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# GO! Tumblers

*The Tumbler is such a fun shape to work with! It's great for both novice and experienced quilt makers. The Tumbler is easy to piece, and a top can be completed, quick as can be!*

**Featured in this demo:**

- Accuquilt GO! Fabric Cutter
- GO! Tumbler dies: 6", 4", & 3" (finished)
- Fabric: 100% quilter's cotton

*AccuQuilt GO! Tumbler dies comes in three sizes: 6", 4", and 3" (finished size).*

**AccuQuilt Die & Cutter Compatibility:**

Studio	AccuQuilt GO! Me	AccuQuilt GO!	AccuQuilt GO! Big	AccuQuilt
<b>Die / item #</b>				
<b>Tumbler 6" (55020)</b>	--	X	X	X (with adapter)
<b>Tumbler 4" (55445)</b>	X	X	X	X (with adapter)
<b>Tumbler 3" (55015)</b>	X	X	X	X (with adapter)

**General Tips for cutting patchwork with the AccuQuilt Die-Cutting System**

- Use good quality fabric.
- Blades on some dies are positioned at an angle. Align the fabric parallel to the edge of the die shape.
- Keep scissors handy. Occasionally, a thread or two will remain where die blades meet. Snip with scissors.
- It's always a good idea to test cut one shape before cutting several to ensure fabric orientation is as desired.
- Place fabric on the die so the lengthwise grain is in the direction that the fabric moves through the AccuQuilt GO cutter.
- Up to 6 layers of cotton fabric may be cut at once.



**Fabric Preparation**

Whether or not you pre-wash your fabrics, I recommend this "fabric prep" step to help add stability to the fabrics prior to cutting. This step is not related to cutting with AccuQuilt; the AccuQuilt cutter and die will cut the fabric beautifully! This step is related to piecing. In my opinion, this step is important to help diminish the likelihood of distorting the patchwork during piecing anytime one may be working with bias edges. I believe this step is especially important if you pre-wash your fabrics, as all of the sizing in the "off the bolt" fabric will have been washed away.

**Procedure:** Generously spray your fabrics (damp; not drippy wet) with Mary Ellen's Best Press or other fabric sizing product. Press fabrics with a dry iron on cotton setting, then hang fabric to dry completely (or put fabric in the dryer for a few minutes on cotton heat setting). Once dry, press your fabric to remove any creases. Fabric prepped!

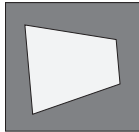
**AccuCutting With AccuQuilt**

AccuQuilt Cutter



The die can move through manually-propelled AccuQuilt Die-Cutting machines in either direction (GO! Me; GO!, or Studio). If using the electric GO! Big machine, the die will be propelled through the machine in only one direction.

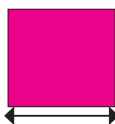
Die(s) & Cutting Mat(s)



With the exception of the strip-cutting dies (because they have no cross-cutting blades), all the AccuQuilt dies are made so that the shape is on the die board at an angle so there are no big "blade bumps" for the rollers of the machine to move over. Always use the appropriate sized cutting mat for the die that is being used.

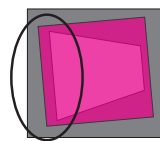
Fabric, Grain, and Placement

Fabric



The lengthwise grain of the fabric is placed in the direction the die moves through the machine.

Fabric positioned on die:



Note how the fabric is overlapping and is parallel to the die blade.



This is the direction that the die with fabric will go through the machine.

**Rough-cut Fabric Sizes for Tumblers**

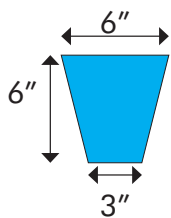
3" Tumbler: 4" crossgrain; 12" lengthwise grain (there are three tumbler shapes on the die)

4" Tumbler: 5" crossgrain; 5" lengthwise grain

6" Tumbler: 7" crossgrain; 7" lengthwise grain

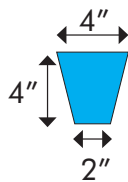
**Finished Tumbler Dimensions:**

**6" Tumbler**



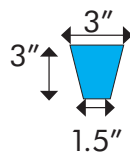
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**4" Tumbler**



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**3" Tumbler**



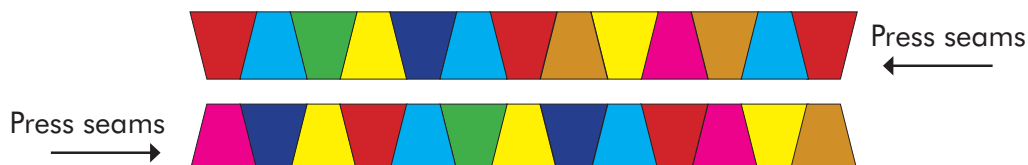
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With one shape per die for both the 6" and 4" Tumblers, up to 6 pieces can be cut at one time. The 3" Tumbler die has three shapes per die, allowing up to 18 pieces to be cut at once!

AccuQuilt has made each Tumbler die with specially designed "dog-eared" corners to make aligning the pieces for sewing SO easy!!

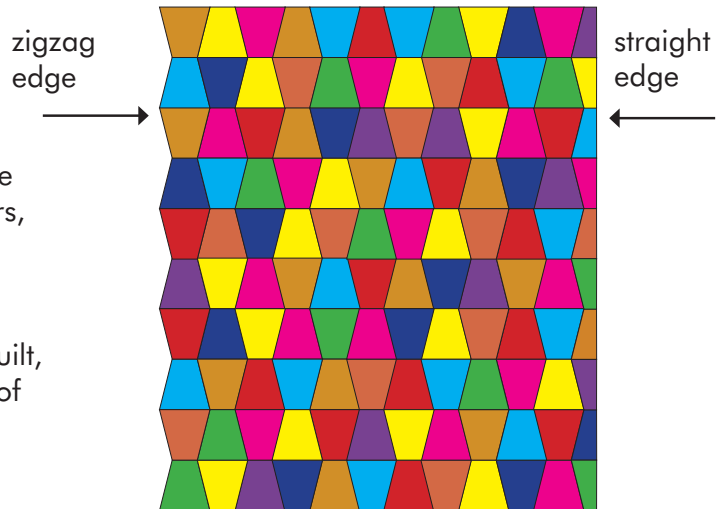
**Piecing and Pressing Plan**

Aligning and piecing together the Tumblers is easy, especially with the special "dog-eared" corners cut by the Tumbler die! Once the Tumblers are sewn into rows, press the seams to the side, each row pressed in the opposite direction of the previous row. This way, the seams will "nest" as the rows are placed RST (right sides together) to attach one row to the next.



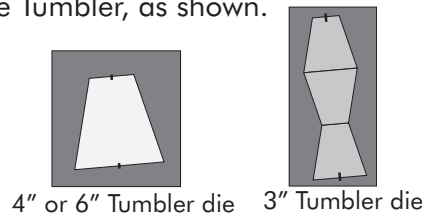
### Straight Side Edges or Angled Side Edges?

It is possible to quilt and bind angled side edges, so if you don't wish to add borders, simply preferring the zigzag of the natural edge created by the Tumblers, great! If you want to add borders or you prefer straight edges on all four sides of your quilt, half-Tumblers can be added to the ends of each row. Half-Tumblers are easy to cut with your die.



### AccuCutting Half-Tumblers for Straight Side Edges

Using a ruler and a fine point permanent marker, mark the vertical mid-point of your Tumbler die foam at the top and bottom of the Tumbler, as shown.



Place straight-cut edges of fabric, lining up with the marks as shown, always placing the lengthwise grain in the direction that the die will move through the cutter.

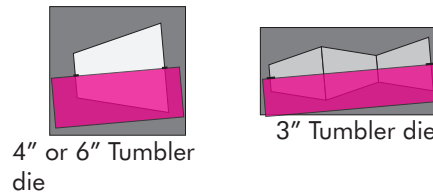
**NOTE: You will need two, mirror-imaged half-tumblers for each row. To get mirror-images, stack the fabric in pairs with RST (right sides together).**

Up to three pairs of fabric (6 layers) may be cut at once.



### Rough-cut Fabric Sizes for Half-Tumblers

- 3": 2" crossgrain; 12" lengthwise grain
- 4": 2 1/2" crossgrain; 5" lengthwise grain
- 6": 3 1/2" crossgrain; 7" lengthwise



You can find GO! Tumblers and other great AccuQuilt products at your local AccuQuilt Signature Retailer or at [accuquilt.com](http://accuquilt.com). Also at [accuquilt.com](http://accuquilt.com): educational videos and free patterns!!

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Happy quilt-making!

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