

Step 2 – Undercover in Houston VII

Use the reserved 2½" (2") wide strips of fabric #4 to cut trapezoids.

Use either a terraplate that is provided or a quarter-square triangle tool. I use the Omnigrad 98 or 98L. It measures the finished size. Other tools measure differently so lay them on the template to determine which line to use. For instance, the Companion Angle uses the 4½" (3½") line and notes that the piece will finish to 8" (6"). Creative Grids and other tool manufacturers make quarter-square triangle tools, too. Just make sure you are using the correct line to cut. Check the size by laying the trapezoids that you cut on the template.

Open the strips to a single layer. Stack several, if desired, to cut more than one at a time. Align the 8" (6") line with the bottom edge of the strip. NOTE: The line to use is directly below the number. If you are using the smaller Omnigrad 98, the bottom of the tool is the 8"

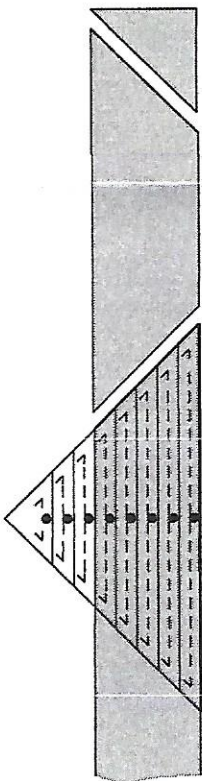
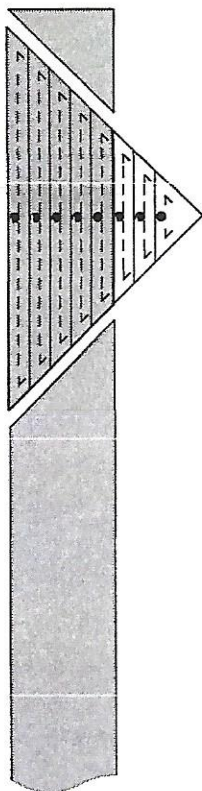
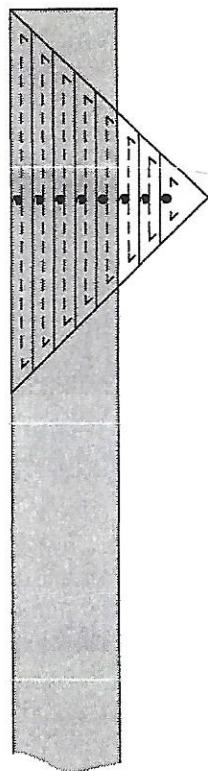
measurement. **Remember, these measurements are for the Omnigrad tool. Make adjustments as needed for another tool.** Cut along both angled sides of the triangle tool or template.

Rotate the triangle tool 180° and place the 8" (6") line along the top edge of the strip. Cut a second trapezoid.

Rotate the triangle tool 180°, place the 8" (6") line along the bottom edge of the strip, and cut a third trapezoid.

Continue in this way until you have cut thirty-two trapezoids.

See the illustrations at the right. Fabric #4 is shown in gray so that you can see the ruler. The illustrations are demonstrating the larger size, but the technique is the same for the smaller one, only the measurement changes.



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Template for Larger Size

Template for Smaller Size