

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS!

Walk into a quilting store and you can quickly feel overwhelmed by all there is to offer. Fabric (of course!), books, patterns, tools, and accessories, are just a few of the items you'll have the opportunity to examine. But when it gets right down to it, how do you choose? We've been in the quilting industry for many, many years, and in that time we've developed some "favorite" items. Our rule of thumb in purchasing products that are marketed as "must-have" is this: if it makes life easier and it makes your project more fun then it's probably a great investment. With that in mind here's a small listing of our current favorite items.

Aurifil Thread: Aurofil is an Italian made thread that is perfect for piecing, appliqué, and machine quilting. It is a 50 weight thread but is finer than comparable 50 weight threads. Using Aurofil allows your patchwork to lie very flat, and when used for machine quilting it produces a very smooth result.

Thread Heaven: If you do any stitching by hand don't be without Thread Heaven. This product is similar to old-fashioned beeswax but it's much nicer! Sliding thread across Thread Heaven keeps it from knotting and tangling.

Omnigrid Foldaway: If you have a small sewing space or participate in quilting classes make sure to check out this unique traveling mat from Omnigrid. The handy tote features a 12 x 18" cutting mat on one side and a pressing surface on the facing side. Perfect for projects in any setting!

Clover White Marking Pen: This marking pen works only on dark fabrics, but is great because you remove the markings with an iron. Simply draw on your fabric, wait for the white markings to appear, and then quilt. When you're done just press your project with a hot iron and your markings magically disappear. Voila!

The Angler: This amazing tool cuts your piecing time in half while increasing accuracy. (Unfortunately it does not clean house!) Using the Angler keeps you from having to draw or press guides for diagonal lines. Simply tape the marked plastic piece to your sewing machine use the lines to guide your piecing.

Snip-Eze from Havel's: This is a must-have for trimming those little, tiny threads. This tool is light-weight with a curved cutting blade, and works with a simple squeeze-and-snip action.

Glue-Baste: From Roxanne Products, Glue-Baste is a life saver. 100% water soluble glue-baste allows you to tack down appliqué pieces quickly and temporarily. The bottle is small enough to tuck right next to your sewing machine.

Always remember our motto when purchasing the latest and greatest product—will it make your life easier? Will it make your project more fun? If so, buy that product and enjoy using it!

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