



The Notions Department

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What kinds of quilts do you like the best?



I love quilted wall hangings. - **Linda Tripoli**

The quilts that I like best are traditional quilts and reproduction quilts.

- **Chris Kaczynski**

I consider myself a traditional quilter. I like the repetition of making one or two blocks and trying different layouts to see how the pattern changes. However, in the past few years I've jumped on the Bonnie Hunter (the Queen of scrappy quilts) annual Mystery Quilt bandwagon and it really appeals to me. Now I have three hobbies: quilting, buying fabric, and saving scraps! - **Lisa Wend**

To look at: All kinds. To make: Modern or scrappy. - **Pat McGurn**

Lately I've been enjoying making modern (arty) quilts. - **Barb Valachovic**

I am drawn to quilts that use color, thread, and/or fabric in unique ways. Thread painting, landscapes and "happy fun" quilts like those of Karen Eckmeier.

- **Cindy Robertson**

I like traditional quilts to piece, but I like to make whole cloth quilts the best.

- **Elaine McCabe**

I like traditional and scrappy quilts. - **Latefa Lang**

My favorite quilting tool is my design wall. I rarely use a quilt pattern AND I love coordinating my fabrics and playing with color, so I can't live without it. ;) I used to take it down between projects but now it stays up all the time. When it gets an excess amount of thread stuck to it, I use a stiff-bristled hair brush to remove it.

- **Amy Werner**

I like scrappy and modern quilts. - **Emily Spooner**

I like traditional and scrappy quilts. - **Aileen Decker**

I prefer quilts that use modern, colorful fabrics in traditional styles. - **Mikki Brassard**

My favorite kids of quilting projects are scrappy. - **Judi Fregoe**

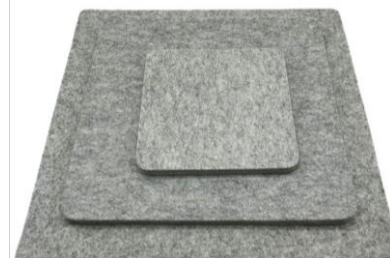
What quilting notion or tool do you love, or would love to have? *

I love my wool pressing mat. - **Chris Kaczynski**

I love my glove makers foot (Bernina #55) for quilting curvy vines and leaves. It is so easy and the stitches are so even. - **Connie Danko**

This one is hard. Probably a rotary cutter. It makes perfect, straight cuts with smooth edges. - **Pat McGurn**

I love a good ripper, thankfully, because I seem to use it a lot.
- **Elaine McCabe**



The tool I like is my stiletto - my fingers are getting old and this is my extended finger! - **Latefa Lang**

One of my favorite tools is the Kwik Klip, which removes bent basting pins. - **Barb Valachovic**



I love my 5 inch ruler and square. - **Eileen Decker**



I love all my rulers, templates and rotary cutters, but the one tool that saves me the most time and frustration is my Fiskars Fabric Circle Cutter. This tool cuts perfect circles in no time at all. - **Lisa Wend**

I really like having a cordless iron. It gives me flexibility for where I'm ironing and I don't have to wrangle with a cord. Another helpful item is my square cornered ironing board. It folds for storage and can fit over a regular ironing board, but I recently set it on top a row of plastic chests of drawers. I can iron more yardage quickly and also use it to lay out quilt pieces. On the down side, it can also become a landing space for "stuff." - **Connie Trigger**



My love of appliqué leads me to search for all the notions that I can find to make the process easier and neater. Some of my go-to items are Karen Kay Buckley's Perfect Shapes - circles, larger circles, ovals, leaves, and stems. However, I came across something for circles that I like better- APPLIPOPS. They are a series of metal disks that fit inside each other. You cut out a piece of fabric to the approximate size, snap it between two disks, trim, add a bit of starch and press. The only downside is you have to wait a bit for the disks to cool- but the redemption is that allowing it to cool, sets the circles better. There is a tutorial on YouTube if you want to see the process. - **Mary Wade**

One of my favorite tools is the laser light on my BabyLock. It is so easy to sew those diagonals on bindings, stitch in the ditch and simply sew a straight line with the aid of this light. – **Cindy Robertson**

Since I am new to quilting I don't know what tool I love, but I would love to have a 36" x 24" cutting surface. (And a place to put it. :)) – **Mikki Brassard**



My favorite "notion" is my GO cutting devices. I enjoy creating and figuring out patterns. [Judi explained that it is the AccuQuilt GO which has dies to cut fabric for piecing. <https://www.accuquilt.com/> The photo shows just one model.] - **Judi Fregoe**

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Would you like to hear our members' notions about a particular quilting topic?

Email your ideas to the Programs Committee at QUILTSPrograms@gmail.com!

