

How to make an 'Alligator'.....Created by Bev Stevens

Supplies

- One and a quarter yards of good quality flannel (tightly woven) - 100 % cotton
- Use 100% cotton thread. (100% cotton is necessary because polyester may melt when the alligator is heated in the microwave)
- 5 pounds short grain brown rice

1. From the flannel, cut 2 pieces as follows:

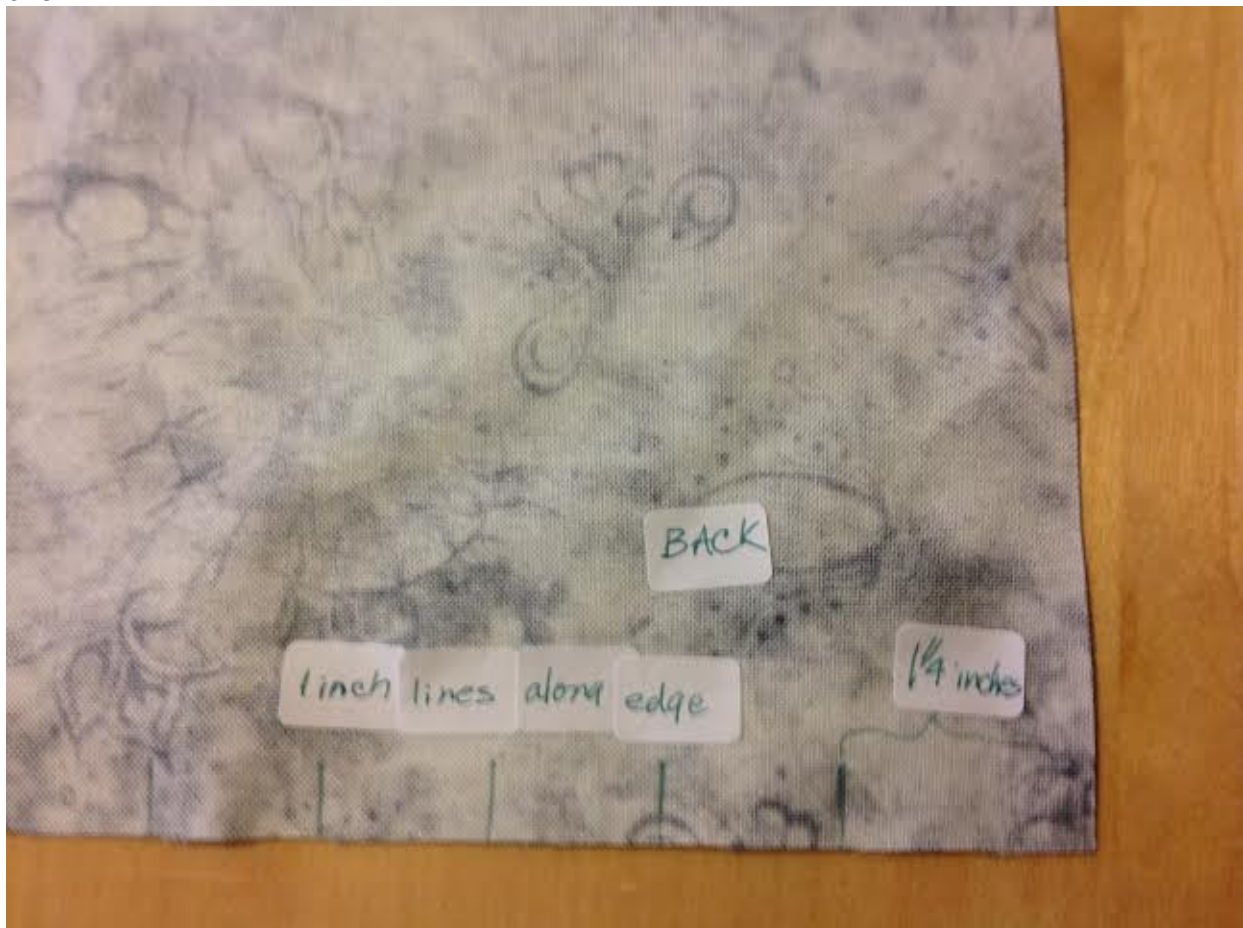
Back - 11" X 29"

Front - 10" X 50"

Be sure to square up the fabric before starting.

2. Marking the fabric: Marking pens such as the Frixion pen can be used. Chalk works well; a scrub can be used to erase any marking errors.

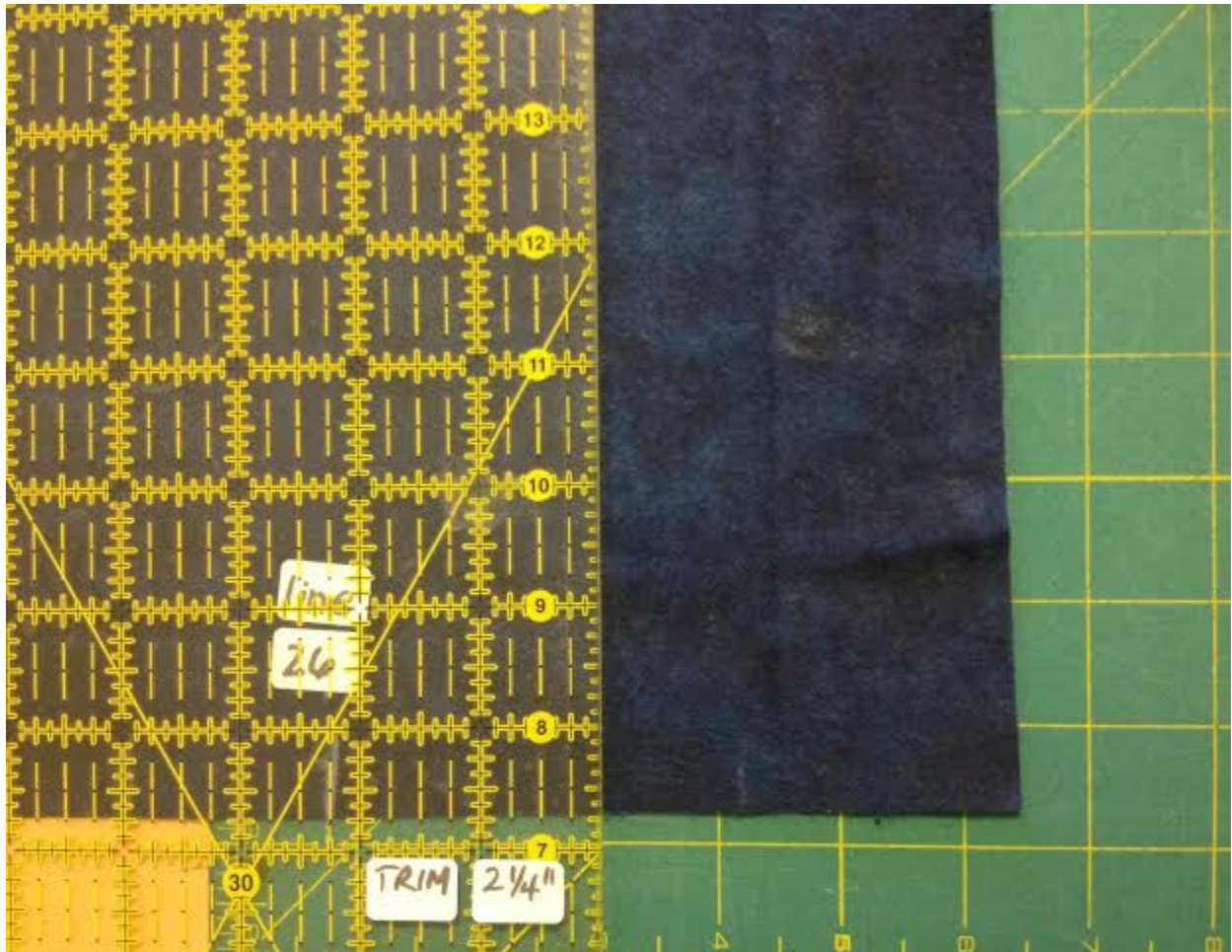
Back: on the wrong side of the fabric, one and a half (1 1/2") inches from one end and along the edges, mark 26 lines an inch apart. Photo one.



Front: on the right side of the fabric, two and a half inches from one edge ($2\frac{1}{2}$ "), mark 26 lines, one and three-quarter apart along the edges.



Trim the end to two and one quarter (2 1/4")....from the 26th line to the end of the fabric. Photo two.



3. Put the front and back, right sides together, placing the back on the front so that there is a half-inch of the front showing on each side (see photo) and sew ends, using a half inch (1/2") seam allowance. Seams can be pressed. Turn right sides out. Photo.....



4. With wrong sides together, match each of the 26 lines along the edges, pinning at each line.