

March 24, 2026, Program Meeting Members' Favorite Tools

A member showed a reusable Thimble Pad that someone puts on their finger that helps someone to hold onto threads and material.

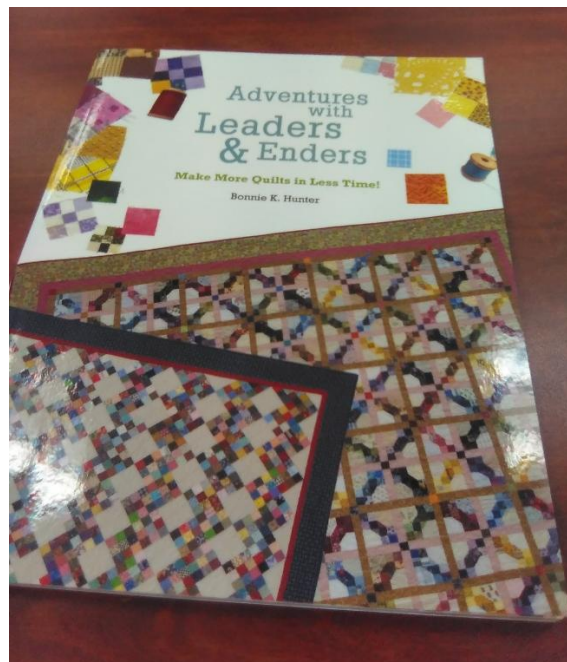


She also showed the group a Gypsy Quilter, Chain Piece Thread Cutter that reduces thread cutting time.





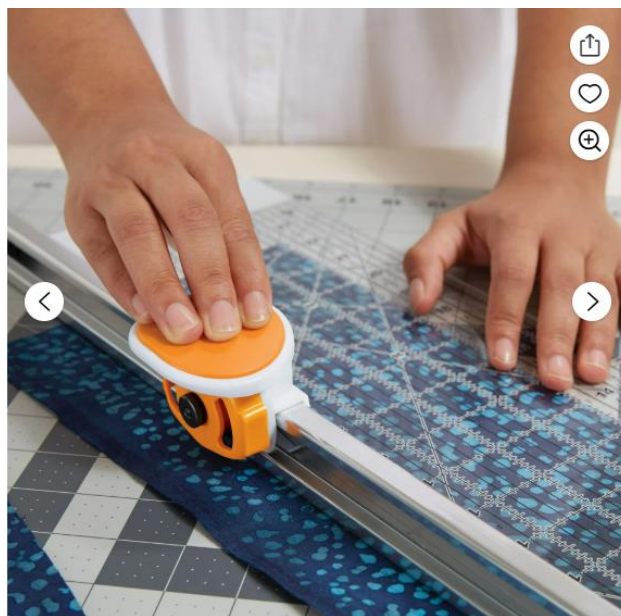
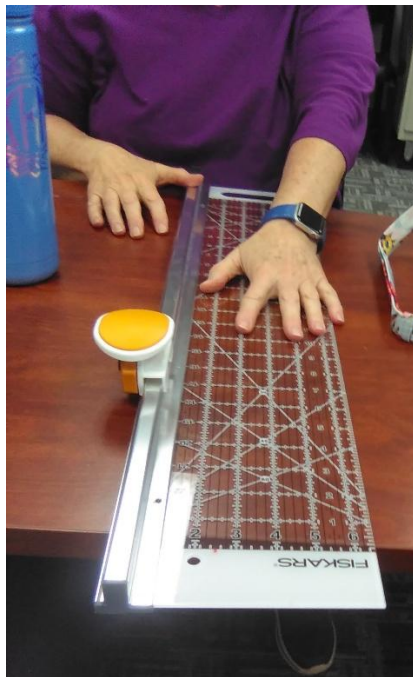
They also had a favorite book: *Adventures with Leaders & Enders*
Make More Quilts in Less Time!
By Bonnie K Hunter



A member loved using her seam ripper.



A member showed members her Fiskars Rotary Cutter and Ruler Combo. This ruler can cut multiple layers of fabric in straight lines.





Cutting Multiple Layers

She also has repurposed old map weights to hold down fabric as she sews. The map weights held down the map paper, so the paper didn't move when being worked on. Best way to use items when the original purpose is gone!!



A member brought clappers to show. A clapper is a wooden tool used to press seams flat by absorbing heat and moisture after ironing or steaming.

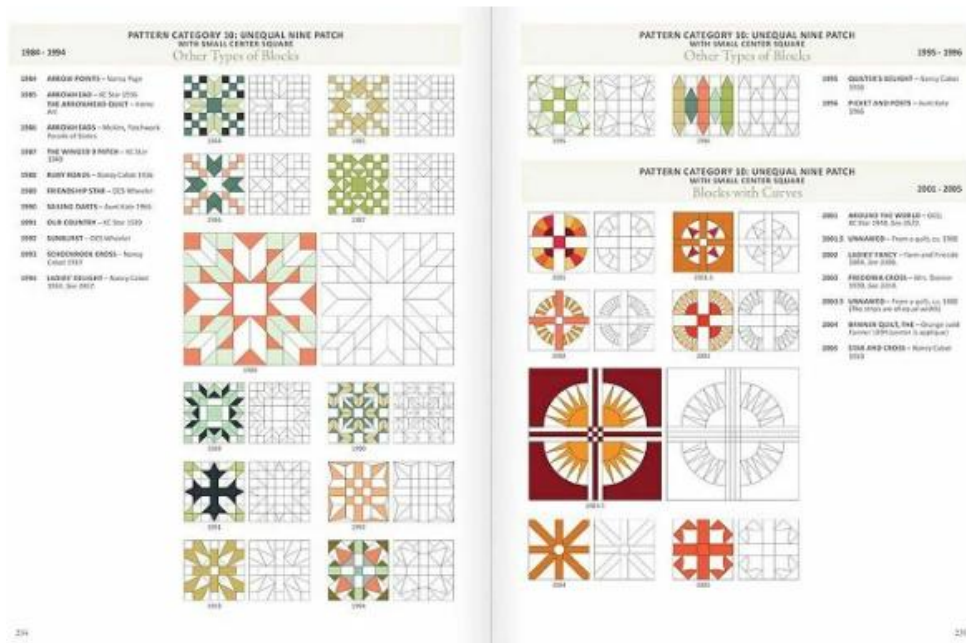
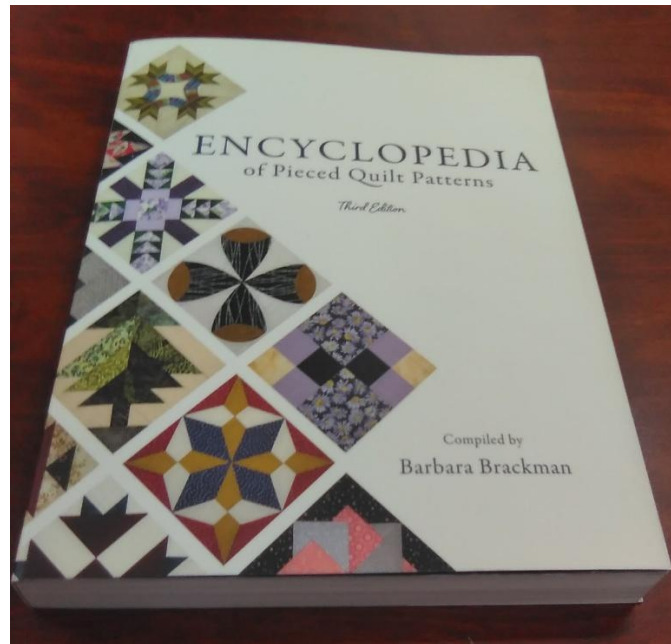


She also brought a bottle of Flatter Spray for Quilting. This relaxes wrinkles and banishes creases in fabric. This starch-free ironing & smoothing spray freshens fabrics, leaving them sleek, soft, and static-free.



She also had a favorite book: **Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns**
 Compiled By Barbara Brackman

All of the 4,000+ pieced quilt block patterns found in this book are illustrated with both a line drawing and sample color suggestions.



A member discussed tone on tone. Tone on tone is when a pattern for fabrics to be used in a project is in a single color but with slight variations in shade, creating a rich, textured effect without overpowering a design. She likes to wear dark colored pants to do tone on tone by laying the fabrics on top of the dark fabric in her pants.

Found a tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L36AvR72-tc>

A member brought a variety of her favorite tools to show. She showed her Hera Marker. This marker is used to crease fabric for quilting lines - alternative to using pencil or ink to mark.



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She showed members hexies she made with magnets inside to be needle minders.



The above is a large hexie which is a thread catcher with batting used on the front side to catch the thread. The smaller hexies in Liz's hand have magnets in them for needle holders. One goes underneath and the other on top of what you are hand sewing so you can park your needle when you need to and no more searching for the needle.



She mentioned she uses glycerin on her hands to pick up thread and hold fabric. She also had a favorite pair of embroidery scissors she uses for quilting that she didn't bring. Finally, Liz was given an antique rug beater to clean quilts.



A member brought a scant trimmer she uses to help with full quilt binding. The Scant Trimmer, designed by Gina Tell (Thread Graffiti), is a 20" x 3" ruler used to perfectly trim quilt tops to size, leaving a consistent scant 1/4 inch of batting/backing beyond the quilt edge.





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