

Studio Stitches

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Fiskars unzipped – An easy way to straighten fabric edges, cut squares without using a cutting mat.

Step 1 — Cover your ironing board



Using a length of gingham with large check cut a shape to match your board surface large enough for a tuck underneath and to make a channel for the cord. Neaten the edge with a zigzag or overlock stitch and then fold to create a channel for the cord. Sew around this. Thread the cord through and place cover on ironing board and pull cord tight and tie. Make sure that the gingham is placed squarely on the ironing board, using the sides edges as a guide.

Step 2 — Using your gingham squares as a guide.



Place the fabric you would like to cut onto the board. Match one edge of the fabric with a row of squares. Using a ruler mark your cutting lines again using the squares to line up the ruler.

Step 3 — Cutting out your fabric



Once marked cut your fabric with scissors and you will see that it is an adequate way to make straight edges on fabric. If you need to cut the fabric again, just line up against the squares and line the ruler up.

Step 4 — Accuracy



Please note it is not an accurate way of squaring the edges of fabric but for many projects will be adequate. If you do require 90 degree angles, then using a set square is the tool of choice. This method is simply a quick way to get a straight edge for hemming, patchwork backing squares, neatening edges for strip patchwork etc. Good luck in using it.

Step 2 — Using your gingham squares as a guide.

