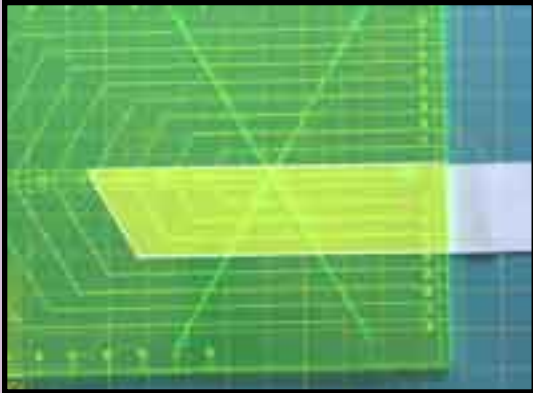
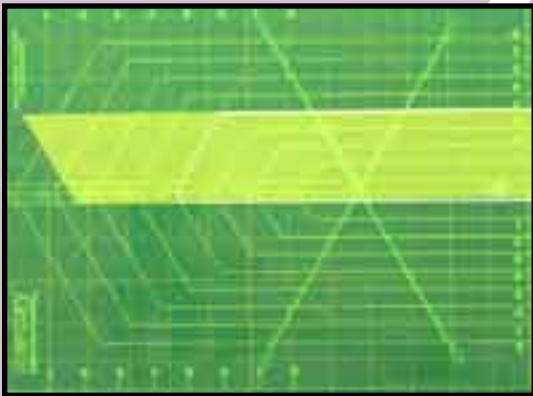


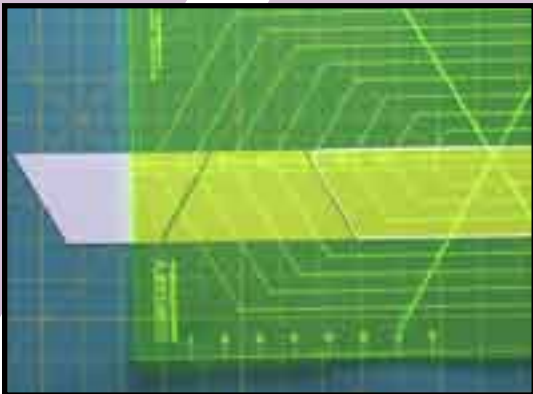
Trapezoid (half-hexagon) Cutting Technique #2 - Saves Fabric



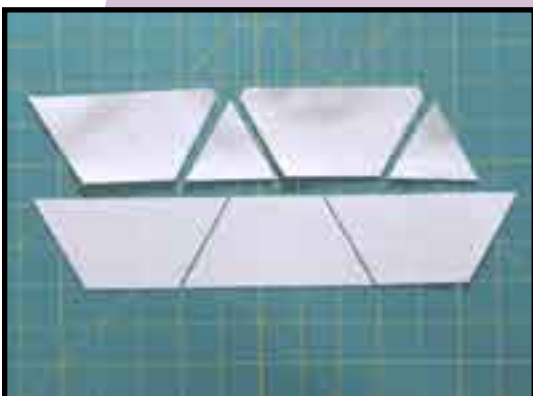
Instead of centering your strip, one edge overlaps the center line by 1/4", and lines up with the seam allowance line on the template. Make sure your strip is parallel to the lines on the template. Cut the strip end off with your rotary cutter; this makes the beginning of your first trapezoid. This picture shows a trapezoid being cut to the 3" hexagon line.



After cutting the first trapezoid, slide the template DOWN over the strip as shown in the picture. Notice the relationship of the center of the X, to the fabric strip. This puts the fabric in position to make another cut, on the upper half of the template, but without any fabric waste. Make sure to align to the appropriate hexagon mark on the template, and to leave the seam allowance overlapping the center line. Make your next cut.



Repeat the technique as described - slide your template along the fabric strip, alternating above and below the centerline to get ready for the next cut.



This picture shows two trapezoids already cut, and a third being cut. It also illustrates how fabric is saved using this method instead of the faster method.

This picture shows both methods of cutting trapezoids - the top row shows the time saving method, and the bottom row shows the fabric saving method.

Notice how the triangle in the top row is shorter in height than the trapezoids - this is because of the seam allowance on the trapezoids.