

DO'S & DON'TS *of* CUTTING MAT CARE

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DO

- Store flat
- Use sharp blades - if it doesn't cut the first time, it's time to change or sharpen!
- Wash with warm soapy water to prevent fluffy bits from getting trapped and encouraging cracking
- Store in a cool place
- Keep your rulers clean and check edges periodically. Discontinue use if the edges become rough from cutting.
- Use ruler grips to help minimize tension and pressure while cutting
- Practice cutting. Use only as much force as is needed to cut your fabric without putting stress on your hand and arms.
- Make the effort to keep your mat happy! A happy mat means a longer life and a larger budget for fabric.

DON'T

- Roll your mat
 - Cut back and forth
 - Use tired/dull blades
 - Use your full force for cutting!
- If you are marking your mat, you're pushing too hard
- Continue to use a damaged mat. If the surface is rough, your mat should be retired. To prevent future damage to a new mat, be sure to follow Do's for a longer life.

