

Using the Click Rule

The Click Rule is a tool that helps with measuring. It's a metal tube with a threaded steel rod inside. A metal knob on the tube locks the rod in place. You loosen the knob and slide it to extend the rod.

The Click Rule clicks for every $\frac{1}{16}$ inch it is moved. It has threads at one-half inch intervals.

The Click Rule comes with three 12-inch extension rods for measuring longer distances.

To measure 3 inches, loosen and slide the metal knob. This extends the rod. Slide the rod out until you can feel six threads. Remember, the threads are at every half inch. The sixth thread should be a fingernail's distance from the stop, or the flat rectangular piece, at the end of the tube. Then tighten the metal knob to lock the rod in place.

To measure an item or surface, count the raised threads on the rod for every half inch. This helps you estimate the measurement. Then count the clicks to get the exact measurement to the nearest sixteenth inch.

The raised thread must be just outside the stop so that you can feel it with your fingernail. Then count the clicks.

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The second stop on the tube is exactly 6 inches from the tube's end. If you're measuring between 6 and 12 inches, measure from the inside face of the second stop. Then extend the rod to measure the distance past 6 inches.

To measure the outside of a box, slide the rod out until the end is even with one end of the box. Make sure the end near the tube fits snugly over and against the opposite side.