

Norma Jean Holmes Cheap Quilting Hacks 2024

*Places to buy these items cheaply: Harbor Freight & Dollar Tree

A: 4.5" Pittsburg suction cup & B: Mini Pittsburg suction cup
(Use: Both A & B can be used for ruler grips, under \$5 at Harbor Freight)

C: Substitute stiletto
(Use: it has a squared handle so it doesn't roll off, under \$3 at Harbor Freight)

D: Mini brush set
(Use: clean small threads from bobbin area, under \$3 at Harbor Freight)



E: Hemostats
(Use: getting into those hard to reach places in your machine, under \$6 at Harbor Freight)



F: Pencil Grips

(Use: my seam ripper and stiletto were always rolling off my machine. In fact, I almost stabbed my foot one day when it fell. Applying the silicone pencil grips avoided this and did not interfere with use. Dollar Tree price \$1.25.)

G: Silicone Makeup Applicator

(Use: This can be used for holding small fabric pieces when ironing. It can also be used to spread glue, glue will dry on it and it can be peeled off. Dollar Tree price is \$1.25)

H: Post it notes

(Use: when you have a thick seam that raises the front of your pressure foot. You can use the same thickness of Post-it notes to stabilize this. They also sell hump jumpers for the same purpose, Dollar Tree price is \$1.25)

I: Sharpie Marker (Fine point)

(Use: marking patterns, Under \$2 at Harbor Freight)

J: Single use floss pick

(Use: Cut the floss off it and it can be used, especially on sergers to grab the thread, \$1.25 at Dollar Tree for a bag)

K: Binder Clips

(Use: can use to hold together several pieces of fabric together, pattern pieces together, and also can be used to improve your thread patch, assorted size packages at Dollar Tree \$1.25)

L: Double Mirror

(Use: to audition fabric for one block wonders I made this out of two small mirror tiles just simply duct taped together on the back)



M: Magnets

(Use: These are the strongest for the price several different shapes, under \$3 at Harbor Freight)

N: Magnetic bowls (Round multiple sizes)

(Use: Great to use for pins or clips, under \$5 at Harbor Freight)

O: Pittsburgh Clamps (multiple sizes)

(Use: I use them for a third hand when using my seam ripper, I secure the fabric onto my table, under \$2 at Harbor Freight)



P: Microfiber towel

(Use: great to use if washing and drying fabric will catch a multitude of threads. I also use it to clean and dust my machine and table area.)



Optional Hacks:

Shower Hooks

(Use: can be used to hold patterns or stencils together)



Wire Baskets

(Use: I attached a wire basket to my peg board to hold my books and patterns in a convenient spot using zip ties! This can also be done on the side of wire shelving)



Sectioned Plastic Organizers

(Use: Plastic organizer sold at any craft store but Harbor Freight also has them for under eight dollars. I use them for my sewing machine feet and attachments. I label the individual boxes using a sharpie. The other box contains an assortment of sewing machine needles)

