

Easy Cutting Table

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Remember when you could cut out patterns on the floor? Those were the days of youth and better backs. I've been struggling to find a cutting table solution. I used to have one of those nice tables that folded away but had to part with it years ago when we moved to a smaller space. When I got back into sewing five years ago, it would take me days to cut anything out because of the stress on my back. The dining room table isn't tall enough and is glass so I couldn't even raise it up.

I'd been thinking about asking my husband to build me a plywood riser for this queen size bed in one of the guest rooms, but there again, storage was an issue and also being able to get it up on the bed by myself.

Then I got to thinking about what I had that I could manage and looking around an idea hit me. I have my yarn and fabric stored in these under-the-bed storage bins. I put some of them on the bed and saw that they were about the perfect height to raise my cutting area. I thought about getting some insulation board cut to size but realized that my cardboard cutting board was about perfect. I then put two cutting mats on top of the cutting board. I have found an ideal cutting table. (Well, ideal would be accessible from 4 sides but I'll settle for 3).

I tried it out by cutting out a pair of pants. No back problems. I was able to quickly cut out the pants and put everything away. No more leaving things out for days.

Here's a hint. If you store fabric in your bins, they might be a bit heavy to manage. Be careful. I used my yarn bins which were lighter.



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