

First Monday Sew-day!

December 2, 2019

Rotary Cutting:

If your ruler has small gaps (like dotted lines), use them to help you place the ruler exactly on the fold, or exactly on the edge of the fabric.

Re-align every few cuts when doing WOF (Width of Fabric) cutting.

Watch for sales/coupon so you can replace your blades often, and when you do, put a drop of oil on the blade/screw assembly.

Quarter-inch Seams:

Using a small ruler, check the distance from your needle to the 1/4" mark. If it's not accurate, place a small piece of tape to mark the distance. It should actually be a **scant** quarter-inch, not a **fat** quarter-inch.

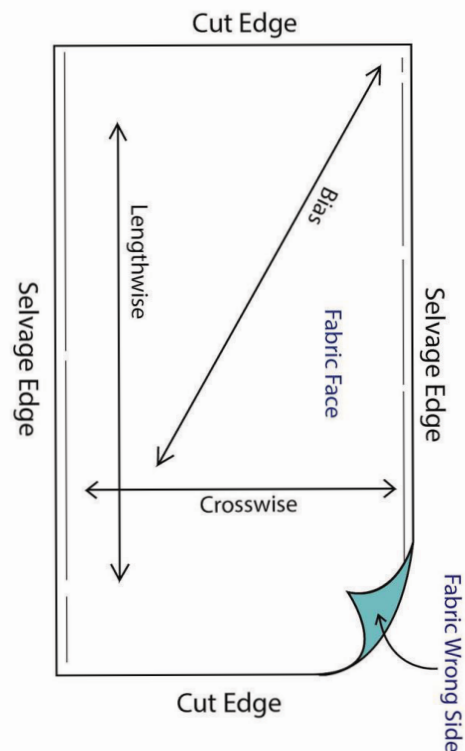
Now sew two 2.5" squares together. Press. After seaming, they should measure 4.5 inches wide. If not, adjust your tape or needle position, then try again.

What you are doing is allowing for the turn of the fabric. Some fabrics are skinny, some are thicker and that will impact your precision. Most of the time I set it and forget it.

Pressing:

We press in quilting, not iron. I like to use steam, but some do not. When using steam, you can shape (and also distort) your fabric, so don't be too aggressive. I also like to keep some dimension and texture in my fabric, so I usually don't press the life out of my seams.

Choosing Colors:



Fabric Terms: