



Nimble News

Louisville Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild
Third Quarter 2020

Meeting at The Jeffersonian, 10617 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY 40299
First Thursday at 6:30 p.m. • Third Thursday at 10 a.m.

[Check the online calendar for updates on meetings.](#)

Message from the President



Hello Everybody,

Here we are in July!
Summer has arrived, so
get ready for our hot
humid Ohio Valley days.
LOL

I'll start by just saying that I hope you all are continuing to do well and be okay. With our city starting to get "back to normal," please remember to continue to be cautious when going out. I know we have all been a little stir crazy staying at home. We are fortunate, however, to have a hobby that keeps us busy (and happy). I want to thank everybody for being so diligent with making masks and getting them to them to the various organizations as well as to family and friends. I know that it is much appreciated. I'll say this – COVID-19 has certainly validated our reason for having our stash!

So, as we announced at the June Zoom meeting, we will not be meeting in person in July or August. But never fear, we will continue our Zoom meetings for these months. We will continue to maintain a "wait and see" policy as to when we decide to resume our regular meetings.

Now one thing I would ask, if any of you have any thoughts about how and when we should proceed with reopening, please feel free to send them to the board. We want to be respectful of any concerns you might have, and it would help us to know how you feel.

I want to remind you of our "block of the meeting" virtual workshop. We made our first block at the June meeting and it sure did look like everyone was having a good time. We will continue this and at the end be anxious to see the finished quilts. Don't forget that we are still having show and tell during our zoom meetings, so we want to see what you have been working on during the quarantine.

It's hard for me to believe that my second term as president of LNT is half over. I never would have thought that it would include a time when we could not actually be together. But you know the saying that sometimes life throws a curve ball. So we have to catch it and throw it right back. This isn't going to get us down! We are all weathering this storm differently so be good to yourself. Buy more fabric. Just know that I am thinking of all of you and am looking forward to seeing everybody in July!!!

Bill

"If I'm not quilting, guess what? I'm thinking about it."

Upcoming Events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, regular in-person meetings for July and August will not be held.

We will have virtual meetings via Zoom at the regularly scheduled meeting days/times. Invitations for Zoom will be sent via email a day or two prior to the event.

Stay tuned for info on a possible birthday gathering in August.

LNT Pick Up/Drop Off

July 15 - 7-8 p.m. - Rain or Shine
Jeffersonian - side parking lot

Committee representatives from Cuddle Care, Maryhurst, the Quilter's Day Out boutique and the LNT Board will be available in the side parking lot of the Jeffersonian to collect quilts, quilt tops, batting donations and pre-made binding for Cuddle Care, bags for Maryhurst, donations for QDO, bottle tops, etc.

Cuddle Care quilts needing binding and kits for Maryhurst bags will also be available for pick up.

We will practice social distancing and welcome face masks.

Please note this is not intended as a gathering, just an exchange/swap

Program and Project Updates

Cuddle Care

From Debbie Hampton / Mary Cleary

Pre-made binding strips needed

In June, Ruthann and Mary drop off 111 CC quilts. They were greeted curbside by masked volunteers and 7 wagons. So far this year, LNT has donated 176 quilts to Norton Children's Hospital.

The Cuddle Care Committee is in need of pre-made solid color quilt bindings for the hospital quilts. The binding strips should be made of four (4) 2.5" strips (width of fabric - with selvage removed) joined together and then ironed in half length-wise. Check out the binding tutorial in this newsletter for more info on how to put the strips together.



*“Too much fabric?
I think the phrase you're
looking for is too small
sewing room.”*



Mystery Block of the Meeting

In June, Susan Hofercamp led us in the first Mystery Block of the Meeting for the "Happiness Is Quilting Together" quilt. There will be a total of nine blocks for this quilt. We had a great time and encourage everyone to join us next time. If you missed the meeting, the pattern was emailed to members on June 17.

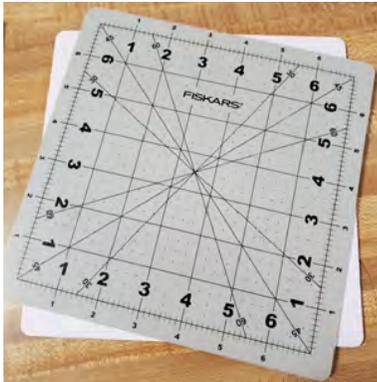


Our Favorite Tools and Gadgets

Quilters are an innovative and creative bunch, and nowhere is this more apparent than in the tools, rulers, gadgets and gizmos that are introduced to the market every day. To share the real-world, tried-and-approved experience of our own guild members, here's a list of some of our favorite quilting tools, rulers, gadgets and more.

Command Strips – Luann Johnson

Want to hang a quilt and jazz up your home decor without damaging a wall? Consider using Command Strips. All you need is a package of strips, needle, thread, scissors and presto. [The Velvet Pincushion](#) provides more details on using the velcro strips to hang quilts.



Rotating Mat for Trimming – Susan Wolfe / Pam Soto

The [Fiskars Rotating Mat](#) is only 8 inches square and can accommodate the trimming of squares up to 6-1/2 inches. It allows you to place a squaring ruler on the mat and not have to lift and re-situate the ruler as you turn and trim.

Omnigrid – 6x12-inch ruler – Susan Wolfe

The [Omnigrid 6x12-inch ruler](#) allows you to quickly measure medium-size pieces/squares, mark 35- and 60-degree angles, even-off larger pieces and sub-cut strips without the additional 12 inches of a longer cutting ruler — making it versatile to use on a cutting mat right next to my machine.

Omnigrid – 4x14-inch ruler / Guidelines4quilting Grip Strips – Kim Wright

The [Omnigrid 4x14-inch ruler](#) has the same advantages as the 6x12-inch ruler. It's far easier to manager than the larger 24-inch rulers. Add 1/4" wide [Guidelines4quilting Grip Strips](#) on the back side of the ruler (along each of the longer sides) and not only will you reduce slippage while cutting, you also have a great bumper to butt the edge of your strips up against while sub-cutting. This helps you keep you strips straighter.

Shape Cut Slotted Ruler – Luann Johnson

The [Shape Cut slotted ruler](#) by June Tailor is great for cutting perfect strips in 1/2" increments, up to 12". Each slot begins and ends with a teardrop slot to make it easier to insert and remove your rotary cutter. The markings help you cut the strips into squares, diamonds, or triangles. This tool makes fringe an easy task as well. Here's a video showing how to use it. [Shape Cut Ruler | June Tailor](#)

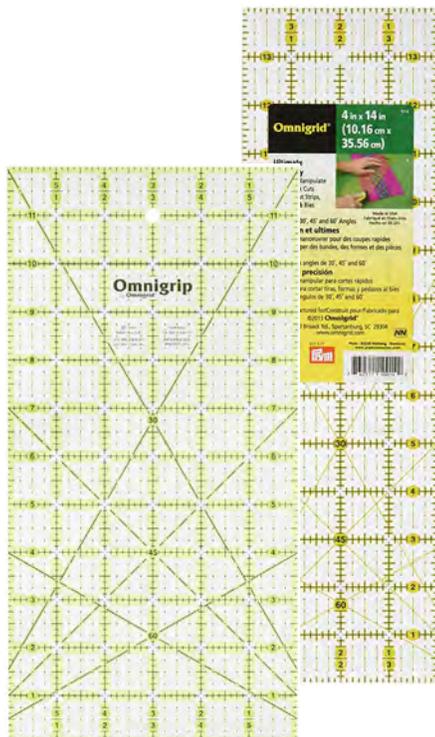
Fabric Conversion Chart – Susan Wolfe

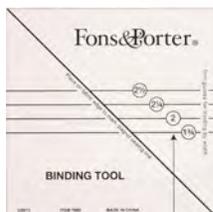
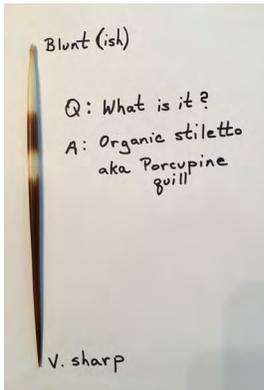
Fractions, yards, inches, oh my. How do you easily convert the numbers? Check out the last page of the newsletter. Susan Wolfe has provided a chart she keeps in her phone. You can take a photo or print it out, as you like.

Homemade "Best Press" – Terrie Catron

- 1 tsp essential oil in desired scent
- 3 oz. cheap vodka
- 24 oz distilled water

Mix all and put in spray bottle.





Our Favorite Tools and Gadgets – continued

Vintage Linen Soak – Terrie Catron

- 1/2 a gallon warm water
- 1/2 cup powdered Cascade dishwasher detergent
- 1/2 cup Biz laundry treatment

Mix all ingredients until dissolved. Add linens and let soak as long as needed. Repeat as necessary.

Homemade “Pounce” Powder - Terrie Catron

Mix equal parts cornstarch and cinnamon for light fabrics or cornstarch only for dark. Sift out any lumps and put into shallow container. Cut a piece of bridal tulle the shape of the container and lay on top of the powder. Apply design to fabric by brushing a sponge brush over the top of the tulle and then over the quilting design stencil.

Porcupine Quill – Linda Slye

Looking for a stylish and organic stiletto to use while sewing? Consider using a [Porcupine Quill](#) – one end is blunt(ish) and one is very sharp.

Handy Dandy Needle Case – Linda Slye

Have an old CD case lying around? Consider using it to hold your sewing machine needle cases. You can see your entire collection at one go – some may require two CD cases.

It’s a Wrap – Bobbin Wraps – Linda Slye

Tame your out-of-control bobbins with small ponytail holders, available at Meijer and other fine retailers.

The Binding Tool – Polly Wagner

Have difficulties getting your binding tails to connect in a perfect mitered seam? Consider using [The Binding Tool](#). There’s a video link on how to use this tool in the Binding feature on page 6 of this newsletter, as well as other tips and tricks for finishing your quilt binding. Fons and Porter also has a binding tool, which is highlighted in the binding videos.

EZ Stitch Snips with Micro Serrated Blade – Barbara Rogers

There’s nothing more annoying than scissors that won’t cut. Consider using [Famore EZ Snips](#) (a.k.a “squissors” because you squeeze them). They can be used with either hand, and can get into the tightest places. They are especially good for appliqué trimming.

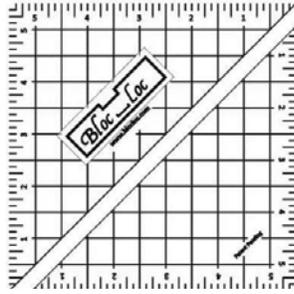
Quilter’s Select Rulers – Angelique Shah and Pam Soto

[Quilter’s Select rulers](#) have a special coating on the back side that helps keep them from slipping. They’re only available from smaller, independent shops. There are [a few shops in Indiana](#) that sell them right now and you may find vendors selling them at quilting events (when they start up again).

Our Favorite Tools and Gadgets – continued

Odif Grippy Non-Slip Coating Spray – Marilou Jacob

Not interested in replacing your mega cache of quilting rulers? Consider using [Odif Grippy spray](#). It creates a non-slip surface on rulers, templates, stencils, rugs, hangers, and more. It can be applied again and again on the same surface and leaves no residue on your fabric. It's available online and local shops like S&S Creations.



Bloc Loc Half-Square Triangle (HST) Trimmers – Debbie Hampton

[Bloc Loc's half square triangle rulers](#) make the tough job of squaring up easy and fast. The groove slides along the seam to trim smaller units and allows quilters to rotate the block without lifting the ruler. Rulers are available in a variety of sizes and also available for half rectangle blocks and flying geese blocks.



Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmers – Kim Wright

The [Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmers](#) allow you to trim HSTs before you open them. With one simple alignment and two cuts, all four sides of your quilt block are trimmed. With the exclusive edge slots, dog ears are removed at the same time. There's never the need to rotate and realign. Eleven sizes are provided, eliminating the need to purchase rulers for each size.

Marilee's Numbered Pins – Kim Wright

[Marilee's Numbered Pins](#) are marked from 1 through 20, with about 6 of each number. They make it easy to keep blocks and rows in order from your design wall to your sewing machine.



Wool Pressing Mat – Polly Wagner / Carol Hollon / Pam Soto

A wool pressing mat is a must for any quilter. It helps create a beautiful finish, with flatter seams and points and less distortion in your blocks. They are a bit pricey, though, when packaged for quilters.

Carol Hollon found [this mat](#) referenced on a quilting blog. It's 30x30 inches and only costs a little over \$30 with shipping. Yes, it's from horse.com, but it works beautifully. Just keep it away from your cats. They'll love sinking their claws into it.



Gypsy Quilter Spot On Dot Magnifying Lens Set

Place these [Gypsy Quilter Spot On Dot](#) magnifying disks on your rulers right where you've lined up your fabric for better visibility and more accurate cutting. [Shabby Fabrics](#) posted a [video on YouTube](#) showing how these work.



For the Q4 2020 newsletter, we'll be featuring Our Favorite Online Resources. So please email your favorite blogs, websites, podcasts, quilting pattern sources, instructional video platforms, forums, etc. to Kim Wright. If there's a topic you'd like to see included in future newsletters, send that along as well.

How to Bind a Quilt – YouTube Style



From Kim Wright

Several members of the Guild have expressed an interest in learning how to complete a traditional quilt binding. While we're not able to meet in person due to the pandemic, there is still a treasure trove of resources available online.

I've combed through the many tutorials available on YouTube and pulled together six that I feel provide the most well rounded instruction for binding a quilt. The videos do cover some of the same ground, but each one has specific points that the other videos may not cover as well, so please watch all of them.

Binding a Quilt – bias join - no special tools needed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iE3QmdSrVk&list=PLsLcF2vxQWGazr36GkFy6yiOH6scd4oAp>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jt1-kX_cc18&list=PLsLcF2vxQWGazr36GkFy6yiOH6scd4oAp&index=6

Tuck and stitch – machine finished – no special tools needed:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEGX6-EnEbU&list=PLsLcF2vxQWGazr36GkFy6yiOH6scd4oAp&index=7>

Fons & Porter Binding Tool

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjMU4OXOdg&list=PLsLcF2vxQWGazr36GkFy6yiOH6scd4oAp&index=3>

The Binding Tool

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c0RFHCmtKI&list=PLsLcF2vxQWGazr36GkFy6yiOH6scd4oAp&index=5>

Turning Binding Corners Perfectly with Marianne Fons

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6fnAvuUBHA&list=PLsLcF2vxQWGazr36GkFy6yiOH6scd4oAp&index=2>

Show & Tell

We'd love to see what you are working on during Show-and-Tell in our Zoom meetings. Please also send pics of your Show & Tell items to Luann and Kim, so that we may share them in guild updates and newsletters

“Asking a quilter to mend is like asking Picasso to paint your garage.”



Happy Birthday, Lovely Ladies

July: Barbara Rogers (7/2), Linda Slye (7/15), Brenda Foley (7/20), Nan Lambert (7/28)

August: Susan Churchman (8/1), Cindy Payne (8/7), Luann Johnson (8/18), Cheri Merten (8/29), Polly Wagner (8/30)

September: Angela Huffman (9/7), Sylvia Kummer (9/20), Carol Hollon (9/24), Bettye Smith (9/28), Pat Eckles (9/28), Deborah Ahern (9/30)

Online Events / Quilt Shows / Exhibits / Museums

AQS has canceled all AQS QuiltWeek Shows scheduled for 2020.

“There are no mistakes in quilting, only new patterns.”



The Quilt Africa Fabrics Online Show – July 8-11, 2020

<https://www.quiltafricafabrics.com/pages/online-summit>

AQS - Vision 2020 - The Power of Sight

[Visit Vision 2020](#)

Strathmore

<https://www.strathmore.org/visual-arts/exhibitions/quilts>

Speed Art Museum

<https://www.speedmuseum.org/exhibitions/kentucky-quilts/>

Texas Quilt Museum

<http://www.texasquiltmuseum.org/index.html>

International Quilt Museum

<https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/>

Virginia Quilt Museum

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/virtual-tours>

Rosie Lee Tompkins, an African American Quilter

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/26/arts/design/rosie-lee-tompkins-quilts.html>

The Show Must Go On. The Kentucky State Fair will be happening, although it will be quite different. [Get more information here.](#)

Since Textiles will not be part of the fair this year, you have a whole extra year to finish those things that didn't get finished in time for this year.

Louisville Nimble Thimbles 2020 Officer Roster

President:	Bill Briggs
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Newsletter:	Kim Wright
Website:	Susan Hatton

Fabric Conversion Chart

.125 = 1/8 yard = 4.5 inches

.167 = 1/6 yard = 6 inches

.25 = 1/4 yard = 9 inches

.333 = 1/3 yard = 12 inches

.375 = 3/8 yard = 13.5 inches

.5 = 1/2 yard = 18 inches

.625 = 5/8 yard = 22.5 inches

.666 = 2/3 yard = 24 inches

.75 = 3/4 yard = 27 inches

.875 = 7/8 yard = 31.5 inches

1 = 1 yard = 36 inches