

Thank you for purchasing the Mercury Template. Since pictures speak louder than words, we've included a series of pictures for each method that the template is used for - cutting strips, hexagons, 60° triangles, diamonds and trapezoids (half-hexagons). We hope this makes the learning process easier for you, and gets you from cutting to piecing faster. **The Mercury Template is 100% Made In The U.S.A. - We will not offshore jobs for profit.**  
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These instructions assume a basic knowledge of quilting methods and the use of rotary cutting devices. The use of rotary cutters can be inherently dangerous, so the user must be cautious in employing them for any purpose. Be sure to use all available safety devices, keep all body parts out of the way of the rotary blade, and use extreme caution. If you do not feel comfortable using rotary cutting devices, you should not put them into use, and should not use them until you have adequate instruction and develop a level of comfort sufficient to use rotary cutting devices.

## Strip Cutting Technique



**1. Squaring up your Fabric** - First, fold your fabric selvage edge to selvage edge. You can continue to fold up to as many as three times, as your skill and pattern allow. Ideally you will be able to cut one whole strip with one pass of your rotary cutter. Trim one edge straight as in the picture - make sure this is perpendicular to the bottom edge of the fabric to ensure that your strip is a perfect rectangle.

**2. Determine your Strip Width** - Notice the "HINT" near the title of each page. This gives you a guide as to how to measure for your strip width. You can use the template that came with your pattern (Fig. A), or the 2 Ruler method, utilizing the Strip Width Lines already engraved on your Mercury Template (Fig. B). Figure C shows a strip cut and ready to be used. If you have a pattern that references 2" Hexagons, but measures on the short side, use the 4" marks on the Mercury Template. For more details please refer to the "How to Convert Pattern Measurements" on Page 7.

