G



Photo H