The SBV Bellows Extension Factor Calculator

Or, yet another exposure calculator for bellows extensions on close-ups... with a not-so-good name ;-)

I have found a few 'free' calculators similar to this one on the internet, and I have bought the Exposure Calculator from Calumet. They all have their merit. Why another one? They all had something missing or just something I didn't like. My favorite is the Calumet and well worth the money they charge for it. It works well, is made well and even has a nice platic holder. What I didn't like about it was the square target and the magnification upside down on a different scale. So I decided to make my own. Any improvement suggestions are always very welcomed!

How to use it:

As with all the others, simply place the target on top of your subject. The 'target' is the square with the two circles inside. Once the target is in place, view it through your ground glass and 'measure' one of the circles with the scale. The arrow is lined up with one side of the circle, the other side of the circle lines up with the magnification, correction factor and f-stop correction directly. Pretty simple...

Why two circles? The two inch circle will only work up to about 250% or 2.5 to 1 magnification, then goes off the edge of the ground glass. When working this close, as I sometimes do, use the one inch circle. This provides calculations up to 450% or 4.5 to 1 magnification without going off the edge.

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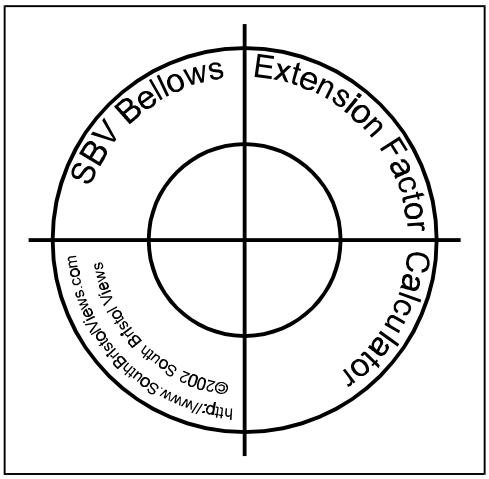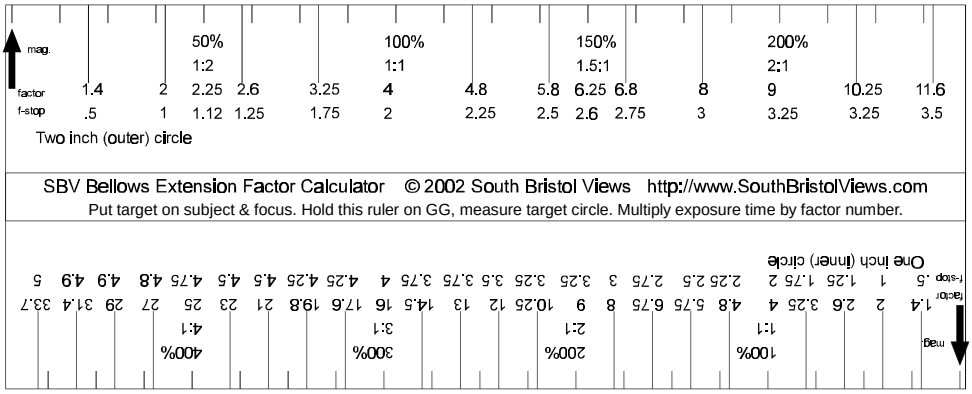
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