

# 2010 SPRING MYSTERY-TIP

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## How to Cut Lots of 1.5” Squares Without Going Insane!

First you need the right tool.

I used the June Tailor Shape Cut for my Mystery Quilt. Even though this is a little pricey I bought it at Joann's when I had a 50% off coupon. I use the one with slots every 1/2”.

Remember it is cheaper than a psychiatrist!



Step 1.

This is how I do it and remain sane!

I cut my fabric into 9.5" by Width of Fabric Strips.

Width of Fabric can be any Width.

This includes yardage (42"), Fqs and random scraps.

A ¼ yard cut is fine.

That extra .5" just gives me a little bit more room to cut.

If my Rotary Cutter has a new blade I layer 6 pieces of fabric on top of each other.

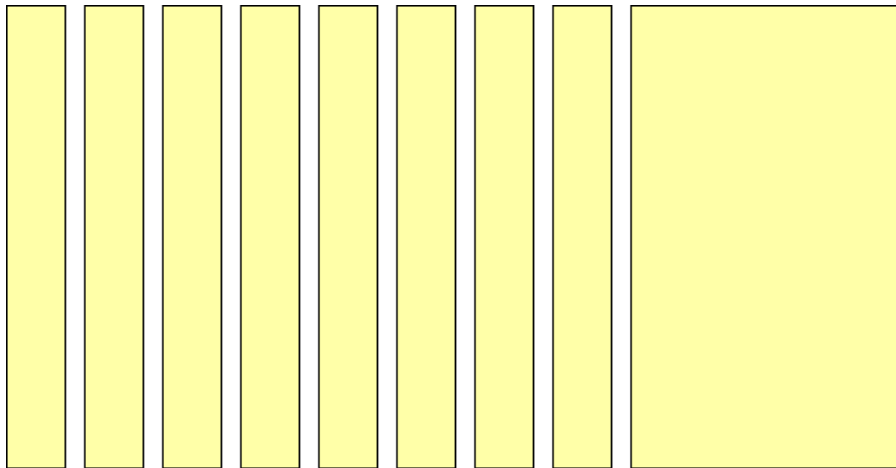
If not I layer 4 pieces.

Then I cut 1.5" by 9.5" strips.

You can cut (8) strips without having to move your ruler.

It is very fast and easy.

Just hold the ruler down firmly do it doesn't slip when you are cutting.



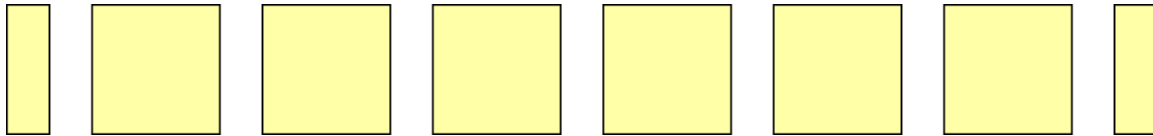
Step 2.

Cross cut each pile of strips into 1.5” squares.

You will get (6) cuts per strip.


You can cut make all (6) cuts **WITHOUT** moving your ruler.


Cut each pile of strips separately to maintain accuracy.



If you are working with 4 fabric strips you get (24) squares per strip.

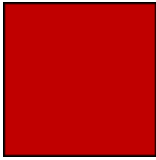
If you are working with 6 fabric strips you get (36) squares per strip.

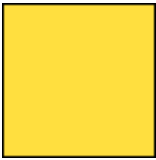
<b>B.</b>	<b>(496)</b> <b>1.5” squares</b>	<b>(622)</b> <b>1.5” squares</b>	<b>(780)</b> <b>1.5” squares</b>
			
<b>Background Fabric Scrappy or Not</b>			
<b>4 Fabric Strips</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>6 Fabric Strips</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>

<b>I.</b>  <b>Accent Fabric</b> <b>Scrappy or Not</b>	<b>(457)</b> <b>1.5" squares</b>	<b>(574)</b> <b>1.5" squares</b>	<b>(721)</b> <b>1.5" squares</b>	
	<b>4 Fabric Strips</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>6 Fabric Strips</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>

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**For Baby Windows**

<b>H.</b>   <b>4 Fabric Strips</b>  <b>6 Fabric Strips</b>	<b>(120)</b> <b>1.5" squares</b>
	<b>5</b>
	<b>4</b>

<b>K.</b>   <b>4 Fabric Strips</b>  <b>6 Fabric Strips</b>	<b>(133)</b> <b>1.5" squares</b>
	<b>6</b>
	<b>4</b>