

Welcome to our family. Because you purchased the AccuQuilt Studio 2™ Fabric Cutter, we know you're as passionate about quilting as we are. Welcome! It's safe to say you're excited about saving time, fabric, effort and space. Those being said, please keep this handy set of instructions and safety tips for your reference.

Please read carefully to learn how to best use and maintain your new AccuQuilt Studio™ fabric cutter.



New to fabric die cutting?

- Take a little time to get acquainted with Studio 2. As you develop great die-cutting skills, you'll see optimal use of your fabric.
- Check the orientation of the lengthwise grain before each cut.
- Practice cutting with scrap fabric.
- Test cut one shape before cutting many shapes to ensure fabric orientation is correct.

What's Included

The Studio 2 Fabric Cutter comes with:

- Studio Die Tray – 15½" x 19⅝" (406900)
- Giant (14½" x 18") sheet of Cutting Plastic (60005)

The Studio 2 fabric cutting system consists of three major components: a roller die cutter, steel-rule dies and cutting plastic. The cutting plastic must be used in conjunction with Studio™ dies (or GO!® dies with a die adapter for Studio) to cut almost any fabric.

Note: The Cutting Plastics are sold in several sizes to match varying sizes of dies. You should purchase additional sizes of cutting plastic depending on the dies you will be using with the Studio 2. Find all available cutting plastic sizes at accuquilt.com



How to Operate Your Cutter with Studio™ Dies

Follow these instructions for using Studio dies:

1. Lay die inside tray with FOAM SIDE UP. Layer die, fabric and cutting plastic. For most accurate cuts, place fabric on the lengthwise grain. To conserve fabric, cover only shape to be cut, not entire die board.
2. Push tray, die, fabric and plastic firmly against roller. Turn handle in direction you want die to go. Roll through cutter.
3. Remove cutting plastic and perfectly cut shapes!



How to Operate Your Cutter with GO!® Dies

Follow these instructions for using GO! dies:

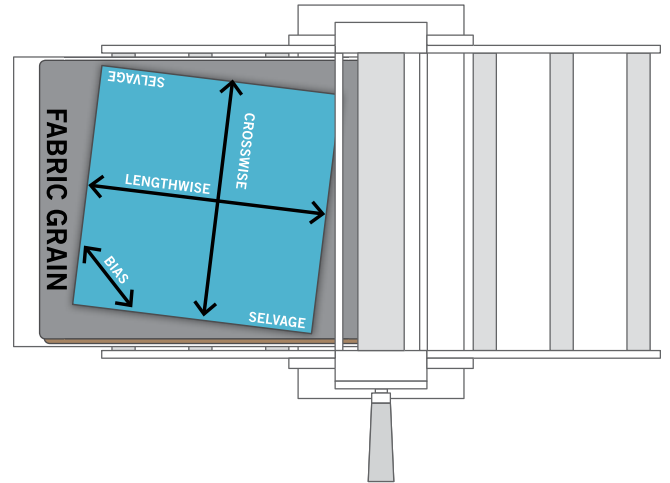
1. Place GO! die adapter for Studio inside tray. Lay die with FOAM SIDE UP on adapter. Layer die, fabric and Studio cutting plastic. For most accurate cuts, place fabric on the lengthwise grain. To conserve fabric, cover only shape to be cut, not entire die board.
2. Push tray, adapter, die, fabric and plastic firmly against roller. Turn handle in direction you want die to go. Roll through cutter.
3. Remove cutting plastic and perfectly cut shapes!

Operating Instructions

- Always use a Studio die tray when cutting with the Studio 2 cutter.
- Always use Studio cutting plastic with the Studio 2 cutter. Do not attempt to cut directly into the steel roller. Doing so will damage the dies and void the warranty.
- Use with Studio fabric cutting dies or GO! fabric cutting dies with a GO! die adapter for Studio.
- Handle foam covered die blades with care.
- Keep hands and fingers away from roller when operating.
- Do not allow children to operate unattended.
- Never place anything – including extra plastic, fabric or shims – under dies while cutting.

Follow these Steps to Get Perfect Cuts Every Time

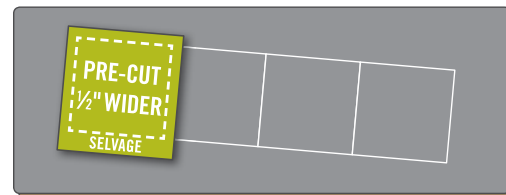
1. **GO WITH THE GRAIN** – For most accurate cuts, be sure you're cutting on the lengthwise grain (straight of grain) as the fabric goes under the cutter.



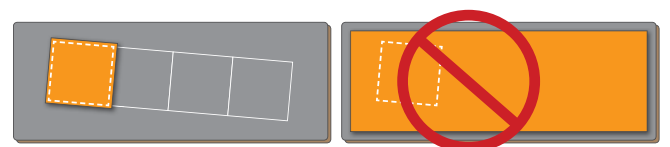
- The lengthwise grain runs parallel to the selvage edge—the bound edges of fabric that prevents unraveling or fraying—so place your fabric on the die with the selvage edge facing you (or the cutter handle) before running it through the cutter.
- Cutting on the lengthwise grain is particularly important when cutting geometric shapes and Block on Board™ dies (aka BOB™ dies).

2. **PRE-CUT FABRIC STRIPS** – To use the Studio 2 cutter, first pre-cut strips of fabric approximately ½" wider than the shape you want to cut.

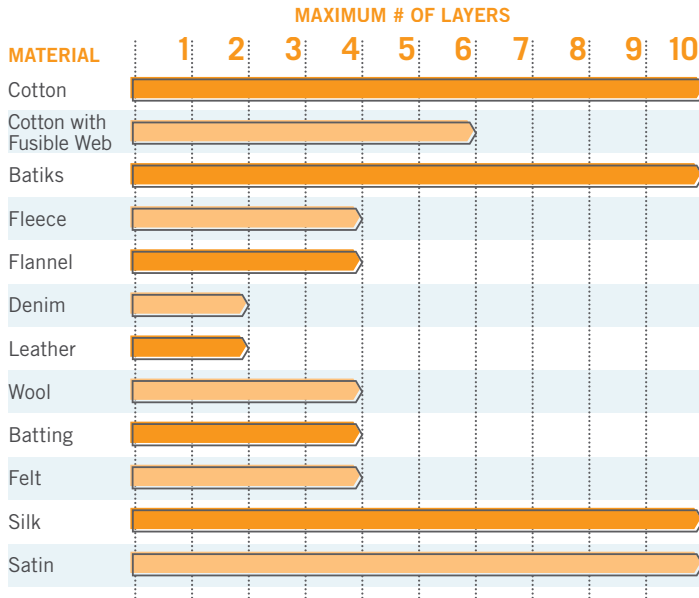
- These strips can be layered or fan-folded to cut multiple shapes in one pass.



3. **SAVE YOUR FABRIC!** – When layering your fabric on the die, only place it right over the shapes you wish to cut. There is no need to cover the entire board.



- 4. CUT UP TO 10 LAYERS AT A TIME** – The Studio 2 fabric cutter cuts a wide variety of fabric in a varying number of layers. Always begin with fewer layers and build up.



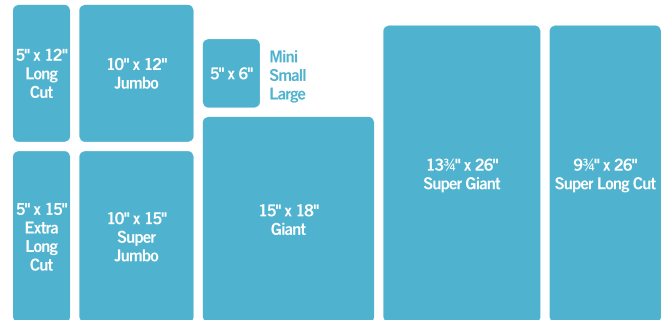
Fabric Tips

- Studio 2 cutters cut all types of fabric: cotton, flannel, wool, batik, batting, felt and more.
- The number of layers you can cut is determined by the thickness and type of fabric. Always start with fewer layers and build up. Often more layers will improve cutting performance.
- Cut shapes from fabric remnants and scraps. Great for using up stash!
- For fast appliqué, apply fusible web to fabric then cut.
- Use good quality fabric to reduce fabric stretch.
- For perfect half-square triangles, layer fabric on die right sides together, and then cut. Pick up one pair from the pile and sew.
- Use Clear Cuts™ dies to fussy cut fabric motifs.
- For scrappy quilts, layer several different fabrics together.
- We recommend you test cut your fabric first. AccuQuilt does not take responsibility for fabric cutting errors.

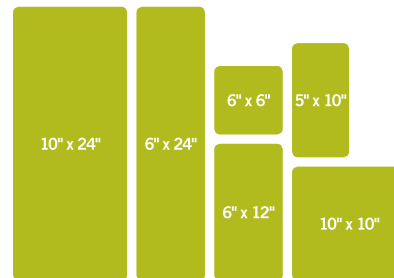
AccuQuilt Studio and GO! Dies Designed to Save You Time

AccuQuilt offers many different die shapes and sizes designed with features to save you time and to give you the most accurate cuts. Visit accuquilt.com to see our wide selection of piecing and appliqué dies to use with your Studio 2 cutter.

- Studio die sizes compatible with Studio 2 fabric cutter:



- GO! die sizes compatible with Studio 2 fabric cutter with GO! die adapter for Studio (506503, 506504):



Die Tips

- Die blades are designed for repetitive cutting.
- Dies with curved piecing seams feature notches to align fabric easily and effortlessly.
- Some dies feature specially designed corners to aid in alignment.
- Threads may remain after cutting with some fabrics. Snip with scissors.
- For best results, cut with die blades running under the roller at an angle, so they cut like scissors. Die blades should not be parallel to roller.
- The blades on some die designs are positioned at an angle to the die board. Align fabric to the edge of the die blade and not in line with the edge of the die board.
- As long as the desired shape is covered, you can use a different size plastic than your die board.

Studio Die Trays

- To extend the life of the die tray, move dies to different locations so one corner of the die is always touching a side of the tray.
- Depending on usage, the die tray must be replaced regularly. Average use requires replacement annually; heavier use will require more frequent replacement.
- You will know the tray needs to be replaced when it warps in the middle, when you hear a popping sound while cutting, or when you are not able to cut as many layers as expected.
- Store tray flat.

Studio Cutting Plastics

- Extend the life of your cutting plastic by alternating the sides when cutting.
- Replace cutting plastic when cutting performance of die is reduced or plastic shows excessive wear.
- Do not use warped plastics.
- Store cutting plastic flat.

Caring for Your Cutter & Dies

- For best results, keep your Studio 2 fabric cutter clean and lint-free. To clean the cutter, use a clean, soft, dry cloth. Use canned air to clean lint from rollers. Avoid abrasives, solvents and spray cleaners.

NOTE: No lubrication is necessary; all bearings are sealed. The steel roller never needs replacing and withstands years of die cutting use.

- Use a die pick (55105) or tweezers to remove threads and scraps of fabric from tight areas between blades. Use a lint roller to remove loose threads, lint and tiny scraps from foam side of die.
- Store die boards on end to protect blades. See accuquilt.com for convenient storage solutions.

Warranty

AccuQuilt Studio 2 Fabric Cutters are backed with a three-year warranty for the original owner. We promise the cutters will be free from defects in material or workmanship when used as directed. If you experience a manufacturing defect, AccuQuilt will repair or replace the cutter at no charge. Improper usage will void this warranty. AccuQuilt will honor the lifetime warranty on any Studio Fabric Cutter purchased prior to 10/1/13. All cutter die trays and cutting plastic are consumable parts and are not covered by the warranty. Replace trays annually depending on use. All Studio dies are guaranteed for one year.

Register your new Studio 2 fabric cutter today! Go to accuquilt.com/registerproduct. By registering your product, you'll be able to take full advantage of all the services that AccuQuilt offers.



Questions and Comments

Proper use and care of the cutter will yield a lifetime of efficient cutting. If you have further questions about the Studio 2 system, please don't hesitate to call AccuQuilt Customer Support at 888.258.7913, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CST, Monday-Friday. And, don't forget to visit us on the web at www.accuquilt.com!