

OLFA CHN1

OLFA Chenille Cutter (CHN1) Instruction Manual

Model: CHN1

INTRODUCTION

The OLFA Chenille Cutter (CHN1) is a specialized tool designed to simplify the process of creating chenille fabric. This cutter allows for precise cuts through multiple layers of fabric, enabling the creation of soft, textured chenille for various sewing and quilting projects. It features a unique stationary blade system and adjustable channel guides to accommodate different chenille textures.

Video: Official OLFA Chenille Cutter demonstration. This video provides a visual guide on how to use the cutter to create chenille fabric, including layering, sewing channels, and the cutting process.

SETUP

Before using your OLFA Chenille Cutter, prepare your fabric layers as follows:

- Layering Fabric:** Select four layers of naturally fraying fabric, such as cotton, rayon, or homespun. Ensure the bottom layer is slightly larger than the top three layers. This larger bottom layer will serve as the base and will not be cut.
- Marking the Bias:** Working on the bias of the fabric, draw a diagonal line down the middle of your layered fabric.
- Sewing Channels:** Sew along the diagonal line, then continue sewing evenly spaced parallel lines across the entire fabric square. These sewn lines create the 'channels' that will be cut.



Image: Fabric prepared with a diagonal line, indicating the first sewing line for chenille channels.



Image: Fabric with multiple parallel channels sewn, demonstrating the preparation for chenille cutting.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The OLFA Chenille Cutter features a ratchet dial and channel guides to facilitate precise cutting.

1. **Selecting a Channel Guide:** The cutter has four channel guide sizes (small, medium, large, extra-large) to match the width of your sewn channels (from 1/8 inch to 1/2 inch wide). To select a guide, rotate the ratchet dial counter-clockwise in the direction of the red arrow until the blade is exposed in the window of your desired channel guide.
2. **Cutting the Channels:** Place the selected channel guide into one of your sewn channels. Apply gentle, even pressure and push the cutter along the channel. The cutter will slice through the top three layers of fabric, leaving the bottom layer intact.
3. **Achieving Desired Texture:** Narrower channels result in a finer, softer chenille texture, while wider channels produce a fuller, thicker texture.
4. **Finishing:** Once all channels are cut, wash and dry the fabric to encourage fraying and reveal the chenille texture.



Image: Front view of the OLFA Chenille Cutter, highlighting the dial for selecting channel guides and blade exposure.



Image: The OLFA Chenille Cutter in action, demonstrating how to guide the tool along sewn channels to create chenille.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your OLFA Chenille Cutter.

Blade Usage and Replacement

- The blade inside the cutter is stationary and does not rotate during cutting. This allows you to utilize a specific portion of the blade edge until it becomes dull.
- When a blade edge no longer cuts efficiently, turn the ratchet dial clockwise in the direction of the black arrow. Each click exposes a new, sharp part of the blade.
- You can repeat this action 24 times to use the entire blade. It is recommended to use a marker to cross off the numbers printed on the dial to keep track of blade usage.
- To replace the blade:
 - a. Turn the cutter over.
 - b. Slide the lock lever in the direction of the arrow to release the lock.
 - c. Lift the top cover of the cutter off.
 - d. Carefully remove the old blade and dispose of it properly.
 - e. Replace with a new OLFA Chenille Blade (Model CHB601). Ensure to only use genuine OLFA Chenille Blades for optimal performance and safety.
 - f. Align the notches on the top cover with the base, press the two halves together, and slide the lever back into the locked position.



Image: Back view of the OLFA Chenille Cutter, illustrating the blade replacement mechanism.

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CHENILLE CUTTER

COUPEUR POUR CHENILLE

CORTADOR DE FELPILLA

Turn dial left to select from 1 of 4 channel guide sizes - 1/8" to 1/2".

Tournez le cadran vers la gauche pour sélectionner le format de guide 1 à 4, soit 3,2 à 12,7 mm (1/8 à 1/2 po).

Haga girar el dial a la izquierda para seleccionar 1 de 4 tamaños de guías de canales - 1/8 pulgada a 1/2 pulgada (3,2 mm a 12,7 mm).

S: 1/8", 5-6mm

LL: 1/2", 11-12mm



Turn dial right to expose 24 new sharp blade edges.

Tournez le cadran vers la droite pour exposer 24 nouveaux rebords tranchants.

Haga girar el dial a la derecha para exponer 24 nuevos bordes de hojas afiladas.

Blade does not rotate when cutting.

La lame ne tourne pas lors de la coupe.

No exposed blade edges for extra safety.

M: 1/4", 7-8mm L: 3/8", 9-10mm

La hoja no rota al cortar.

Aucun tranchant exposé pour plus de sécurité.

Bordes de hojas no expuestos para seguridad adicional.

For right- and left-handed users.

Pour les utilisateurs gauchers ou droitiers.

Premium quality blade for superior sharpness and durability.

Lame de première qualité pour une durabilité et un tranchant supérieurs.

Hoja de calidad superior para agudeza y durabilidad superiores.

Para usuarios diestros o zurdos.

It's simple! Place cutter on edge of material, slide through channel. No scissors needed.

C'est simple ! Placez le couteau sur le rebord du matériel, glissez au travers du guide. Aucun ciseau n'est requis.

¡Es simple! Coloque el cortador en el borde del material, deslice a través del canal. No se necesitan tijeras.



BLADE REPLACEMENT / REMPLACEMENT DE LA LAME / REEMPLAZO DE HOJAS
Fits OLFA Chenille Blade CHB / S'adapte à la Lame Chenille OLFA - CHB / Se adapta a la hoja de felpilla OLFA - CHB

For product and blade change demo, visit www.olfa.com.

Pour une démonstration du remplacement de la lame, visitez www.olfa.com.

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Reset dial to 0 / Retournez le cadran à 0 / Vuelva a colocar el dial en 0

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CAUTION / AVERTISSEMENT / PRECAUCIÓN

Blade extremely sharp, handle with care. Keep out of the reach of children. / Lame extrêmement tranchante, manipuler avec soin. Garder hors de la portée des enfants. / Hoja extremadamente afilada, manipule con cuidado. Mantenga alejado del alcance de los niños.

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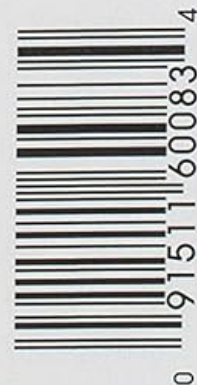


Image: Product packaging for the OLFA Chenille Cutter, detailing blade replacement and usage information.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Cutter not cutting effectively:** Ensure the blade is sharp. Rotate the ratchet dial to expose a new blade edge. If the entire blade has been used, replace it with a new OLFA CHB601 blade.
- **Fabric jamming or clogging:** Fabric fibers, especially from flannel, can accumulate. Use a small brush or toothpick to clear any lint or debris from the blade area.
- **Accidental cuts into the bottom layer:** This can occur if fabric layers are not properly basted or sewn, allowing the tool to slip. Ensure layers are securely joined and that the channel guide fits snugly within the sewn channel. Also, verify that the bottom layer is sufficiently larger than the top layers.

- **Uneven chenille texture:** Ensure your sewn channels are evenly spaced and that you are cutting consistently along the center of each channel. Using the correct channel guide size for your sewn width is crucial.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	OLFA
Model	CHN1
Color	Yellow
Material	Cotton (tool is for use with cotton fabric)
Item Weight	9.07 g
Handle Type	Manual-Retractable
Blade Type	Stationary Circular Blade (24 edges)
Compatible Replacement Blade	OLFA CHB601
Channel Widths	1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2 inches
Maximum Fabric Layers	Up to 8 layers

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

OLFA offers a handle satisfaction replacement policy. For detailed information regarding warranty and support, please visit the official OLFA website.

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