

## ***Are you using the correct cutting mat with your Fiskars Rotary Cutter?***



Recently I read an article on the care of Rotary Cutters & Cutting Mats by Judy Hall (Nifty Notions - Into Craft) which had me going straight up to my local quilting store to purchase a new Fiskars Self-Healing Cutting Mat.

There are numerous cutting boards around my CraftyOffice & lounge. Kept there for when the notion to create hits & I don't have to go looking for mats or blades. Over the past year I have been putting my energy into quilting, so cutting lots of fabric. Without giving any thought to what I was cutting on, I used the mats in the lounge, at the dining room table or even in the CraftyOffice. Then I started noticing that my cutting blades were getting blunt very quickly, the answer was given to me in the article I've referred to above. I was causing them to blunt because I was using my craft boards to cut my fabric, not the proper self-healing mat.

***The self-healing cutting board/mat must be used when using a Fiskars Rotary Cutter.***

*The harder craft boards are designed to be used for cutting with a craft knife/blade.*

This has been an expensive learning curve for me, as I have been replacing my rotary cutter blades at a fair rate of knots & they are not cheap. (I do keep the blunt blades for the paper crafting). I'm happy now that I've gotten my Fiskars self-healing cutting mat, love the bright yellow one side & the pastel green on the other.

Will be more thoughtful of which board/mat I'm using from now on.

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PS: Yes, I do have two very large self-healing mats by another brand, one is glued to a table top & the other sits by the sewing machine, neither are very portable hence the use of the crafting mats. Think another small mat will be my next purchase for taking to classes etc.