

# **NON-SLIP** Alaska Ruler

Cut a multitude of 45° shapes in a variety of sizes – all with one ruler!

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# Other Block Possibilities!



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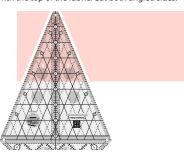


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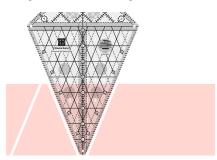
 $The Creative Grids ^*Alaska \ Ruler \ designed \ by \ Edyta \ Sitar \ of \ Laundry \ Basket \ Quilts \ cuts \ a \ multitude \ of \ shapes \ in \ a \ variety$ of sizes. Cut 45° wedges, 45° diamonds, half-diamonds, squares and half-square triangles with the same ruler!

#### Cutting 45° Wedges or Half Diamonds

Cut a strip of fabric 1/2" wider than the finished height of the wedge. (In this example, the strips are cut 4-1/2" so the finished wedge will measure 4".) Using the markings on the center of the triangle, place the 4-1/2" line on the ruler on the bottom edge of the fabric. The blunt tip will line up with the top of the fabric. Cut both angled sides.

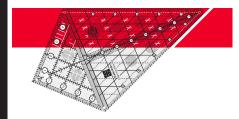


Rotate the ruler  $180^\circ\text{,}$  lining up the angled edge, placing the 4-1/2" line on the ruler on the top edge of the fabric and the blunt end on the bottom. Cut the angled edge. Continue rotating the tool until all of the wedges have been cut.

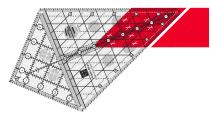


### **Cutting 45° Diamonds**

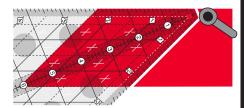
Cut a strip of fabric 1/2" wider than the finished width of the diamond. (In this example, the strips are cut 2-1/2" so the finished width will measure 2".) Using the diamond markings on the outside edge of the triangle, place the 2-1/2" line on the bottom edge of the fabric and the angled edge of the ruler on the top edge of the fabric. Trim the angle



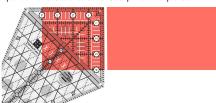
Rotate the fabric strip 180° and place the 2-1/2" line on the ruler on the bottom edge of the fabric. The angled cut will line up with the dashed 2-1/2" diamond lines on the ruler. Trim the angle. Continue moving the ruler along the strip until the required number of diamonds are cut.



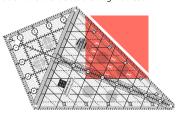
Trim both ends of the tip of the diamond with the blunt end



**Cutting Half-Square Triangles**Cut a strip of fabric – in this example, 4". Use the grided portion of the tool to cut the strip into 4" squares.



Cut the squares into Half-Square Triangles by aligning the long side of the ruler across the diagonal. Cut.



These half-square triangle units can be used for the corner triangles in a Kaleidoscope block.

#### How to Make a Basic Kaleidoscope Block

Lay out all your pieces; 8 wedges and 4 triangles. Sew 4 triangles to the 4 wedges. Press. Trim triangle edges using your ruler.







2. Now add a plain wedge to each wedge/triangle unit; creating 4 quarters of a block..



3. Join two quarters together on each side to create



4. Sew halves together to create a block.



## Cutting Chart for Variety of Shapes/Sizes:



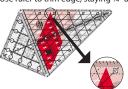


1. Join 2 half-diamonds to center diamond.

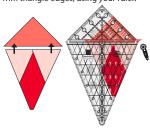




2. Use ruler to trim edge, staying  $\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\mathcal{V}}}\xspace$  away from diamond tip.

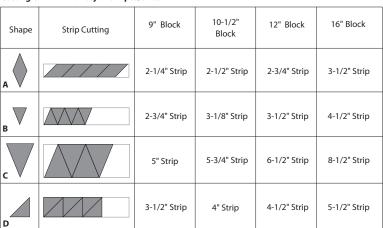


3. Add half-square triangle to diamond unit. Press. Trim triangle edges, using your ruler.



4. Create a second diamond unit with coordinating fabric (without a triangle top) and join the two units together. Repeat the process to make 4 quarters. Join 4 quadrants together and press to complete the block.

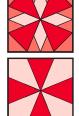








More Block Possibilities There are many more block possibilities that can be made with the Alaska ruler. Detailed instructions on how to make the specific blocks are shown in individual patterns by Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts.



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