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NON-SLIP Stripology® Quarters Mini

The Stripology® Quarters Mini Ruler has slits every 1/4", perfect to work with small units. There are markings to cut in 1/8" increments as well as a Turn-a-Round feature for trimming blocks and block parts in 1/4" increments, up to a 6-1/4" square.

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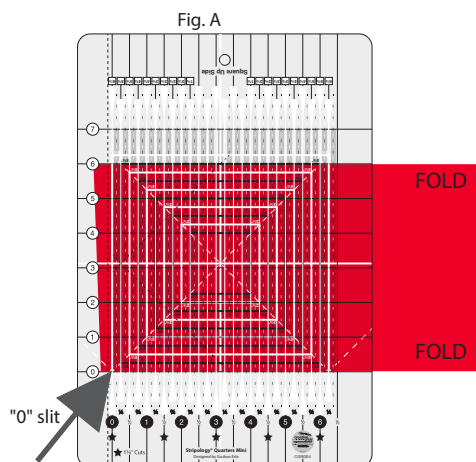
NON-SLIP Stripology® Quarters Mini Instructions

The Stripology® Quarters Mini ruler is the same size as the popular Stripology® Squared Mini ruler, but it has double the amount of cutting slits. The slits are every 1/4" which gives it unique features not available in any other Stripology® ruler. There are markings to cut in 1/8" increments as well as a Turn-a-Round feature for trimming blocks in 1/4" increments. Perfect for trimming block parts like HST's, QST's and Flying Geese in 1/4" increments, makes it the perfect fit in the family of Stripology® rulers.

Cutting Fat Quarters or Fat Eighths Into Strips

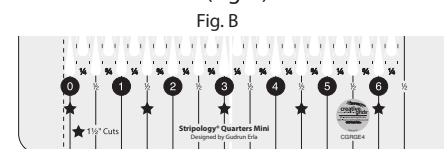
Fold the fat quarter/eighth in half lengthwise and then again so that it is folded into four layers, making sure that both folds are parallel. Lay the Stripology® Quarters Mini ruler on top and align the bottom fold on the 0 line of the ruler. Place the edge of the fabric to the left of the "0" slit.

Cut the strips by placing the rotary cutter in the teardrop closest to you and cut upward to the end of the slit, starting with the 0 slit. The 1/4" increments are easily recognizable since those slits are staggered and start 1/2" up from the 1/2" increment slits (Fig. A).



Strip Widths

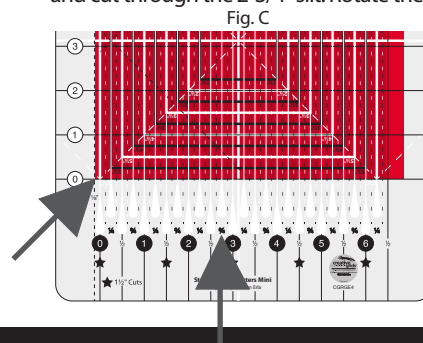
To make the cutting even faster, the 1-1/2" cuts are highlighted with a star ★ on the ruler (Fig. B).



Cutting 1/8" Increments

There is a dotted line to the left of the 0 slit on the ruler, marked 1/8". To cut a single square or rectangle, simply align the trimmed edge of the fabric with the 1/8" line and that width will be added to the final cut.

For example: To cut a 2-7/8" square, align the fabric with the 1/8" line and cut through the 2-3/4" slit. Rotate the fabric and repeat (Fig. C).

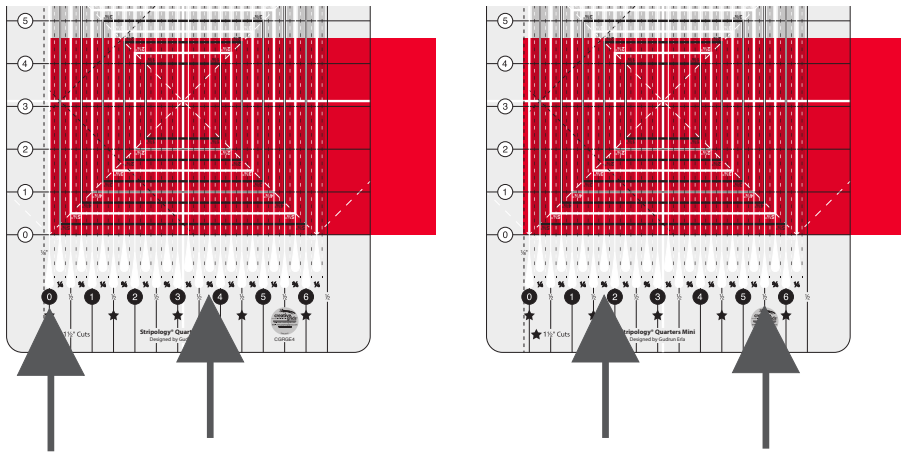


Cutting Multiple 1/8" Increments

When cutting multiple units in 1/8" increments, follow the guide below. You will make your first cuts through the slits indicated. Then remove the sliver of fabric to the left of the 0 slit, slide the ruler to the right and line the edge of the first cut with the 1/8" dotted line on the left of the 0 slit (Fig. D). Then make your second cuts through the slits indicated in the chart below.

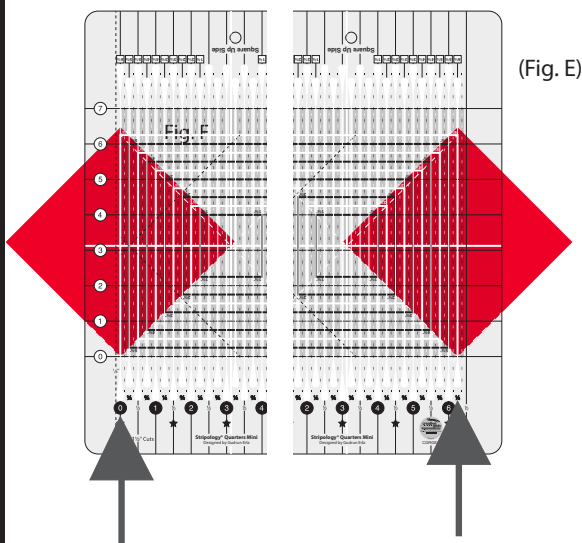
Strip Size	First Cuts	Move Ruler 1/8" and Cut
5/8"	0" - 1-1/4" - 2-1/2" - 3-3/4" - 5" - 6-1/4"	1/2" - 1-3/4" - 3" - 4-1/4" - 5-1/2"
7/8"	0" - 1-3/4" - 3-1/2" - 5-1/4"	3/4" - 2-1/2" - 4-1/4" - 6"
1-1/8"	0" - 2-1/4" - 4-1/2"	1" - 3-1/4" - 5-1/2"
1-3/8"	0" - 2-3/4" - 5-1/2"	1-1/4" - 4"
1-5/8"	0" - 3-1/4"	1-1/2" - 4-3/4"
1-7/8"	0" - 3-3/4"	1-3/4" - 5-1/2"
2-1/8"	0" - 4-1/4"	2" - 6-1/4"
2-3/8"	0" - 4-3/4"	2-1/4"
2-5/8"	0" - 5-1/4"	2-1/2"
2-7/8"	0" - 5-3/4"	2-3/4"
3-1/8"	0" - 6-1/4"	3"

Fig. D



Cutting Apart Squares Into Triangles

When diagonally cutting squares into triangles, notice the white, diagonal dotted lines extending from the 0 slit and the 6-1/4" slit, upwards to the outside of the ruler edges. Lay the stack of squares on point on the cutting mat, align the white diagonal lines with the bottom edges of the square and make a cut through the 0 slit (Fig. E). I find it more comfortable to use the 0 side for left-handed people and the 6-1/4" slit for right handed people.



(Fig. E)

Fussy Cutting and Embroidery

The ruler works great for fussy cutting novelty fabrics or to trim embroidery blocks. Just find the size you want the cut squares to be and the corresponding drawn squares on the ruler, starting in the center and increasing outwards in size. Center the corresponding square on the fabric so that the motif is centered in the square and make two cuts through the appropriate slits, rotate the fabric and repeat for the other two sides. When cutting embroidery blocks, the slits will lift wherever there is thickness so your block will still stay in place and be trimmed accurately.

Squaring up- Quarter Inch Sizes (1-1/4" to 6-1/4")

Stripology® Quarters Mini has a Turn-a-Round feature for trimming 1/4" increment blocks. The slits on the ruler help to hold the block to be squared in place because it doesn't teeter-totter on the seams like traditional rulers.

Turn the ruler to the Squaring Up side.

Notice the alternating white and black lines as squares, radiating from the center of the ruler. If you are trimming a 4-3/4" block for example, center the black square on your block (4-3/4" in this case), so that the edges of the block extend past the drawn square equally. Use the diagonal and horizontal/vertical white lines going through the square, to line up with the seams of the block if possible. Make a cut through the 4-3/4" marked slits on each side. Remove the slivers of fabric, rotate the block 90 degrees (or use a rotating cutting mat) and repeat the process for the other two sides. Now you can line up the top and bottom of the squares to the top and bottom trimmed edges of the block. (Fig. F)

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