

TOOLS

Serrated blade scissors for cutting out applique pieces. Helps reduce fraying of raw edges.

Freezer paper ironed onto a finished quilt top and allowed to cool before pulling away will take with it loose threads and/or animal hair. Use it on your design wall in the same manner.

Binding tool.....Called "Perfect Binding Tool by Glenna" Find it at www.quiltsnstuff.net

Use a 6" wide ruler to fold your fabric for storage. When they are all the same size, you are able to store more fabric in a neat and attractive manner. So pretty!

Try using toothpicks as stilletos.

Keep a spray bottle of water handy for pressing needs.....and to keep the cats out of the sewing room!

Hand quilters, keep an emory board handy for those hang nails and cracked fingers which catch on your thread.

Buy a "Kwik Klip" tool to open and close safety pins without pain.

In a pinch, the groove in a nut pick can work the same way! Use the pointed end of the nut pick as a stiletto, and the opposite end for turning points and the pointed end for pulling stitches.

For new quilters, a walking foot is a must, particularly for sewing on quilt binding and performing machine quilting.

Use swim noodles to store quilts. If quilt is too large for one noodle, put a dowel rod in between two noodles for a larger piece.

Project boxes are great organizational tools! School pencil boxes work well to hold the tools you need for each different "type" of project—hand quilting, hand basting, marking pencils, "go to" projects. These boxes are deep enough to hold cone thread, scissors, thimbles, needles, pins----just a lot of "stuff". They are easy to pick up and go or to just store items at home.

Use those great project boxes you can find at JoAnne's with your 50% off coupons to store projects at any stage of completion. Or, store your sorted scraps in them. Great for all sorts of organization.

Tommi suggests using your "stitch in the ditch foot" when sewing those tiny squares onto larger squares, as in the snowball block. She finds it doesn't catch on the corners of the tiny squares, and allows for smooth seams.

Use the "Wing Clipper" to square up your flying geese for assembly. www.studio180design.net (Deb Tucker)

Cut triangles from strips with the EZ tools shown by Bonnie Hunter on Quiltville.com

Find the Gypsy Cutting Gizmo on Amazon and Nancy's Notions