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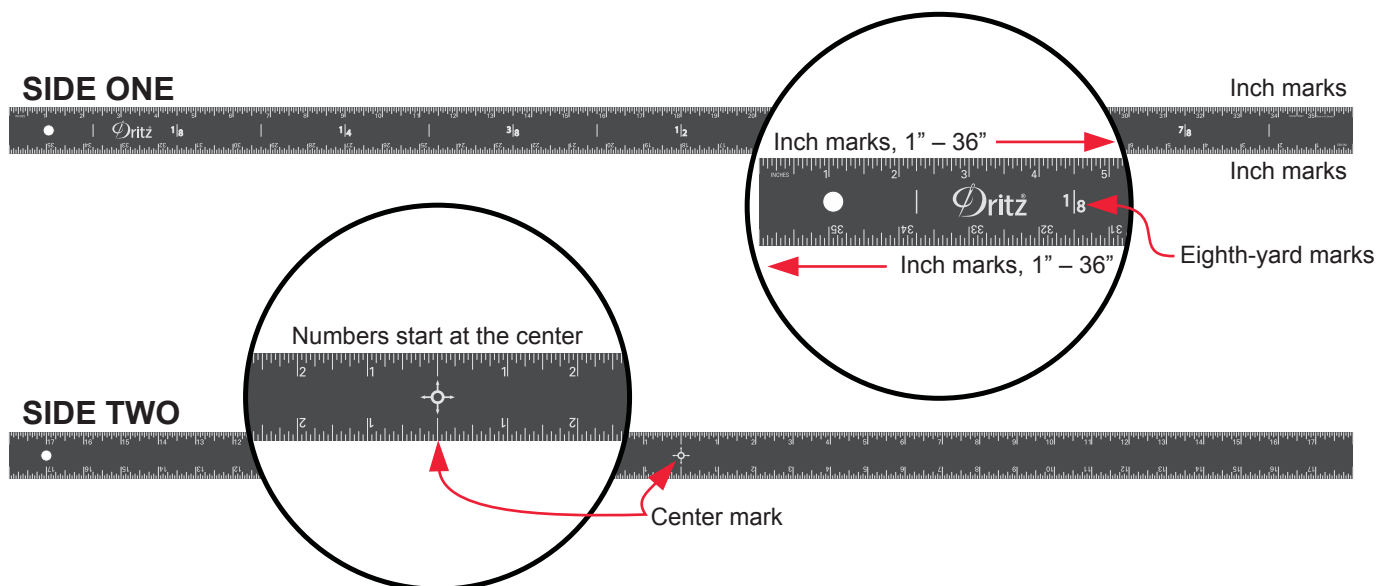
## Technique Tutorial

### How to Use the Dritz® Anodized Aluminum Straight Edge, Item #44087

A “straight edge” offers exactly what the name implies – a straight edge. An indisputable straight edge is required for cutting, making perfect straight lines, painting and a myriad of other household projects. Bottom line – it’s a yardstick and every home needs one. Measure lengths of fabric or reach up to the ceiling to measure the distance to the window. This lightweight aluminum yardstick offers the standard inch marks, plus much more! Because it is metal, it is a great edge for cutting art boards, posters and other paper items.

On Side One, the numbers start at opposite ends, so you always have the starting point in the correct place! Eighth-yard marks are located every 4-1/2” for as a quick reference when measuring something that must be converted to yardage. No math!

Side Two is a centering yardstick. The numbers start at the center and work to each end – so helpful when trying to measure for drapery hooks or grommets. Hang it up by the convenient hang-hole and keep it handy for everyday use. We think this yardstick will become an indispensable tool in your arsenal of sewing supplies!





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#### SIDE ONE

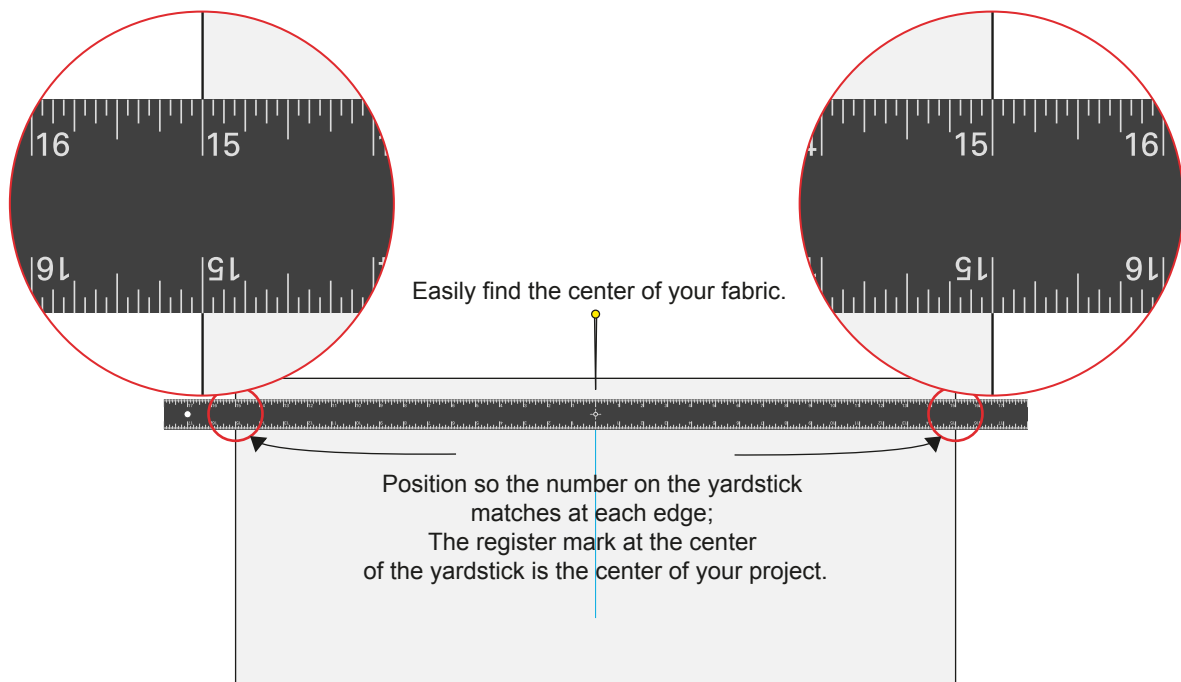
Side One doesn't need much explanation. We know you know how to measure! The convenience lies in being able to grab it and place it against the project to be measured without having to turn it around constantly to find the correct starting end.

The eighth-yard marks are also very convenient. Say you are about to purchase fabric for a project. You measure it and it comes to 29-1/2". Quick – how many yards is that? Well, just look to the yardage marker. Rounding up to the next 1/8 yard, it would be 7/8 yard. So easy!

#### SIDE TWO

Side Two is a centering yardstick with numbers starting at the center and going to 18" at each end.

To quickly find the center of your project, place the yardstick on it, with Side Two facing up. Adjust so that the same inch mark is at each edge. Place a pin or other mark at the center point of the yardstick. You have your center. It is as simple as that!





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#### SIMPLE CENTERING PROJECT

##### Supplies per project:

Apparel to be appliquéd

Appliqué or lettering

Dritz 36" Anodized Aluminum Straight Edge, #44087

Marking pen (such as Mark-B-Gone® pen)

Optional: Straight Pins

#### TIPS & TECHNIQUES



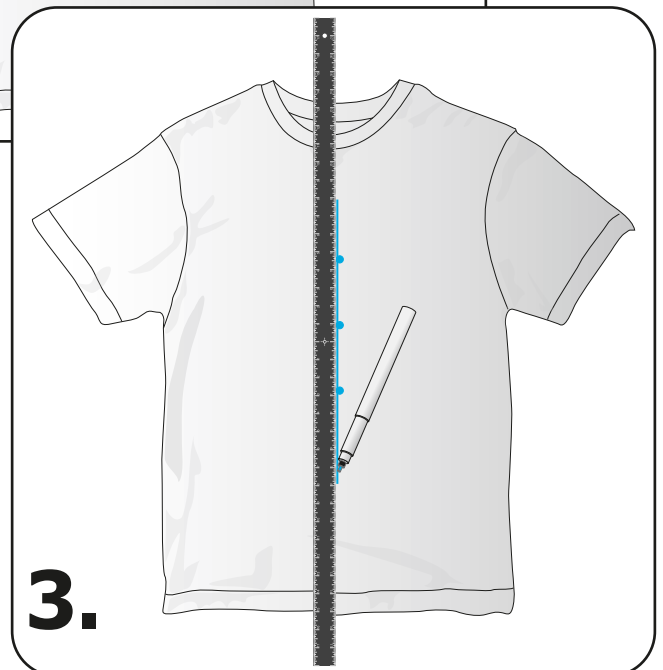
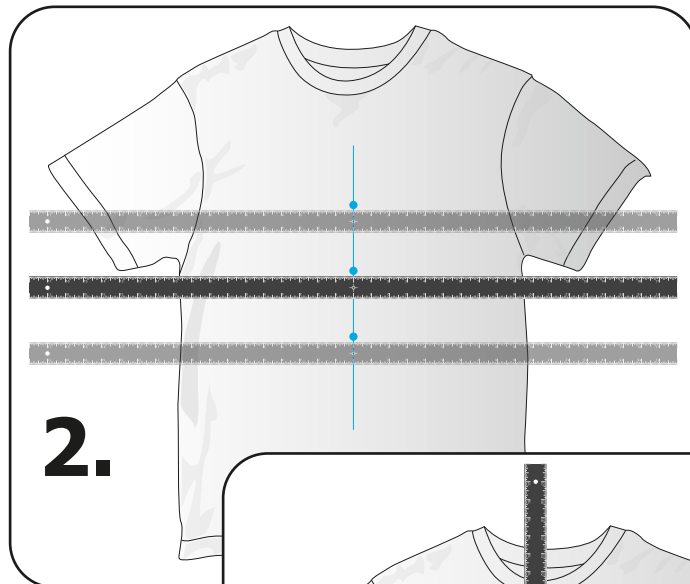
Always try on any apparel after marking and before applying letters or appliqué. Not all clothing is constructed evenly. Adjust the line if needed and continue.

#### CENTERING LETTERING OR APPLIQUÉS ON APPAREL:

**1.** Make sure the garment is smooth and unwrinkled.

**2.** Place the yardstick on the garment so the numbers match at each side. Do this in the area where you plan to center the appliqué and again a couple of inches above and below. Make a dot or place a straight pin at each point.

**3.** Turn the yardstick and align it with your dots or straight pins. Draw a line to connect them.





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#### SIMPLE CENTERING PROJECT (continued)

#### CENTERING LETTERING OR APPLIQUÉS ON APPAREL (continued):

**4.** Measure down on each side to find the best bottom line for your centered project.

**5.** Place your appliqué or letters onto the garment centered in the marked area. Apply!

