

# As Ye Sew

## Calculator Helps Quilters Estimate Fabric Needs

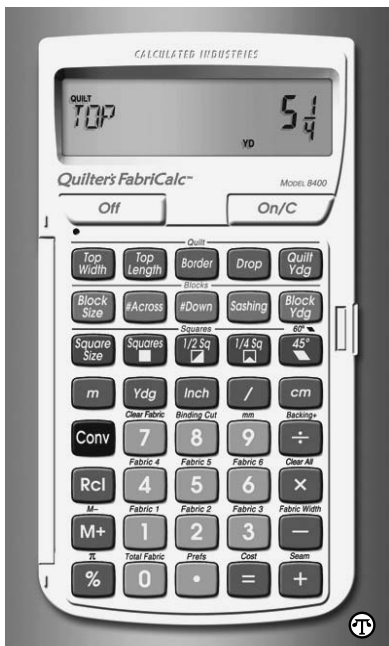
(NAPSA)—To the untrained eye, a patchwork quilt can appear to be a ragtag assemblage, with no rhyme or reason to the pattern of fabrics contained therein.

Quilters, on the other hand, know just how exacting this craft can be—and how important it is to find the right swatch to fit each part of a project: square, triangle or diamond. Fortunately, these artisans now have a handy gadget that helps bring the traditional sewing basket into the digital age, adding a level of precision—and even providing a touch of creativity.

The new *Quilter's FabriCalc™*, from Calculated Industries, is a 42-key hand-held calculator that has been developed specifically for quilting design and yardage calculations. All the keys are labeled in quilting terms and the calculator provides understandable built-in solutions with explanatory labels.

The function keys are color-coded and organized in groups based on how a user would “break down” individual quilting pieces and determine the amount of fabric required to make a quilt. Calculations can also be easily reversed, allowing the quilter to effectively use material in their fabric “stash.”

“The *Quilter's FabriCalc* is an ideal tool. It helps the quilter find the solutions needed to plan and estimate the amount of fabric required for a quilt,” says quilting designer Susie Blades, who championed the idea for a quilting calculator. “The quilter can be confident that the mathematics are accurate and focus on the creative



**Quilters can now figure out their fabric needs with the help of a “crafty” calculator.**

aspects of design and layout.”

Among the calculator’s many features are functions that:

- Find total yardage, including backing, binding, borders and drop for any quilting project;
- Create quilt designs using block functions with or without sashing, solve diagonals;
- Store fabric yardage for six individual types of fabric and show total yardage required for all fabrics; and
- Find total costs for material.

To learn more about the *Quilter's FabriCalc*, including locations where it can be purchased, visit [www.calculated.com/quiltersfabricalc](http://www.calculated.com/quiltersfabricalc).