

Fabric width: Usually 44/45" wide, but for figuring how much fabric you need, use 40"

Fat eighth: A fat quarter cut in half 18" x 10".

Fat quarter: a half yard of fabric (18" x 44"), cut in half making a fat quarter 18" x 22"

Foundation piecing: The same as paper piecing, using a piece of muslin as a foundation instead of paper.

Freezer paper: Found in the grocery store, used for quilt patterns, templates and such. The shiny side irons to the fabric with no residue when removed. Can be used to enlarge patterns as it irons to itself. A very useful tool.

Fusible interfacing: Fusible interfacing is used in some applique techniques. It is a non-woven fabric with glue on one side that can be ironed in place.

Fusible web: A product with glue on two sides and is used in fusible applique. Draw the applique shape on the paper, iron to the reverse of the desired fabric, cut out the shape, and remove the pattern. Comes in several weights. Iron to the background piece to create applique. Must be stitched around to hold it in place over the long term or washing.

Grain: The weave of the fabric: lengthwise and crosswise

Cross grain: The grain that runs across from selvage to selvage. Slightly more stretchy than lengthwise grain.

Lengthwise grain: Lengthwise grain is the grain that runs the length of the fabric. (opposite from the selvages). has little or no stretch.

Glue stick: Same as fabric glue. Used to glue fabric over templates to create applique pieces.

Greigh goods: The grade of fabric used for dying and printing. Different manufacturers use different grades, therefore you have a difference in quality from Hoffman to Wal-Mart.

Half square triangle: A square made from two triangles. There are several ways to mass produce these squares, and are very common in quilts

Long arm quilting: Quilting done on a large, long arm, commercial machine. It has a larger reach and can quilt a larger area before rolling. Charges for quilting a quilt on a long arm vary greatly, depending on the difficulty of the pattern