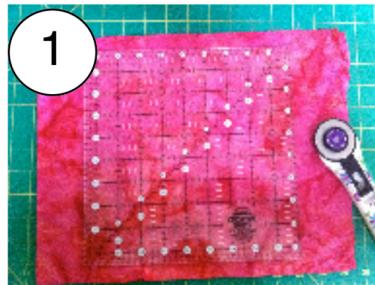


# Squaring up Blocks

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1. Use a square ruler, either the same size or larger, than the measurement you are squaring up to.



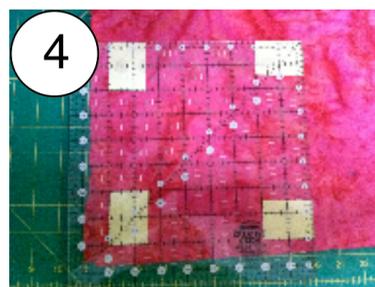
2. Use a sharp rotary cutter & four sticky notes. I like the 1 1/2" x 2" size & always keep them handy with my rulers.



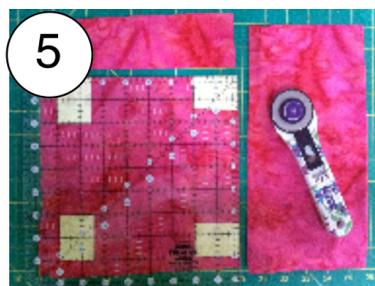
3. Flip your ruler upside down & place 4 sticky notes INSIDE the desired measurement. I used 8" x 8" for this illustration.



4. Flip the ruler right side up & place on top of the block to be squared up. Make sure the ruler is ALWAYS positioned with the numbers upright to you & either flush with the edges on the top & right hand side of the block - or that you have a sliver (at a minimum) of fabric to trim. Adjust the ruler as necessary making sure the left & bottom measurements, where the sticky notes are, don't fall outside the edges of the block.



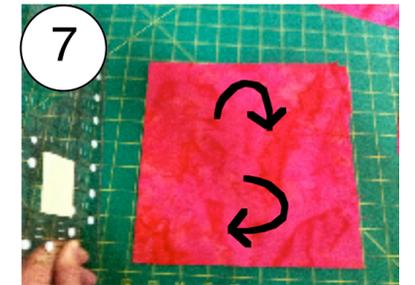
5. Use your rotary cutter and trim the RIGHT side of the block first and then the TOP edge next. Move the trimmed pieces out of the way.



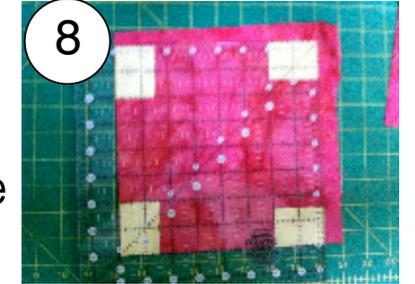
6. Tip your ruler up on it's edge, as if it were hinged on the left side, (sort of like opening a book or door).



7. Rotate your BLOCK 180 degrees, so the new trimmed corner (from the upper right) is now positioned in the lower left hand corner.



8. Lower your ruler back on top of the block, (sort of like closing a door). Position, so the lower left hand corner of the block is now flush with the lower left hand measurements on the ruler (indicated by the sticky notes).



9. Use your rotary cutter and trim the RIGHT side of the block first & then the TOP edge next. Move the trimmed pieces out of the way.



10. Completed trimmed block.

