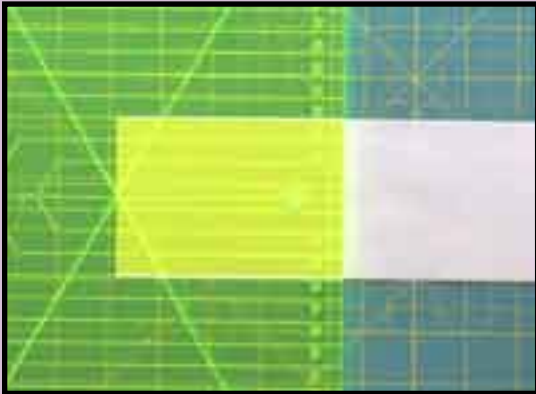
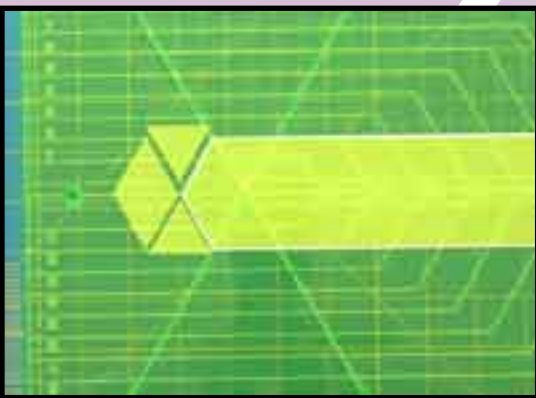


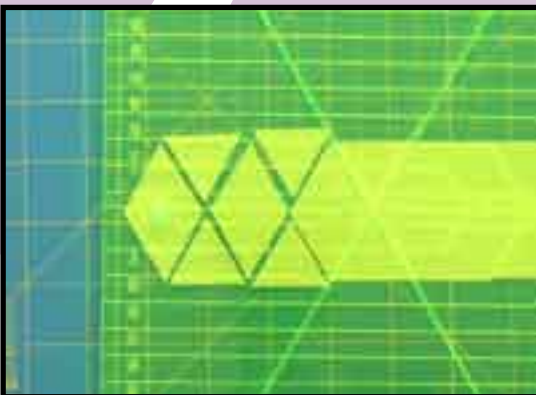
Diamond Cutting Technique #1 - Saves Time



Center the fabric strip between the lines for your width strip (in this picture we're using 2"). Put the end of the fabric strip under the center of the "X" on your template. Cut the strip ends off with your rotary cutter; this makes the beginning of your first diamond. This picture shows the strip centered under the X, and ready to be cut.



Slide the template along the fabric strip just enough to get the top and bottom diamond points under the cut channels, as shown in the picture. Make your second cut in the "X". Make sure you keep the strip parallel to the lines engraved on the template. This cuts your first diamond free, and makes the first cut on your next diamond at the same time! This picture shows the first pair of cuts made, and the template moved for the second pair of cuts.



Slide the template down the fabric strip and continue cutting as previously described. With a little practice you can cut several layers at once, dramatically speeding up your cutting. This takes you from cutting to sewing MUCH faster than any other method available!



This picture shows why you cannot just trim a hexagon to use as a diamond - without adding a seam allowance, the shape will be too small.