

Megan at Messymethodsewing

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Figuring out if your fabric is on grain doesn't have to be mysterious, and discovering that it is off-grain doesn't have to be a disaster. Follow these tips to wrestle your misbehaving fabric back into grain perfection.

Step 1 — Check your fabric



Lay out your fabric, right sides together and lined up at the selvedge as if you were going to lay out a pattern. Are things not lining up in a perfect rectangle? Pin the selvedges together, then pin the sides, and follow the ripples. Look out for bowing on the bias.

Step 2 — Prepare the fabric



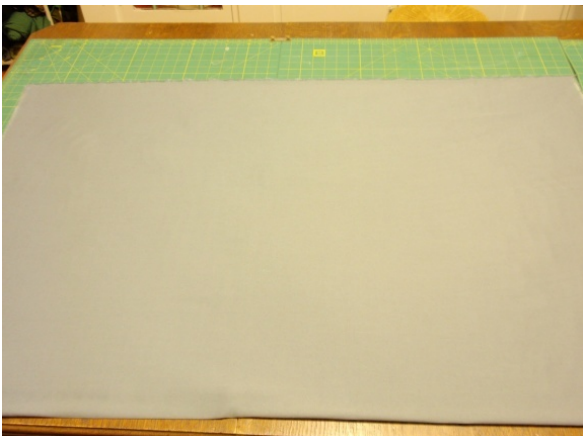
Spray the underside of the fabric with water so that both sides will be malleable when you press the fabric piece with a steam iron.

Step 3 — Press it into submission!



Keep selvages to the right on the pressing area; use iron firmly on the lengthwise grain (that is, parallel to the selvedge) and press with plenty of steam.

Step 4 — Ta-da!



When you are finished the warp and woof threads will be at ninety degree angles and your fabric will be ready to sew up.

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