

# BVQG Accuquilt Go! Cutter and Accessories

## Go! Big Electric Cutter

BVQG purchased the premier GO! Big Electric Cutter for use by their members. The dies, hard copy instructions, pattern books and Cube or die specific instructions are kept on the Accuquilt Cart in the BVQG storage room. Contact the Accuquilt Coordinator for access to the GO!.

For details and instructions about the Go! Big Electric Cutter, check out the booklet on the Cart or click the link to see the booklet online [Go! Make the Cut Instruction & Tips for Use](#). This is a quick read full of valuable information about terms and how to get perfect cuts.

This Go! Big Electric Cutter is safe and easy to use. The electric function maximizes efficiency and alleviates hand and arm strain.

This Go! Big Electric Cutter is compatible with **all** GO! dies including the 14" x 16" Go! Big dies. This cutter will even cut two 6" wide dies side by side!

At the push of a button, this cutter can accurately cut up to 6 layers of fabric at one time (depending on fabric type). To see the fabric layer suggestions, see the hard copy booklet on the Accuquilt Cart or click the link [Go! Make the Cut Instruction & Tips for Use](#).

The dies owned by BVQG are listed below. Click on the GO! product number and name to see details of each Cube or die at [www.accuquilt.com](http://www.accuquilt.com). Please note, product information and online documentation available at Accuquilt are subject to change.

## GO! Cutter Die Sets (aka Cubes and Cube Companions).

The Cube sets all come with Pattern books that use a Shape number to indicate which die patch is used in the pattern. There is a hard copy of the books on the Accuquilt Cart or online listed with the details of the Cube.

You are not limited to using the Pattern book to cut and piece blocks using GO! patches. The patch shape and size are listed below so you can identify which patches you need to cut for your pattern or idea. HINT: use the book to identify the actual shape cut.

### [55778 Go! Cube Mix & Match 8" Block](#) – 8" Finished Blocks

- GO! Square-4 1/2" (4" Finished) (55708) (Shape 1)
- GO! Square-2 1/2" (2" Finished) (55709) (Shape 2)
- GO! Half Square Triangle-4" Finished Square (55710) (Shape 3)
- GO! Quarter Square Triangle-4" Finished Square (55711) (Shape 4)
- GO! Half Square Triangle-2" Finished Square (55712) (Shape 5)
- GO! Square on Point-3 1/4" (2 3/4" Finished) (55713) (Shape 6)
- GO! Parallelogram 45°-2 3/4" x 3 1/2" Sides (2 1/16" x 2 13/16" Finished) (55714) (Shape 7)
- GO! Rectangle-2 1/2" x 4 1/2" (2" x 4" Finished) (55715) (Shape 8)

### **55789 Go! Cube 8" Block Companion Set** – Angles for 8" Finished Blocks

- GO! Triangles in Square-Center-4" Finished Square (Shape 13)
- GO! Triangles in Square-Sides-4" Finished Square (Shape 14)
- GO! Kite-Center-4" Finished Square (Shape 15)
- GO! Trapezoid 45°-1-15/16"H x 6-3/8"W Cut (4" Finished Square) (Shape 16)

### **55785 Go! Cute 8" Block Companion Set** – Corners for 8" Finished Blocks

- GO! Chisels-2" x 4" Finished (55734) (Shape 9)
- GO! Signature Block-4" Finished Square (55730) (Shape 10)
- GO! Bowtie-4" Finished Square (55764) (Shape 11.1)
- GO! Half Square Triangle-1" Finished Square (55765) (Shape 12.1)

### **55778 Go! Cube Mix & Match 12" Block** – 12" Finished Blocks

- GO! Square-6 1/2" (6" Finished) (55000) (Shape 1)
- GO! Square-3 1/2" (3" Finished) (55701) (Shape 2)
- GO! Half Square Triangle-6" Finished Square (55001) (Shape 3)
- GO! Quarter Square Triangle-6" Finished Square (55726) (Shape 4)
- GO! Half Square Triangle-3" Finished Square (55703) (Shape 5)
- GO! Square on Point-4 3/4" (4 1/4" Finished) (55725) (Shape 6)
- GO! Parallelogram 45°-3 11/16" x 4 15/16" (3" x 4 1/4" Finished) (55723) (Shape 7)
- GO! Rectangle-3 1/2" x 6 1/2" (3" x 6" Finished) (55724) (Shape 8)

### **GO! Cutter Strip Cutter Dies - cuts width-of-fabric (WOF) strips:**

**55053 GO! Strip Cutter 2 1/4" (1 3/4" Finished)** 4 Strips Die - good for 2 1/4" binding strips.

**55017 GO! Strip Cutter 2 1/2" (2" Finished)** 3 Strips Die - good for 2 1/2" binding strips.

**55023 GO! Strip Cutter 5" (4 1/2" Finished)** 1 Strip Die - two passes of a strip or scrap to quickly cut charm squares!!! You can get 8 charms from every 40+" WOF strip.

### **GO! Cutter Piecing Dies:**

**55059 GO! Square-2 1/2" (2" Finished) Multiples Die** - cuts nine 2 1/2" squares that finish to 2" squares. Great to cut 2-1/2" squares from scraps of fabric.

**55456 GO! Flying Geese** - 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" triangle and two wings (3" x 6" Finished).

**55011 GO! Hexagon-1", 1 1/2", 2 1/2" Sides Die** – remember hexagons are sized by the length of one flat side of the hexagon.

## **GO! Block on Board (BOB) Dies:**

**GO! Churn Dash - 9" Finished Die** – This die cuts all the patches needed to make a Churn Dash block. This die also contains the building blocks (rectangles, half square triangles, and squares) to make a huge variety of other blocks.

## **GO! Cutter Applique Dies:**

For machine embroidery enthusiasts, Accuquilt provides FREE machine embroidery designs for most of their applique dies. There are three designs per die which outline the applique shape with either a satin stitch, a blanket stitch or motif stitch (zig-zag). Designs with additional details beyond outlines are available for purchase from Accuquilt as well.

### **55155 GO! Circle-1 1/2", 1 3/4", 2 1/4", 2 1/2" Die**

Cut Size: Two each: 1 1/2", 1 3/4", 2 1/4", and 2 1/2" circles.

Finished Size: Two each: 1 1/2", 1 3/4", 2 1/4" and 2 1/2" circles.

Die Board Size: 6 in. x 12 in.

### **55484 GO! Circle-1/2", 3/4", 1", 1 1/4" Die**

Cut Size: Eight-1/2" circles, Eight-3/4" circles, Eight-1" circles, Eight-1 1/4" circles

Finished Size: Eight-1/2" circles, Eight-3/4" circles, Eight-1" circles, Eight-1 1/4" circles

Die Board Size: 6 in. x 12 in. (15.2 cm x 30.4 cm)

### **55228 GO! Camper Die** – a donation

Cut Size: Camper: 6 1/4"W x 4 5/8"H, Side Accent: 6 1/8"W x 7/8"H, Door: 1 1/4"W x 2 5/8"H, Door Window: 3/4"W x 3/4"H, Window: 1 1/4"W x 1"H, Wheel/Circle: 1 3/8".

Finished Size: 6 1/4"W x 4 5/8"H Camper.

Die Board Size: 6 in. x 12 in.

### **55042 Funky Flowers** – cuts two large flowers, one small flower and two flower centers.

Cut Size: Large Flowers: 4"W x 4 1/8"H, Small Flower: 1 1/2"W x 1 1/2"H, Large Center: 3/4"W x 3/4"H, Small Center: 5/8"W x 5/8"H

Finished Size: 4"W x 4 1/8"H

Die Board Size: 5 in. x 10 in.

## **GO! Cutter Cutting Mats:**

There are multiples of most of the GO! Cutter mats that BVQG own. How many and what size may vary as the different dies are purchased and mats are worn out. If you are bringing a personal die to use with the BVQG GO! Cutter, you may wish to bring your own mat to ensure you have a working mat the size needed for the die.

Only use the size mat for the size of the piece you are cutting. The die won't be impacted by the part not covered by a mat. A mat only needs to cover the actual area to cut.

Always, always, always... with each cut move the mat so the blades don't cut in the same area each time. Turn the mat OVER. It is fully reversible and turning over each time helps to distribute the wear and tear of the mat.

You MUST HAVE A MAT to cut. If it appears the GO! Accuquilt cutter is not cutting fabric at all... DID YOU REMEMBER TO PLACE A MAT over the fabric??? This is a common mistake we ALL have made!!!

### **Go! Mats on hand:**

55137 GO! 6" x 6" Mat

55112 GO! 6" x 12" Mat

55113 GO! 10" x 24" Mat – used to cut WOF strips on the strip dies

## GO! Cutter Tips & Tricks & Resources

If you are new to the Accuquilt, it is highly recommended you review the [Go! Make the Cut Instruction & Tips for Use](#). This is a quick read full of valuable information about terms and how to get perfect cuts.

The instruction book includes a chart for how many layers can be cut for different fabric types. THIS IS IMPORTANT!!!

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Only use the size mat for the size of the piece you are cutting. The die won't be impacted by the part not covered by a mat. A mat only needs to cover the actual area to cut.

If you have threads or short areas that are not cut, it is a problem with the mat. Use scissors to fix the cut but on the next pass thru the cutter, move the mat around so that the blades are not cutting in the same place every time.

If you are using FUSIBLE, apply the fusible to the fabric BEFORE cutting the shape. It does not matter which direction the fusible paper backing is faced, up or down. If using a fusible which does not have paper backing (such as Stitch Witchery), place a piece of wax or freezer paper between the fusible and the die or mat. The fusible will stick slightly to the paper but will peel right off. Fused fabrics do not stretch so cuts will be accurate.

If you need to cut on the BIAS, for a more accurate cut place a thin piece of paper over the top of the fabric stack. The paper should be between the fabric and the mat. This keeps the fabric from being stretched when running under the rollers of the cutter. Do not use newspaper print as the print will come off on to the fabric. This is a great use for old catalogs and magazines.

Strip cutters are a great tool for cutting bias binding!!! There is multiple [Youtube](#) videos on how to do fold and cut the binding. Search Youtube for "accuquilt bias binding".

### Cubes, Pieced and Applique Die Hints:

Fabric to be cut should be at least ½" wider and ½" longer than the patch to cut.

Always cut shapes on the LENGTHWISE grain (parallel to the selvage) as the fabric goes under the cutter. See [Go! Make the Cut Instruction & Tips for Use](#) for details and diagrams.

For 100% cotton you can typically cut up to 6 layers. You can fan fold fabric across the blades but remember to count each fold as TWO layers of fabric. Be certain the fold is over the blade it covers as the fold can sometimes flatten to be inside the blade rather than out.

There are educational videos at Accuquilt about how to use the cutter. Visit the [Accuquilt Learning](#) page.

For absolutely accurate cuts especially with the hand crank Go! Cutter (which the guild does not own but many of our members do), place a thin piece of paper over the top of the fabric stack before cutting. This keeps the fabric from being stretched when running the die and fabric thru the rollers of the cutter. Do not use newspaper print as the print will come off on to the fabric but this is a great use for old catalogs and magazines.

### **Strip Die Hints:**

Fabric to be cut should be at least ½” wider than the number of strips to be cut. For 100% cotton you can typically cut up to 6 layers of fabric but remember, each WOF piece is equivalent to TWO layers. You can fan fold the WOF piece but be certain the fold is well over the blade it covers as the fold can sometimes flatten to be inside the blade rather than out.

When cutting WOW strips avoid cutting a “V” shaped strip. Be certain the fold is at a 90° angle to the blade. The fold should lay next to the marked line at the bottom of the die just as you would place a ruler to cut a WOF strip.

Be certain the fabric covers the die blades! Fabric should be smoothed and straightened to follow the die blades down the entire strip die.

Sometimes the selvage of a strip does not get completely cut. Simply use scissors to finish the cut. Crosswise grain for WOF strips is sometimes stretched beyond the blades by the rollers of the GO! Cutter. The crosswise grain stretch doesn't matter since the fabric moves right back into shape after the cut. Just clip what doesn't get cut.

### **Online Resources:**

[Accuquilt.com](https://www.accuquilt.com) – videos, tons of free patterns and reference guides are available to view or download. They also have a blog you can sign up to follow. Accuquilt does live videos every week to demo and show ideas for how to use many of the Accuquilt dies. On the website you can sign up for a newsletter for hints, tips and the free videos.

There are educational videos on the [Accuquilt Learning](https://www.accuquilt.com/learning) page about how to use and accurately cut using the GO! Cutters.

[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/accuquilt) – Accuquilt has a very active [Accuquilt Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/accuquilt) account. [Accuquilt Cutting Expert Pam Heller](https://www.facebook.com/accuquiltcutting) also has videos and tutorials on how to use the GO! Cutters.

[Quilt in a Day](https://www.quiltinaday.com) sells Go! Cutters, dies, accessories and Accuquilt friendly patterns.

[Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=accuquilt) has many, many videos recorded by Accuquilt users on how to use the GO! Cutter, GO! dies and piecing hints for some of the more complex dies. Just search “accuquilt” and/or the name of the die you want more information about.

[Quilters HQ](https://www.quiltershq.com) is a local shop at 135<sup>th</sup> Street and Mur-Len in Olathe and has a large selection of dies, GO! Cutters and accessories. They offer a discount 20% on Accuquilt products but do not honor Accuquilt sale prices. They are happy to order any die they don't stock.