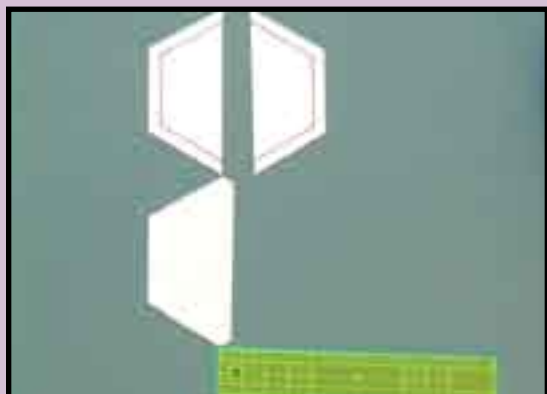


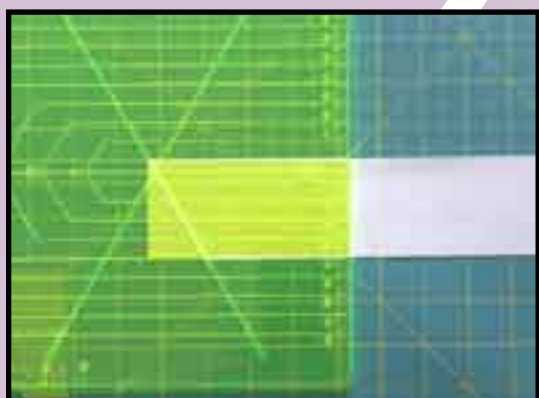


Trapezoid (half-hexagon) Cutting Technique #1 - Saves Time



This picture illustrates why a hexagon cannot just be cut in half to make a trapezoid - it would not include a seam allowance (shown by the ruler at the bottom).

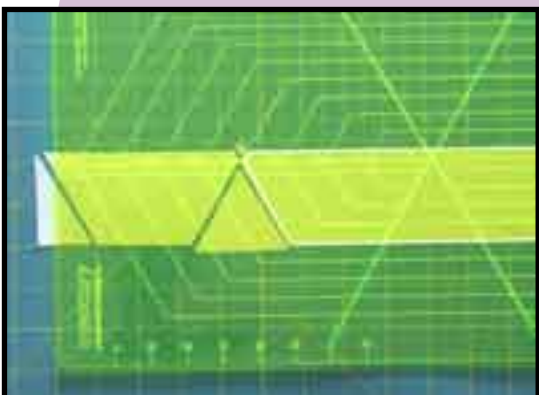
Keep this in mind as we proceed - this shape requires overlapping the centerline as shown in the next several steps, using the 1/4" seam allowances engraved parallel to the center line.



Instead of centering your strip, one edge overlaps the center line by 1/4", lining up with the seam allowance line engraved 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.



Slide the template down the fabric strip and align with the appropriate line (in this case the 3" hexagon line), and continue cutting as in the previous step. Make sure you keep the edge of the strip on the seam allowance line. 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 one trapezoid cut out, with another ready to cut - notice the overlap of the center line, ensuring an appropriate seam allowance. The triangles are considered scrap after the cuts.