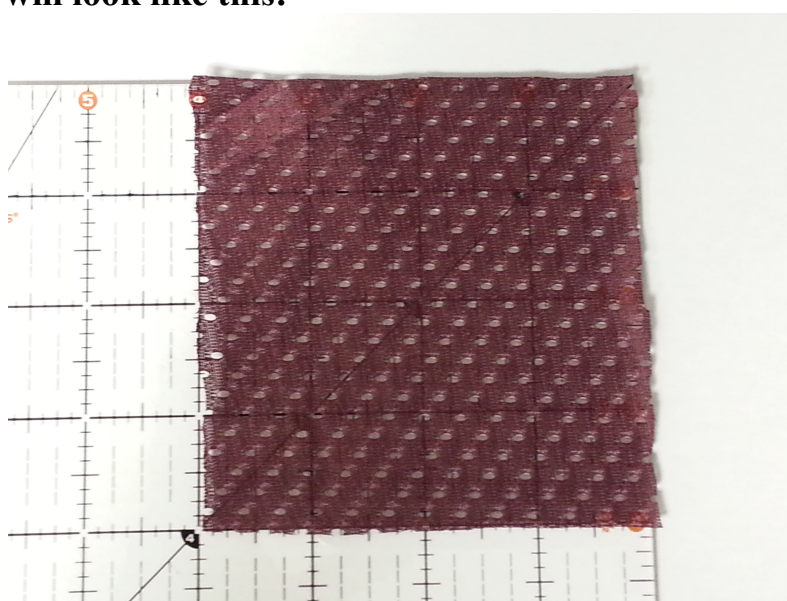


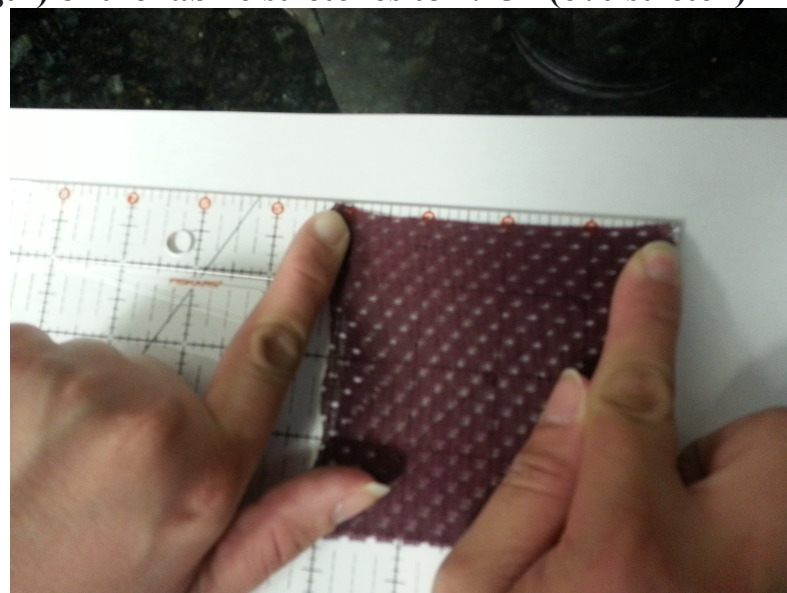
There are a lot of mesh fabrics on the market, so it's important to know what you're looking for when you shop for mesh for making a water ring sling or a water wrap. **Fabric labeled “utility mesh” or mesh that looks like pantyhose are not safe** – they have too much stretch and rip easily. **Fabric labeled “athletic mesh” or “football jersey” mesh is what you should be looking for.** It is **100% polyester and contains NO elastic.** The knitting process used to make it results in a relatively rigid mesh with minimal stretch and creates a fairly distinct wrong-side pattern.

Bring a small ruler with you when you shop and follow these guidelines* for choosing your mesh.

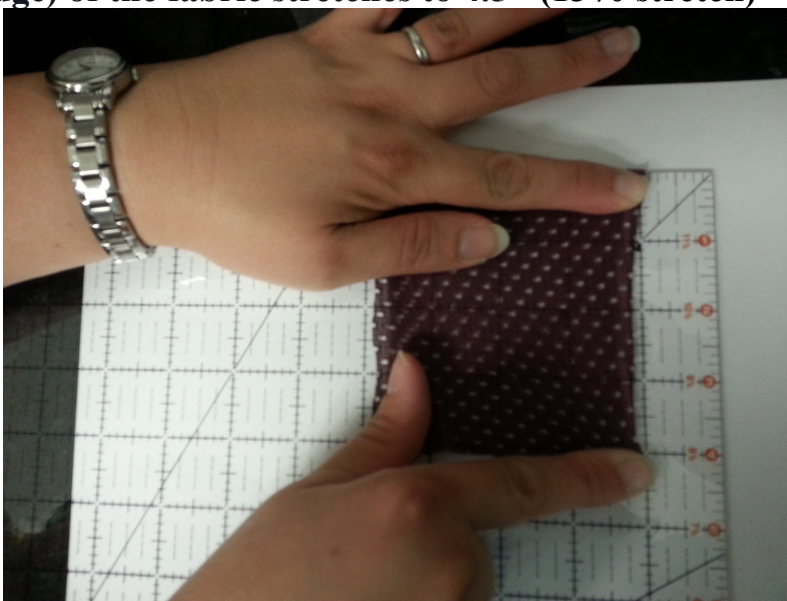
A 4” x 4” swatch will look like this:



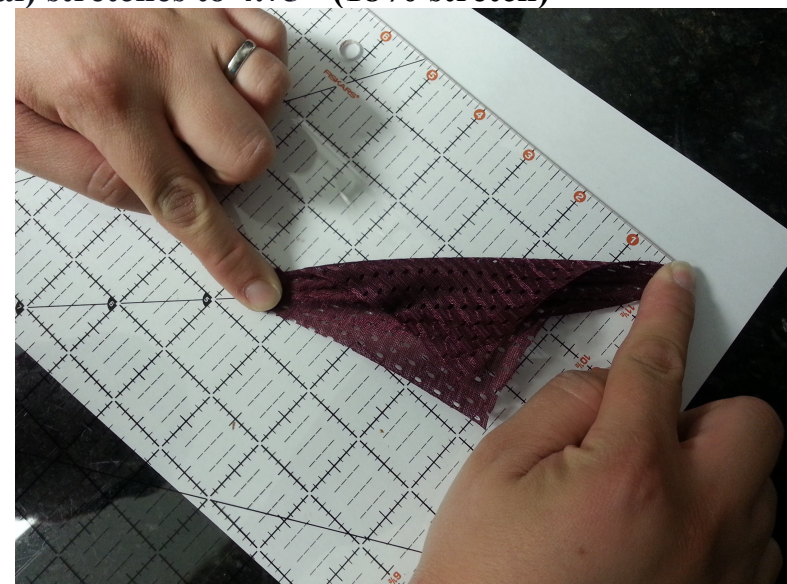
The selvage (length) of the fabric stretches to 4.25" (6% stretch)



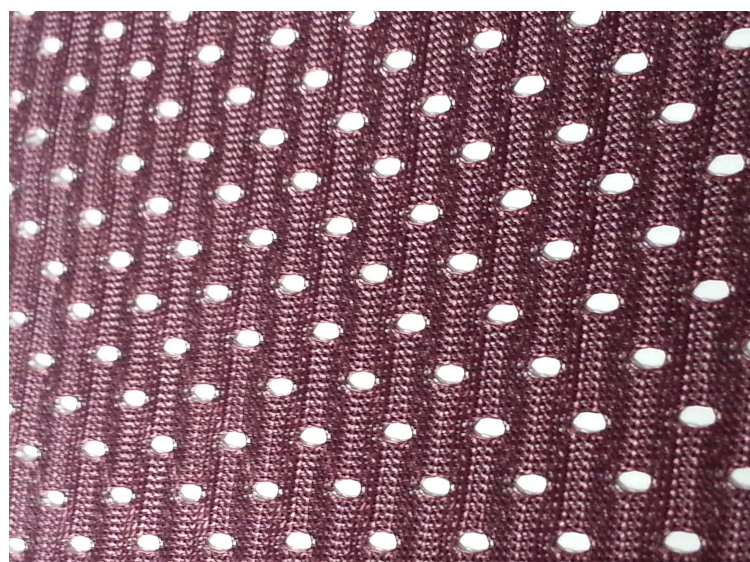
The width (cut edge) of the fabric stretches to 4.5" (13% stretch)



The bias (diagonal) stretches to 4.75" (18% stretch)



The wrong-side of the fabric has a distinct line pattern that is especially noticeable from an angle.



Jan Hiertzler of Sleeping Baby Productions has a wonderful tutorial for sewing a water ring sling and discusses needle, thread and stitch selection.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDmoUnVNMG8>

You can link back to the original post to view larger pictures here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/247329292025830/permalink/860862744005812/>

*These are guidelines. Knit, fiber and holes per inch can vary between manufacturers, so mesh with a slightly higher or lower stretch will obviously be ok; this information is to make sure you don't choose something with excessive stretch.