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Having trouble seeing lines on your rulers

1. Use a dry erase marker to enhance the line, temporarily. When finished wipe it off.
2. Use painters' tape green or blue, remove when done.

The Problem: Prewashing Precuts is stringy business

Normally I wouldn't recommend that you prewash your [precut fabrics](#), but occasionally there might be a good reason to do so (perhaps you are mixing them with older fabrics or because you are uncertain about their colorfastness?)

The Fix: Use a Salad Spinner!

Place the pieces in the spinner and add some hot water and detergent. Give them a good spin, then rinse and spin out again to extract as much water as possible. Lay flat, then press with a hot iron to dry.

The Problem: How old is this Rotary blade?

Have you ever found yourself dealing with a slightly dull blade and wondering, "Didn't I just change this a few weeks ago?"

The Fix: Record the date on the blade

The next time you change your rotary blade, find your sharpie and write the date on it!