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## Square It Up \& Fussy Cut Ruler

The Square It Up \& Fussy Cut Ruler is a dual purpose tool available in $61 / 2 ", 81 / 2 ", 9 ½ ", 121 / 2 ", 141 / 2$ " and $161 / 2$ " sizes. Use the vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines to square up any pieced, appliquéd or embroidered block. To fussy cut, center a design in the solid squares - printed in 1 " increments. The drilled holes at the $1 / 2$ " markings between the squares let you mark and add the seam allowance to your fussy cut piece.

## Squaring Up Appliquéd and Embroidered Blocks:

This ruler includes centered horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines. The $1 / 4$ " seam allowance is marked on the entire outside edge of the ruler. Center the ruler over any appliquéd or embroidered block and trim. It is that easy.

## Squaring Up Pieced Blocks:

To square up a pieced block, place the correct size of the ruler over the block to be trimmed. To trim a four-patch, for instance, place the horizontal and vertical lines of the ruler on the seam lines of the four-patch. Trim the outside edge of the block.

To square up a quarter-square triangle, place the diagonal lines of the ruler on the seam lines of the quarter-square triangle.
Trim the outside edge of the block.
The Fussy Cut range also includes a $61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ triangle and a $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 8^{1 / 2}$ " rectangle version.


## Fussy Cutting:

Cutting the fabric to showcase a particular design in the fabric is called fussy cutting. This technique adds drama and eye appeal to any project. The Creative Grids ${ }^{\circ}$ Square It Up \& Fussy Cut Ruler makes the process quick and easy.

To fussy cut, center a design in the solid squares - printed in $1^{\prime \prime}$ increments. The drilled holes at the $1 / 2$ " markings between the squares lets you mark \& add the seam allowance to your fussy cut piece. In this example, the finished size of the center square in the pieced block measures 4".

Center and place the ruler over the design you would like to fussy cut - in this case a rose. Use a water soluble pen to mark the corners of the square at $41 / 22^{\prime \prime}$. The Square It Up \& Fussy Cut ruler has holes that fit the tip of a water soluble marker so that you can mark the fabric quickly and easily. When pieced, the rose will be centered in the foundation block.


## Freezer Paper Appliqué:

In the books, Penny Haren's Pieced Appliquém and Penny Haren's More Pieced Appliqué ${ }^{T M}$, squares, rectangles, triangles and curved shapes are appliquéd onto pieced blocks which eliminates sewing any inset seams or curves. The $1 / 4$ " marked seam allowance on the Square It Up \& Fussy Cut Ruler makes it easy to trim the seam allowance from the templates.

To complete the Jeri's Star block, for instance, triangles are appliquéd onto the rectangles to create the star points. Glue the freezer paper side of the triangle templates to the wrong side of the appropriate fabric. (The printing should be face up.) Trim the fabric $1 / 4$ " away from the templates on all sides. Turn the two short sides of each appliqué and place on the foundation block to complete the Star.


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