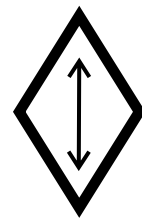
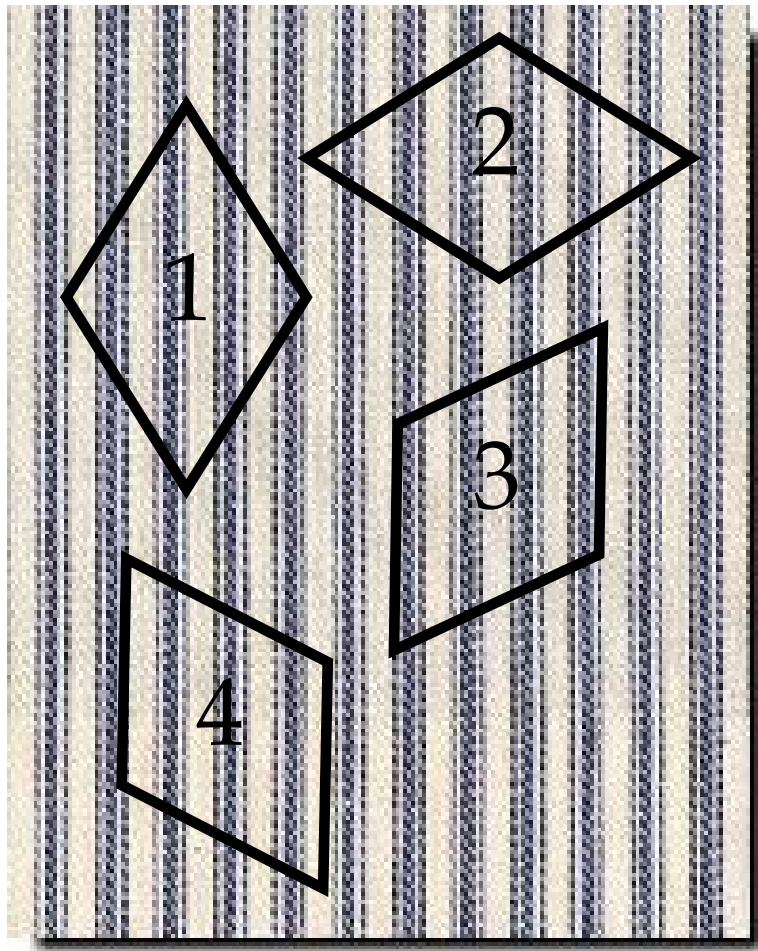
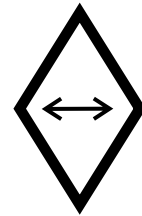


Cutting Stripes with the Lancaster Diamond Template

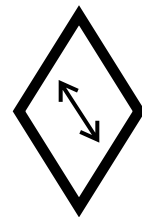
Usually, stripes run the length of the fabric and can add an interesting element to your quilts. In order to control the direction of the stripes, you'll need to cut your fabric strips so that the diamonds will be oriented in one of the following directions.



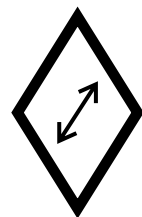
1. Lengthwise



2. Crosswise



3. Upper left to lower right



4. Upper right to lower left



In the detail of this quilt at left, notice that the central area is cut from only one striped fabric (in this case, a birch tree print). The stripes alternate #3 and #4 orientation to produce a woven effect.

- Lay your acrylic Lancaster Diamond template on the fabric so that you can see the direction that the stripe will run.
- Place your 6" x 24" ruler alongside the template.
- Remove the template and cut along the ruler's edge in order to cut the correct starting angle.
- Use this edge to cut strips:
 - 4 3/4" for large diamonds
 - 2 5/8" for small diamonds