CUTTING RECTANGLES FOR FAUX DIAMONDS

Faux Diamonds are made from striped fabrics, but they’re not really diamonds at all. This slick effect is created by strategically cutting striped fabrics with a rectangular ruler—no diamonds at all! For ease, select a cutting ruler with a 1-to-2 ratio, such as 4” × 8” or 6” × 12”.

1. Starch the fabrics before cutting them, to stabilize the edges during construction.
2. Fold the fabric, wrong sides together, aligning the stripes.

Option 1: Align the stripes on both layers so they are running in the same direction, matching the same colors on the top and bottom layers.

Option 2: Allow the stripes to run in the same direction without matching the colors and direction, for a more random appearance.

3. Place the ruler on the fabric, aligning a stripe with the ¼” seamline at opposite corners (the corners of the finished-size rectangle). The stripe should not bisect the outer corner of the ruler. Cut through the double thickness, creating rectangles with diagonal stripes.

- When you cut correctly, you should have equal numbers of mirror-image rectangles from the 2 layers.
- The final yield depends upon several factors: the amount of yardage available, the ruler size, and whether you are fussy cutting particular stripes or cutting randomly.

Jan’s tip

It is easier to match stripes that are very consistent! A printed stripe will typically have small irregularities, and may not match perfectly at the seams. This is normal but may not provide the appearance you desire. If the stripe is irregular, select an asymmetrical arrangement for greater success.