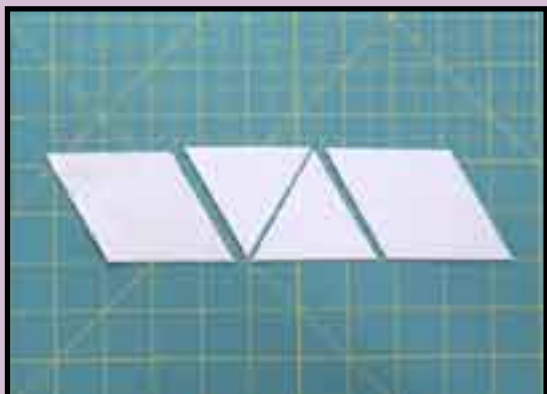
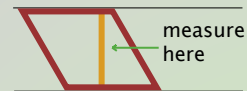


Diamond Cutting Technique #2 - Saves Fabric



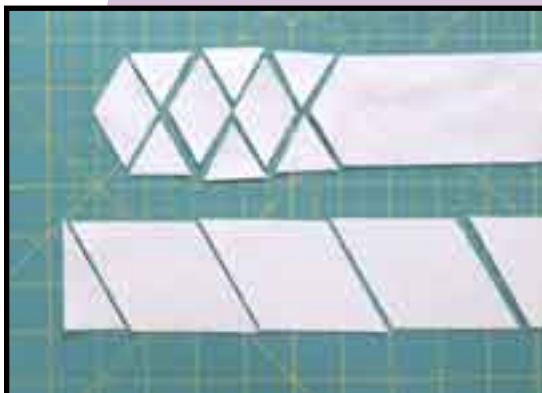
This method is slightly different. If you imagine your diamond as a pair of triangles you will see how this method works - the middle diamond was cut to show the triangle relationship. HINT: With larger fabric strips, such as a 5 width, simply CENTER the fabric between the 5 marks, and after your first cut, slide the template in a similar manner as for a 5" hexagon. You will find the cut edge of the fabric lines up perfectly with the engraved 5 mark.



Place your strip along the center line and under one channel of the "X" and cut the end off. Then slide the point at the bottom of the cut under the "X" (see picture). The shape of the diamond is highlighted in the picture, so you can see where to cut. REMEMBER: You are only cutting in ONE Channel of the X.



After you make the cut, slide the template along the fabric strip, repeating the method shown above. Make sure you keep the strip parallel to the lines engraved on the template. Cut the strip with your rotary cutter. This picture shows two diamonds cut, and the template in place to cut the third.



This picture shows fabric cut from both methods for diamonds - the top shows the time saving method (without regard to bias), the bottom the fabric saving method (which maintains fabric bias). The Mercury Template allows you to choose your preferred method and cut fabric as you please!