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Rotary Cutting.

1. Place the cutting board on a table large enough to support the length of fabric. Place the rotary cutter and ruler to one side.

Keep the safety cover over the blade when you are not using it to prevent injuring yourself.



Figure 1.

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2. Fold the fabric in half along the length of the fabric right sides together with the selvages together.

Smooth the fabric so it lies flat.

Place a square ruler along the edge of the fabric, the measuring lines on the ruler should follow the direction of the grain of fabric that runs from the top to the bottom of the fabric.

Place the longer ruler across the fabric lining it up with square ruler this will make sure the top of the fabric will be straight. Figure 2. Remove the square ruler without moving the long ruler.

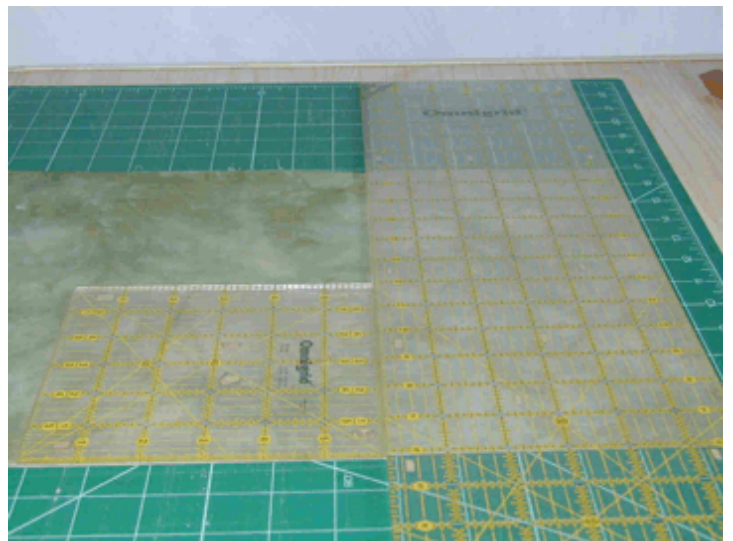


Figure 2.



3. Take the safety cover off the rotary cutter.

Place the flat of your hand in the middle of the ruler to keep it in place.

Hold the cutter in your other hand keeping your wrist straight. Slide the cutter up to the edge of the ruler this prevents you from nicking the edge of the ruler or the cutter sliding across the ruler into your hand. Figure 3.

Push the cutter along the side of the ruler, the blade is very sharp and may not need a lot of pressure to cut the fabric. But it may take a few tries to get the pressure correct so the fabric is cut.

Once the fabric has been cut cover the blade with the safety cover.



Figure 3.

4. The first cut will give you a strip of fabric that can be cut into smaller pieces.

Place the ruler's measuring line for the required width on the edge of the fabric and as shown before cut the fabric. Figure 4.

This is a quick way to cut fabric. Figure 5 shows a square cut from a longer strip.



Figure 4.

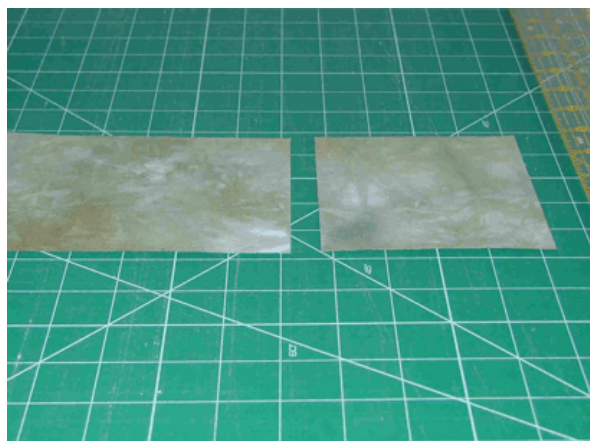


Figure 5.