

# Omnigrid®

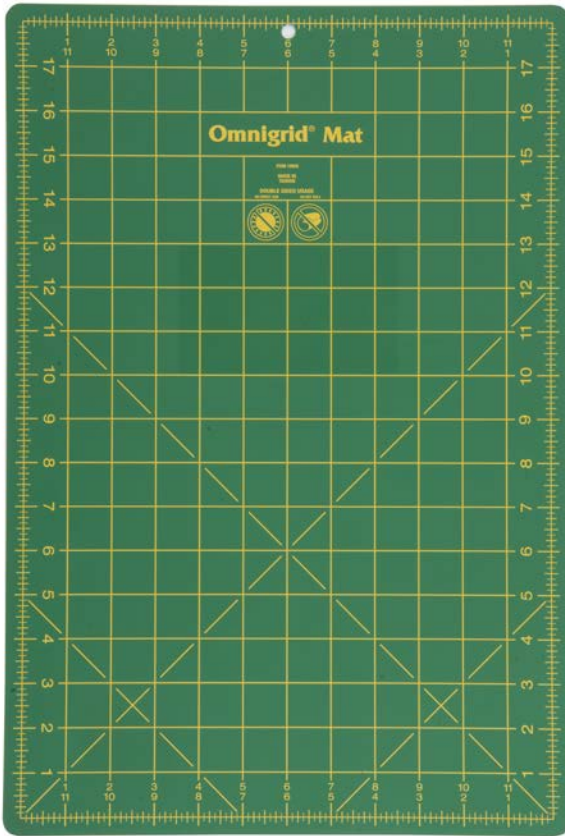
## Tips & Techniques

# Cutting Mat Basics

## Choose the best foundation for cutting

A cutting mat forms the foundation of your cutting station so quality is key when it comes to choosing the perfect cutting mat. The Omnigrid® mats are manufactured and printed to the same precise standard as the Omnigrid® rulers. Use the two together and you've got the best cutting system available!

- **True grid plus extra borders**
- **1/8" markings** extend beyond the outer edge
- **Double-sided** with unmarked gray back for optional use
- **Left- and right-hand numbering and angle system**



## The sizes and which you should choose

There are five Omnigrid® mat sizes for you to choose from. Select the mat size that's right for you based on what you're cutting, and how much space you have in your sewing or quilting room.

- **5-1/2" x 8-1/2" cutting mat** – for foundation piecing, for use with rotary cutting templates, and for working with miniatures
- **8-3/4" x 11-3/4" cutting mat** – it's a handy size ideal for travel and crafting on the go; also nice for scrapbooking and other crafts
- **12" x 18" cutting mat** – ideal for use in quilting for cutting fat quarters and smaller pieces of fabric; use it in smaller quilting and sewing spaces
- **18" x 24" cutting mat** – this mat is perfect for larger-scale sewing and quilting projects because it accommodates a standard folded width of 45" fabric; this makes a great cutting station at workshops and retreats; use it in spacious home studios
- **24" x 36" cutting mat** – this is the largest Omnigrid® cutting mat; its large size makes it suitable for cutting borders and bias strips; it's also convenient for measuring fabric by the yard and it can accommodate a standard folded width of 45" fabric

