



## Aussie Quick Quilt Strip Cutter Care, Maintenance and Use

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Thank you for your purchase, we hope it makes your quilting life easier. Here are a few hints and tips for you, you may also refer back to the original video instructions, but nothing will replace common sense and safety when using your rotary cutter i.e. always cover the blade whenever you put your rotary cutter down, always cut away from yourself etc. Also “safety” blades, the ones where the blade drops down when you push on it and retracts automatically do not work very well with the strip cutter.

### **General Care and Maintenance:**

1. Please remember to store your cutter out of direct sunlight and flat at all times, either on a table or in its carry bag.
2. If you are hanging your cutter in its carry bag, then please ensure it is on a flat wall not “bunched up” with other items.
3. Clean the **clear acrylic** with a dry soft cloth or a very light spray of Windex and a soft cloth.
4. Your **cutting board** can be cleaned with a damp cloth.
5. If you cut a lot of fabric and find that its getting a bit difficult to cut, especially on the “0”, then simply loosen the wing nuts on the top of the frame (you may need pliers) and move the aluminum frame slightly to the left or right and you will have a brand new cutting surface. Your slots do not have to line up with the white lines on the cutting board as you cannot see them when the fabric is in place anyway. Just ensure they are square or parallel.

**To use your Guides:** simply decide what size strips you need, place the guide at the bottom of the inside of the frame and line up the notches, i.e. 0, 2 ½” and cut at each notch. So, the 2 ½” would be at 0, 2 ½”, 5, 7 ½” etc. If you are using this guide for a lot of strips either a piece of clear tape or blutac will keep it in place while you are lifting the frame up and down.

### **To Use your Cutter:**

If you are using the full width of your fabric fold it selvedge to selvedge ensuring it is smooth.

Next fold in half again leaving about 1 cm at the top so you can see its even.

Lift your frame, place the fabric down with the selvedges level with one of the horizontal lines on the board toward the top. Lower the frame, add your guide if needed, and insert your blade into the lower teardrop. Cut the length of the slot to the end teardrop. Firm but not harsh action.

As you move along the board cutting, move your body and feet also. You don’t hit the tennis ball by standing in one place and stretching, you move your feet and body to meet it. The same principal works here.

If you want to cut a ¼” or ¾” increment strip, line your fabric up with the ¼” line on the end of the board and cut at the appropriate line i.e. for 2 ¾” cut at the 2 ½” line.