**Using a Rotary Cutter Properly and Safely**

1. Always make sure you are using a “self-healing” rotary cutting mat
2. Make sure the safety latch is always one when not using it (even if it is just for a second)
3. Use a Rotary cutting ruler – not any other ruler
4. Line up the ruler with where you want your material cut
5. Press straight down on the handle of the rotary cutter – never cut with the blade on an angle
6. Hold on to the ruler with your fingers away from the cutting edge and apply pressure so the ruler will not slip
7. Apply even pressure using your forearm and shoulder and cut in a forward motion
8. Never cut toward yourself

For accurate cutting line up the lines from the mat with a fresh cut edge of your fabric. Use the lines (which are 1 inch by 1 inch) to ensure your fabric is cut the same width.



* Keep your rotary cutter pressed against the ruler
* Use even pressure from your forearm and shoulder
* Hold the ruler stable with you other hand (keeping fingers away
* Cut away from your body



* Line up your fabric with a straight line on the mat and cut. This will create a straight edge to work from
* Then choose how wide you want your strip to be and line up the ruler against the edge of your cut fabric.
	+ Make sure you have the same width all the way along, check your markings
* Cut straight and away from you
* To then cut the width, take your strip and line it up on a line from your cutting mat
* Again take your ruler and decide how wide you want your square, rectangle, etc. Cut straight and away from you