

Elan 24 x 18"

Elan Self-Healing Cutting Mat User Manual

Model: 24 x 18" | Brand: Elan

INTRODUCTION

The Elan Self-Healing Cutting Mat is an essential tool for various crafting activities, including sewing, quilting, scrapbooking, and general craft projects. Its unique self-healing properties protect your work surface and extend the life of your cutting blades. This manual provides detailed instructions on how to set up, use, and maintain your cutting mat to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

PRODUCT FEATURES

- **Self-Healing Surface:** The 5-ply PVC construction allows cuts to disappear, maintaining a smooth and flat surface for continuous use.
- **Dual-Sided Design:** Features a pink side and a purple side, both with precise imperial grid markings for versatile use and preference.
- **Durable Construction:** Made with strong PVC layers, including recycled PVC, for robustness and reduced environmental impact.
- **Accurate Grid:** Professionally applied 24x18" imperial patchwork grid ensures precise measurements and long-lasting readability.
- **Surface Protection:** Protects tables and other work surfaces from cuts and damage during crafting activities.

SETUP

Upon receiving your Elan Self-Healing Cutting Mat, follow these steps for initial setup:

1. **Unpack the Mat:** Carefully remove the cutting mat from its packaging. Ensure it is not bent or creased during removal.
2. **Place on a Flat Surface:** Lay the mat flat on a stable, even work surface. Ensure there are no bumps or debris underneath that could affect its flatness.
3. **Choose Your Side:** The mat is reversible, featuring a pink side and a purple side. Select the side that offers the best contrast for your current project or personal preference.

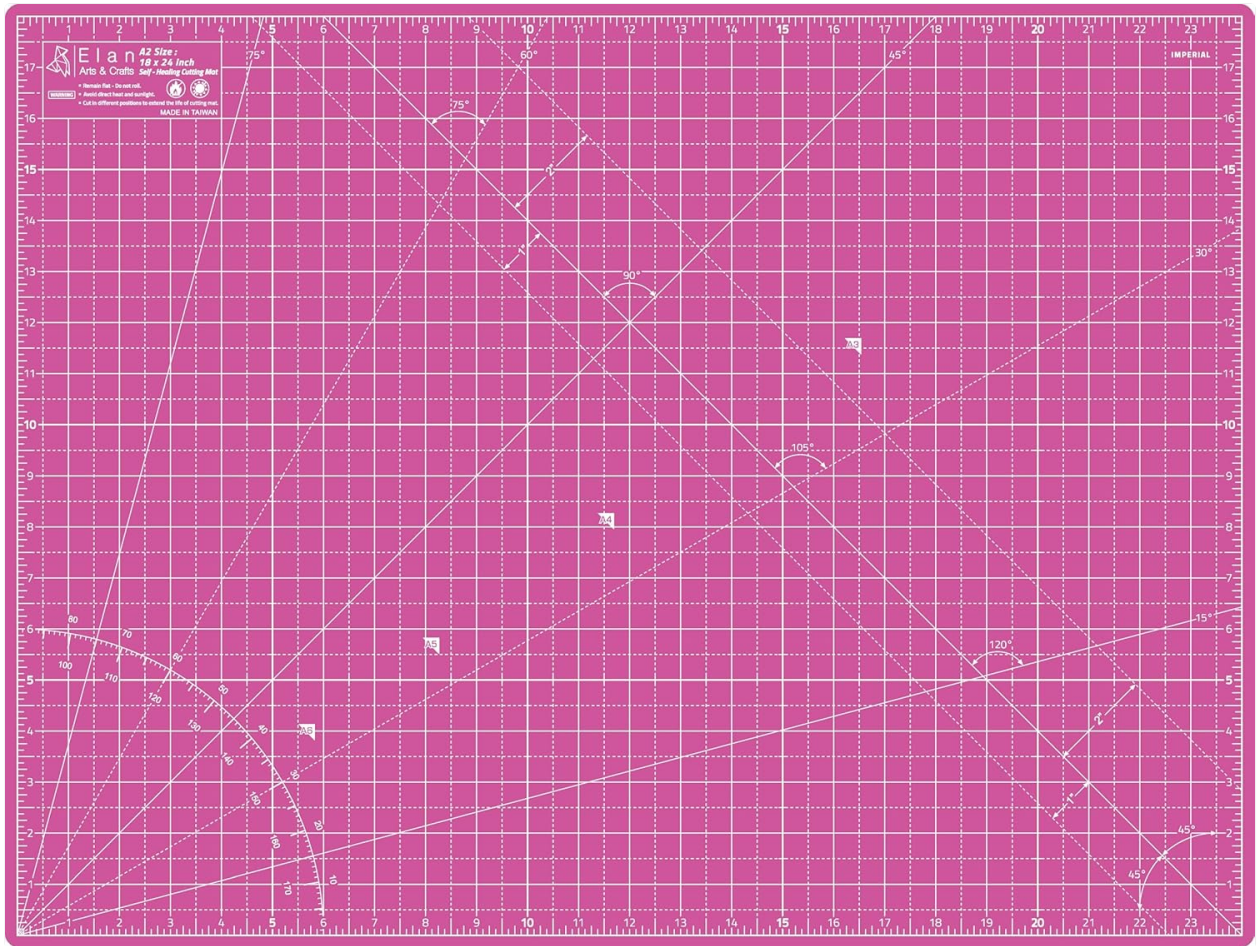


Image: Elan A2 Self-Healing Cutting Mat with the pink side facing up, displaying its detailed imperial grid lines and measurements.

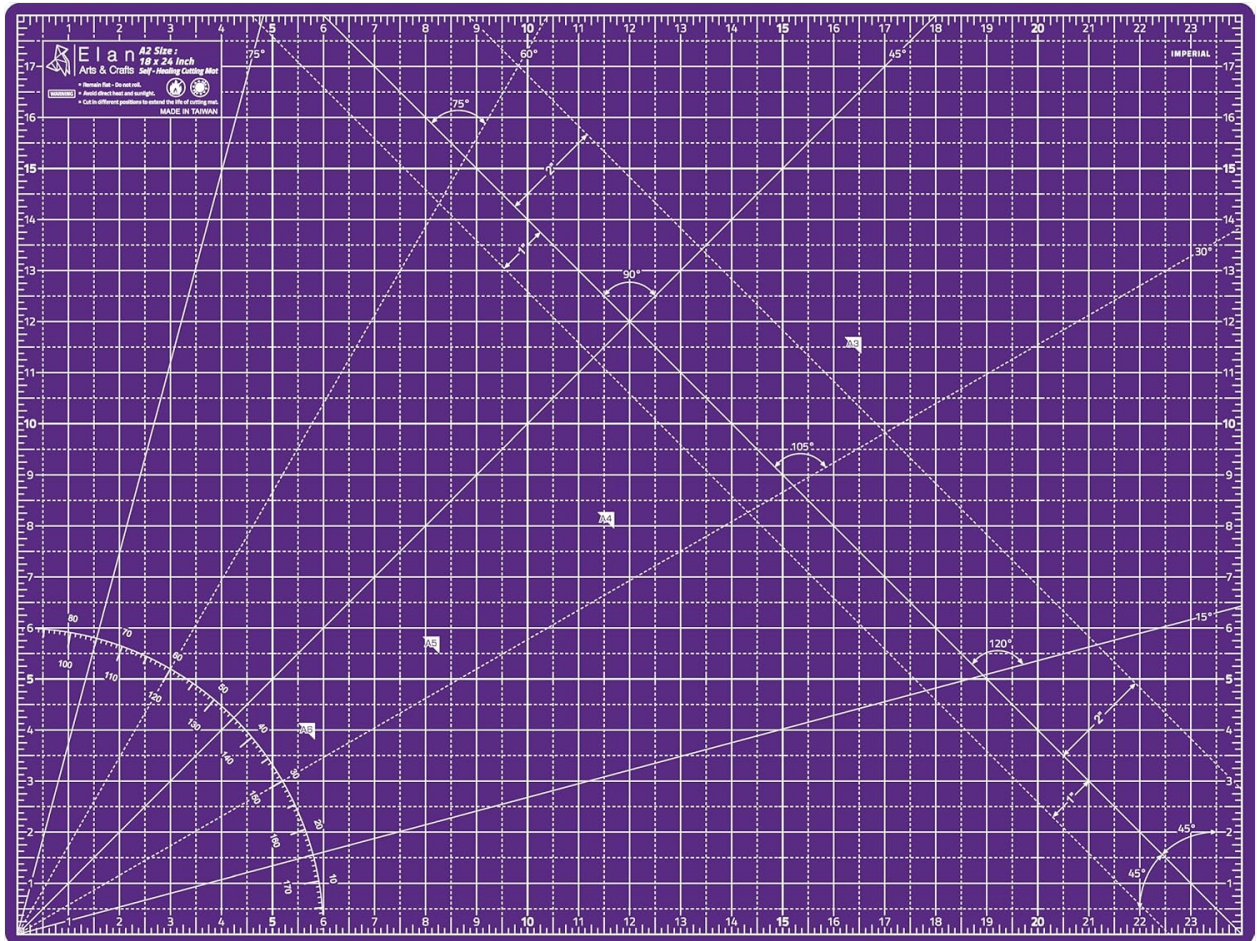


Image: Elan A2 Self-Healing Cutting Mat with the purple side facing up, displaying its detailed imperial grid lines and measurements.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Elan Self-Healing Cutting Mat is designed for precision cutting with rotary cutters, craft knives, and other cutting tools. Follow these guidelines for effective use:

1. **Prepare Your Material:** Place the fabric, paper, or other material you wish to cut smoothly and flatly on the cutting mat.
2. **Align with Grid:** Use the mat's precise imperial grid lines to align your material for accurate measurements and straight cuts.
3. **Use a Ruler/Straight Edge:** For best results and safety, always use a quilting ruler or straight edge as a guide for your cutting tool.
4. **Apply Even Pressure:** When cutting, apply firm, even pressure to your cutting tool. The self-healing surface will absorb the cut, protecting your work surface.
5. **Rotate Mat for Angles:** Utilize the various angle markings on the mat for precise diagonal or angled cuts.

Video: Demonstrates the use of the Elan A2 cutting mat with a pink rotary cutter and a small ruler for precise fabric cutting.



Image: An Elan A2 cutting mat with a smaller Elan mat positioned on top, showcasing the range of available sizes.

Bigger than other brands

Increased Grid Size

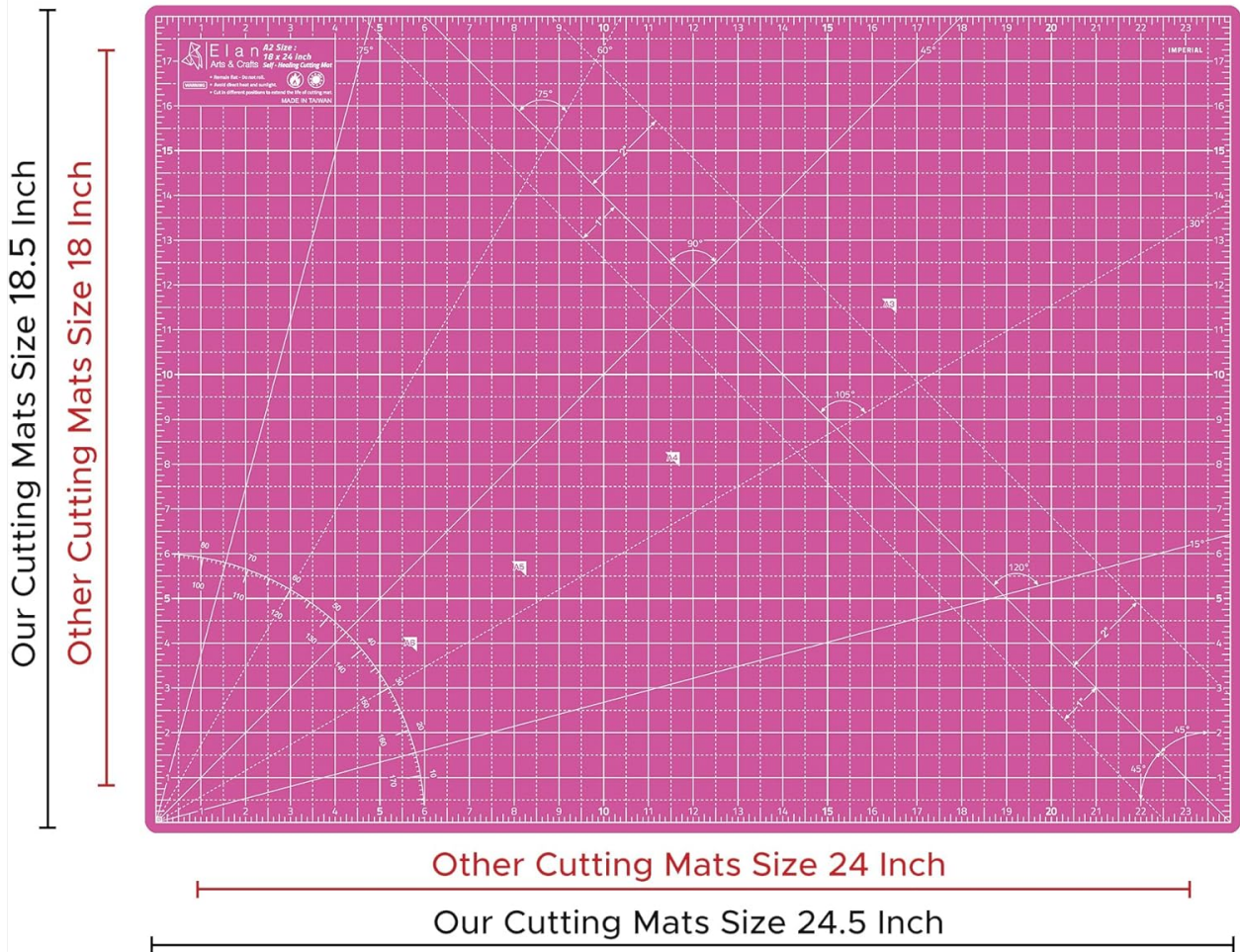


Image: A cross-section diagram highlighting the 5-ply construction of the Elan cutting mat, detailing its self-healing and recycled PVC layers for durability.

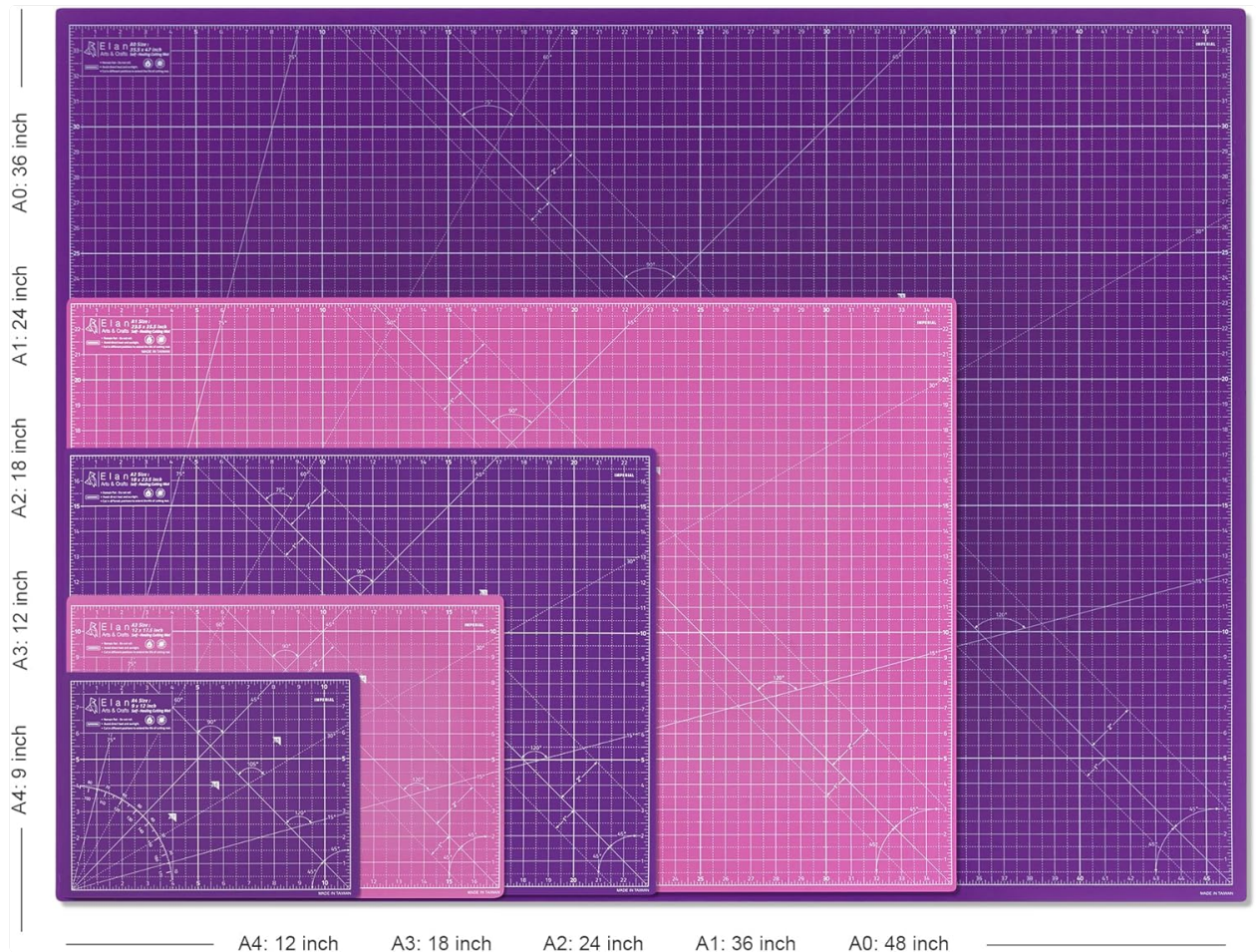


Image: A visual comparison demonstrating the Elan cutting mat's larger and more precise grid size compared to typical cutting mats from other brands.



Image: An arrangement of Elan cutting mats in various sizes, from small to large, illustrating the full range of available dimensions.



Image: A person actively using a rotary cutter on an Elan cutting mat, demonstrating its application in a craft project.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper care will extend the life of your Elan Self-Healing Cutting Mat:

- **Do Not Bend:** To maintain the mat's flatness and self-healing properties, avoid bending or rolling it. Store it flat.
- **Avoid Direct Heat and Sunlight:** Exposure to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight can cause the mat to warp or degrade. Store in a cool, dry place.
- **Hand Wash Only:** Clean the mat with a damp cloth and mild soap if necessary. Do not submerge in water or use harsh chemicals.
- **Rotate Usage:** Periodically rotate the mat to distribute wear evenly across the surface, especially if you frequently cut in the same areas.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Mat is warped or not lying flat	Improper storage (bent/rolled), exposure to heat/cold.	Lay flat in a warm room, place heavy objects evenly on top for a few days. Avoid extreme temperatures.
Cuts are not healing properly	Excessive pressure, dull blade, or very deep cuts.	Use a sharp blade, apply appropriate pressure. For deep cuts, rotate the mat to use a different area.
Grid lines fading	Heavy use, abrasive cleaning agents.	Avoid harsh chemicals. While lines are durable, continuous heavy friction can cause minor wear over time.


SPECIFICATIONS






Attribute	Detail
Brand	Elan
Color	Pink, Purple
Product Dimensions	24"L x 18"W x 0.12"Th
Material	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
Recommended Uses	Fabric, Crafts, Quilting, Sewing
Shape	Rectangular
Special Feature	Self Healing
Item Weight	2.46 pounds
Pattern	Imperial Patchwork Grid

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Elan stands behind the quality of its products. For any questions, concerns, or support needs regarding your cutting mat, please refer to the contact information provided with your purchase or visit the official Elan website. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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