

Rotary Cutting

Quilters use these tools to cut fabric quickly. You can cut one layer or many.

The blade in a rotary cutter is very sharp. When you're using a rotary cutter, you should always cut away from you and shut the blade when you're finished. There are many different styles of rotary cutters. I prefer this one because it feels good in my hand and when I am finished with the blade, it retracts on its own.

There are also many types up acrylic rulers. For a beginner, I recommend six by 12 but I also like these yellow lines and this small 1/8 inch grid. There are many different sizes of the self-healing mats. I would get a size at least 12 inches by 18 inches if possible.

To cut your fabric, you take your ruler; put pressure on your ruler; open up your blade; put your blade against the ruler; a little pressure on your rotary cutter and cut away from you. You have a nice clean cut.