

Great Ideas Worth Sharing – Group 3

Kathy C: **Organizing Fabric**

Use comic book boards-wrap fabric and file into drawers by colors

Sewing machine needle threader from Close to Home and can also be bought from sewing catalogs and Amazon

Renee P: **Reuse / Recycle**

Use plastic zipper bags from sheet sets and pillowcases for pattern storage, thread etc.

Lucille B: **“Feetures”**

Use “Stitch in the Ditch” foot for quilting. Neat stitching achieved.



Karen M: **Found in the Kitchen**

Use wooden cutting board with drip feature as lap top for hand stitching and hand quilting

Brenda S: **Quilter’s Log**

Brenda carries “idea” book everywhere. Good for taking notes, samples of fabric and list of resources, shops with addresses and phone numbers , etc

Agnes K: **Binding Tip**

Binding at end-overlap strips, width of binding, then cut. Open fabric and finger press for stitching line. Sew, trim and stitch to quilt

Nancy R: **Reuse / Repurpose**

Use scrapbooking clear boxes (12x12) to store UFO projects. Keep all materials in box until projects are finished

Judy R: **Binding Tip**

Binding strips-fold the corner and finger press to get stitching line

Bonnie R: **Handy Hints**

Large bin next to sewing machine with smaller containers. Use for scraps to save, throw away, etc. Fill containers as you sew.

Put paper underneath when changing needle to prevent needle from falling into machine.

Sandy D: **More Reuse/Repurpose**

Save containers from epi-pens, use for discarded needles.

Make little ironing board out of fabric bolt cardboard. Cut in half, cover with batting and cover with fabric. Compact to go to workshops, etc ,

Sandy D: **Great Idea for Marking Quilts**

Transfer quilting designs -- put netting into hoop and trace design onto netting with permanent marker. Using “Crayola washable markers”, trace design onto quilt. Wash and marks are gone.



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Gail B: **There is No End to What We Can Use in Our Quilting Studios**

Dollar store pill containers for bobbins
Chopsticks for poking corners out
Put cork on end of seam ripper for safety
Yard stick glued to front of sewing table
100% cotton sheets on clearance racks – used for inexpensive backing

Dorothy G: **Pin Grabber**

Small magnet that extends with light for picking up pins

Donna V: **There's More**

Plastic sheet set bags used to organize fabric strips (2" pieces, selvage, etc.)
Card board or plastic magazine holders used for patterns, old magazines, specialty fabrics



Sharon: **What Would We Do Without Ziplocs?**

Use zip lock bags for rulers with instructions kept in bags on how to use them

Joyce R: **Cleaning Up and Keeping Things Neat**

Use pipe cleaner to clean out lint from machine
Use diaper wipes box for small tool kit
Use disposable tray in car for sewing to avoid losing pieces while traveling

Mary M: **De-Clutter**

Quilt magazine organization-cut out patterns to be saved and put into binder sheet protectors and place in binder

Kathy B: **Keeping It Clean**

Fusing-iron freezer paper sheet on to ironing board to keep glue off when fusing pieces. Peel off when done.

Doris G: **Neat Wall-Hanging Idea**

For a quick quilt-use a panel design fabric, add batting and backing, and quilt. Then make tiny button holes in strategic places and insert rice lights (mini lights).

Jane H:

Use chopsticks to hold up sewing machine needle when changing it.
Keep table of contents from magazines to circle patterns saved in plastic sleeve and keep with patterns cut out.
Sew name labels on back of quilts into binding seam so it cannot be easily ripped off.
Fabric being eaten by machine? Use straight stitch plate instead of zig zag plate. Smaller hole and less chance of fabric jam. (Editor's note – put a Post-It on your machine to remind you NOT to switch back to zig-zag stitch with this plate still in the machine)

