

Sarah's Quick Tips

- Consider making your hanging sleeve from scraps of all the fabrics you used in the quilt. Then if a repair is needed in future years, the original fabric will be available for use.
- If you are going to be working with little pieces, spray Best Press or starch on fabrics before doing any cutting. Pieces will cut easier and glide through the sewing machine and not be pushed down into the throat plate by the needle. Spraying the back of flannel or homespun fabrics before cutting will reduce fraying.
- Lastly, when the weather is nice and you just want to sew, but the house needs cleaning, park your vacuum in the middle of the room. Then if anyone stops by they will think you were just getting ready to clean house, and also think you are busy and not stay as long. Happy Sewing!
- Q-Tips and Hydrogen Peroxide will remove blood on fabric without bleeding fabric, leaving a damaging residue, or requiring quilt be later washed. Lift stain with a couple of drops of Hydrogen Peroxide and dab with a Q-Tip after it foams up. (Can also supposedly use your own saliva in an emergency.)
- Wash your marked rulers with window cleaner. It will brighten the lines like new again, and restore vision to old eyes.
- Little packages of cosmetic brushes from the \$1 Store are great for cleaning lint in your sewing machine bobbin area, and don't forget to clean out all along the thread path.
- Use a water bottle with a pull-on cap for refilling your iron. You can store water and easily refill iron when you are in the middle of a big project.

- Put a little rubber cement on the back of templates used over and over to cut out pattern pieces. It prevents slipping when marking around pieces before cutting.
- Stressed spelled backwards is Desserts 😊