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Rotary Cutting Basics

The parts and why they're important

Omnigrid[®] rotary cutters are packed with user-friendly features to help you comfortably make flawless cuts every time.

- Soft-cushion handle reduces wrist strain and cutting fatigue
- **Finger ridges** provide firm grip and reduce slipping
- Blade cover lifts when pressure is applied for cutting
- Safety lock ensures safe storage
- Left- and right-hand use without changing the blade
- Light- and heavy-duty settings to accommodate a variety of fabric weights



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How to change blades

It's easy to change the blades on Omnigrid[®] rotary cutters because the molded parts only fit together one way, making it impossible to reassemble



Replacement blades

Omnigrid[®] rotary cutting blades are made of high quality tungsten-carbon steel; they're available in two sizes: 28mm and 45mm. There are replacement blades available for both sizes, and the 45mm size also features a value pack. It's recommended that you use Omnigrid[®] rotary blades with Omnigrid[®] rotary cutters, but they can be used with any standard rotary cutters.

Store it!

The Omnigrid[®] rotary cutter case is the perfect place to store your rotary cutter, extra blades and scissors. It has a semi-hard shell for protection and interior mesh pockets for extra storage. Nice!

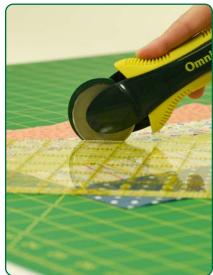
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Tips for using Omnigrid[®] rotary cutters

Your cutting will be accurate when you use these three essential Omnigrid® tools in tandem: a ruler, a self-healing cutting mat and a rotary cutter. But even then, there are some tips and tricks you can utilize to make sure your cutting is the absolute best that it can be.

- **Don't cut more than 4-6 layers of fabric at one time.** The more fabric layers you try to cut at once, the greater likelihood that the fabric can shift, and your cuts can be off.
- Make sure your rotary cutting blades are clean and sharp. As with scissors, your blades need to be kept sharp and clean. If you notice any dullness in your blade at all, it's time to replace it; same goes for nicked blades.
- **Position your blade properly in relationship to your ruler.** A 45° angle is usually comfortable for your hand and wrist. Do not cut underneath your ruler.
- Apply an even pressure when cutting. For the best control, keep it even not too hard, and not too light. Cut away from your body from a standing position, and using your dominant hand. Never cross your hands over each other when cutting. Most accurate cuts will come from direct, firm pressure on the rotary



cutter, and a fast, confident cut. Going slow gives the fabric time to move and shift.

 Use a cutting mat that you can turn, and turn your mat, not your fabric. This will help to minimize shifting of fabric and keep your cuts accurate.





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