

# Tactile Ruler (LC248)

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## Special warning

Not suitable for children under 3 years.

## General description

The 30cm ruler is designed to help visually impaired people measure accurately to 0.5cm. The ruler features a combination of visual and tactile information to aid the user in measuring and drawing.

The ruler has two different edges, a straight edge and a notched edge. The straight edge can be used for drawing and measuring. The notched edge can help quickly identify the correct orientation, plus when used with a biro or style it may assist users who have manual dexterity difficulties.

To help keep the ruler steady and secure whilst in use, the ruler has non-slip pads on the back.

## Using the product

### Using the visual markings

Measurements can be taken by using the large print numbers and their associated line markings along the straight edge. Large print numbers are at 1cm intervals up to 10cm and are marked at every 5cm thereafter, for visual clarity. The shortest lines between the one cm markers represent 0.5cm. For example, when measuring 17cm, find the 15cm line, using the large print number, then count up two of the longer 1cm lines using the tactile cues.

## Using the tactile markings

There are two different tactile markings placed at 0.5cm and 1cm intervals. These markings are of different lengths, 0.5cm is the shortest and 1cm is the longest. There are also raised large print numbers running along the centre of the ruler. These can be used as tactile cues to make counting less laborious. For example, to locate 12cm tactually, move to the raised number 10 number and corresponding line, then count up two of the longer 1cm lines.

## Using the notched edge

The notches are spaced at intervals of 0.5cm. Measurements can simply be taken by running a style or fingernail along the notches in a similar way to that suggested with the straight edge of the ruler. The 1cm tactile markings can be used for further assistance. Again, the raised large print numbers can be used for quick measuring techniques.

## Using rulers with other equipment

The notched edge can be used to assist the placement of chart pins for graph work. Compass radius dimensions can be set up by placing the compass point and style or biro in the appropriate notches.

## Technical specification

Material: PETG (Polyethylene Terephthalate Glycol). 15% recycled

Colour: Cadmium Yellow with black tactile markings

Weight: 25g

Length: 307mm

Height: 3.5mm

Width: 32mm

Font type: Arial Rounded 16 pt

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